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THE NEW YEAR.

The year which opens to-day should be a notable one in the long history of ringing. A Coronation is one of the great events in the life of a nation, and in this land of ours the bells for centuries have been used to express the feelings of the people. Next May the ringers will be called upon to play their part in the national celebrations. The 'pealing of the bells' will be expected in every town and village where possible, and it will be the bellringer's great opportunity, not only to share in the rejoicings in his own peculiar way, but to demonstrate the recognised part which the bells play in events of real importance. The more ringers can show that they are ready to discharge these duties on public occasions the more ready will the public be to accept the activities of the ringers on other occasions.

There are two things in this connection to which ringers should forthwith devote their attention. One is that they should see that their bells are in reasonable ringing order. It is not always a question of calling in a bell hanger; a spanner put round the frame and on the nuts on the headstocks will often work wonders, if applied with intelligence. Many a bad-going bell is the result of negligence. The importance of keeping the bolts of the frame and the bells tight is often overlooked. They should be regularly overhauled at all times, but we drop the hint that they should receive special attention now, with the Coronation in view, because good ringing can hardly be expected on bells that go badly.

That leads us to the second point—good ringing. Do not let us imagine that because the bells are to be rung for an occasion of public rejoicing that any kind of ringing will do. Let every band try to put up really good ringing—not only for their own pleasure and satisfaction, but because the public appreciates good ringing. Because the public does not understand our art, let us not run away with the idea that they do not know the difference between good and bad ringing. They do know the difference. It should always be the aim of ringers to improve their striking, and it is as important that the ringing for the Coronation festivities should be good as it is that Sunday service ringing should reach a high level. Let ringers see to it, therefore, that they perfect themselves as far as possible between this and the great event next May. Practise with the definite idea of being able to ring at least one method well for the King's Coronation and thus make the ringing worthy of the occasion.

So, at the outset of what will doubtless prove a memorable year, let the ringers lay their plans in order that in their particular department they may do themselves justice. Let them also lend a helping hand to their

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weaker neighbours who may be struggling to get some sort of efficiency into new and raw material. It may not be an interesting task, but it may be of immense value to some other band. Indeed, if there is one thing we would urge as a 'good resolution' for this new year it is that ringers should not only strive to make themselves more proficient, but should seek out those less able than themselves and help them with practical assistance and moral encouragement. And so we wish our readers a happy and prosperous new year, success in their undertakings and plenty of good ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	HARRY MIDDLETON 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	FRANK E. PERVIN 10
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 11
SYDNEY O. HOLLOWAY 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung on the 35th anniversary of the record peal of 11,111 Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's. This composition contains the starting and turning courses of the original peal.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	*HARRY D. LISTER 8
CHARLES MEE 3	†JOHN EUSTON 9
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 4	*ARTHUR R. GRIMWOOD ... 10
*SHELFORD SPARROW ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
†FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 6	†JAMES BENNETT 12 Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Maximus.
‡ 50th peal this year. Fifty years ago on this date the conductor began his ringing career.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KETERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours & Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5105 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS Treble	*ROBERT F. TURNER 6
HARRY BAXTER 2	CHARLES W. BIRD 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	FREDERICK J. TITE 8
JOHN SADDINGTON 4	ROBERT G. BLACK 9
BURLEY P. MORRIS 5	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung in honour of the Accession of H.M. King George VI.

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STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 2½ cwt.

*ALLEN D. STEEL Treble	*LIONEL CLOUGH 6
†WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	WILFRED STEVENSON 7
†HARRY W. HOWARD 3	†HARRY PARKER 8
*KENNETH LEWIS 4	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 9
*JAMES A. MILNER 5	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by J. TEBBS.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method on ten bells. † First peal on ten bells.
L. Clough's 50th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1936, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

CH-INS. WILLIAM BOTTRILL Treble	P. SERGT. CYRIL PEASE ... 5
EX.-P.C. WALTER CLAYDON 2	P. SERGT. THOS. G. BANNISTER 6
P.C. NORMAN S. BAGWORTH 3	P. SERGT. C. WILLMINGTON 7
EX.-P.C. ERNEST BRETT ... 4	EX.-P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by Chief Inspector WILLIAM BOTTRILL.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 18, 1936, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
*ROBERT PEARCE... .. Treble HENRY SYMONDS... .. 5
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ... 2 ERNEST SALMONS 6
FRED. ARROWSMITH ... 3 WALTER TAYLOR 7
ALEC J. TAYLOR 4 *JOHN GRIFFITHS... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clifford on their golden wedding.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM SHARPLES Treble	JOHN JACKSON 5
FRED RIGBY 2	JOHN T. MILLER 6
HARRY FRANCE 3	ALFRED BLOGG 7
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. P. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. J. T. Miller, aged 63, and Mr. Arthur Knights (Chesterfield), aged 77, both of whose birthdays fell on the 17th. Composer and conductor are sons of Mr. Knights. W. Sharples has now completed the circle in this tower.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

JACK PARISH Treble	FRED C. GINN 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	*FRED. C. R. FIELDS 6
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	JOHN PERKINS 7
BERRY WAYMAN 4	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung to mark the accession of King George VI. Through 'The Ringing World' the band tender thanks to the local company, especially Mr. Pratt, for having everything in order.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	REGINALD WESTCOTT 5
FRANK ROWSELL 2	JOSEPH LOVETT 6
JOHN EVANS 3	FREDERICK LASBURY 7
HERBERT DAVIES... .. 4	WILLIAM L. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

Rung in honour of the accession of King George VI. Also as a compliment to Mr. M. H. Davies, churchwarden.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITTSLOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JAMES R. LAMBIN Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
FRANK E. WALKER 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
DEREK M. SHARP 4	JAMES E. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... Treble	†FRANK VERNON 5
*ARTHUR MULVEY 2	†HAROLD DENMAN 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	JACK MILLHOUSE 7
LESLIE LUNN 4	†CLIFFORD VESSEY Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by C. VESSEY.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ 50th peal. First peal of Major as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 64 cwt.

JOHN H. GRUNDY... .. Treble	FRED. W. HILL 5
COLIN HARRISON 2	KENNETH A. ROE... .. 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3	ALEX HUTCHISON 7
ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH 4	FRED. H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JAMES PARR Treble	HERBERT HOLDEN 5
RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 2	JACK CLEGG 6
LESLIE L. WILLIAMS 3	JAMES BARNES 7
LEONARD SCHOLES 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

Specially rung as a birthday compliment to the composer, who celebrated his 77th birthday on December 17th. The composition was his No. 303 and contains the 6th the extent in all positions.

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COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

*VICTOR MORLEV Treble	†VICTOR KERRIDGE 5
WILLIAM CHALK 2	GEORGE WHIGHTMAN 6
AMBROSE MASON 3	WALTER ARNOLD 7
ALLEN ANDREWS 4	CHARLES BUTTON Tenor

Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge. Birthday peal for the ringers of the tenor.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 20, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARNOLD RILEY Treble	GEORGE A. BRIGGS 5
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE 2	*THOMAS H. BROWN 6
*HARRY SMITH 3	FRANK RHODES 7
*JACK HARTLEY 4	*WALTER SMITH Tenor

Conducted by C. F. SUTCLIFFE.

* First peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

BEN. S. THOMPSON Treble	CHARLES H. MOORE 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	ERNEST G. SHORTING 6
*ROBERT G. FISHER 3	RUSSELL W. CURSON 7
ALBERT E. BRACEY 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. TOOKE.

* First peal at first attempt. Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of the ordination to priesthood of the Rev. J. M. La F. McAnally, Rector of Hethersett.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 21, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

REGINALD C. THRIFT Treble	STANLEY E. EDWARDS 5
HIRZEL EDWARDS 2	*ARTHUR H. EVERETT 6
LESLIE H. THRIFT 3	RICHARD C. CLARK 7
ERNEST J. RUTTER 4	LESLIE J. CLARK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HIRZEL EDWARDS.

* First peal. Rung on the feast of St. Thomas.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALBERT RELFE Treble	WILLIAM A. KINCHEM 5
*FRANK H. HICKS 2	*FRED MILES 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	*CHARLES BRASIER 7
*STANLEY T. A. RUSSELL 4	*ARTHUR J. HART Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND Treble	JAMES MARTIN 5
*HERBERT T. ROOKE 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
EDWIN C. BIRKETT 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
*THOMAS EGAN 4	LESTER L. GRAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal of Stedman.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*CHARLES W. CORNEY Treble	ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. PYE 6
ROBERT J. MAYNARD 3	CHARLES T. COLES 7
JAMES C. ADAMS 4	ERNEST E. HOLMAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 13th anniversary of the 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal, the longest peal on the bells in this tower.

ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

REGINALD A. REED Treble	WILFRED ANDREWS 5
*LEONARD KNOTT 2	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	R. GORDON CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal on the bells since restoration by J. Taylor and Co. The last peal previously rung on them was on January 26th, 1907.

OUNDELE, NORTHANTS.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 25¾ cwt. in C sharp.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	*CLAUDE COUSINS 5
*WALLACE COUSINS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
*FRED WIGMORE 3	C. ELLIOT WIGG 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

REGINALD C. KERSBY Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
*GEORGE GOSBANK 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	JAMES E. BAILEY 7
WILLIAM S. WOODS 4	ALDERMAN LING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

E. DENNIS POOLE Treble	*REGINALD KYNASTON 5
THOMAS PRICE 2	EDWARD RODENBURST 6
FREDERICK PRICE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
GEOFFREY F. D. PRATT 4	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal of Major. All the band are bachelors.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—For evening service, December 20th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung at the Parish Church by the following: A. R. Paul 1, S. Murphy 2, Rev. E. Banks James 3, W. Young 4, A. Abrams 5, W. Seekings (first as conductor) 6. With the exception of the 3rd, all are of the local band.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
EDMUND H. LINDUP 2	JOSEPH FARMER 6
WILLIAM HILLMAN 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	*STANLEY G. WHITE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

* First peal.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

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

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

* 75th peal together. The conductor's 75th peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, also his 250th peal for the association. He has now called a peal from each bell in this tower. The composition, No. 432, is rung for the first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KINGSBURY EPISCOPI.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

G. R. MILLS Treble	H. WESTLAKE 4
*D. HALE 2	J. I. LOCKE 5
G. LOCKE 3	F. J. LOCKE Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LOCKE.

* First peal of Minor and on an 'inside' bell. Rung by members of the Langport band as a compliment to H. Westlake, of Kingsbury, and to commemorate his 20 years as a ringer at Langport.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Two 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.

*DOUGLAS D. JAYCOCK Treble	GEORGE J. BERRY 4
BEVAN O'NEIL 2	†CYRIL A. BURGESS 5
EDWARD T. BARRATT 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal other than with cover-bell to Doubles. † First peal with a bob bell. Arranged and rung for and on the 50th birthday of Mr. G. J. Berry (captain of the Hitcham band). After the peal the band were entertained to a sumptuous repast at the residence of Mr. Berry. Ringers of 1, 3 and 4 are local, and 2, 5 and 6 are from Burnham.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

CHARLES W. PARKER Treble	KEITH W. WHITTELL 4
GEORGE BENNETT 2	JAMES BENNETT 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. Parker. The ringers of the fourth and tenor have now completed 100 peals together.

UPLYME, DEVON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, four callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK PRICE Treble	WILLIAM C. SEUTE 4
GEORGE H. WHITEMORE 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 5
*HAROLD C. R. VINE 3	ARTHUR G. CHUBB Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. WHITEMORE.

* First of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE SOLEY Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS 4
WALTER S. EVANS 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN 5
WILLIAM DOWNES 3	*ARTHUR J. GUDGE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and fifth.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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 19½ cwt. in E flat.

HARRY GIBBARD Treble	FRED WIGMORE 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Killamash, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS EDWARDS Treble	†JOHN G. CARLIDGE 4
†WILLIAM EDWARDS 2	GEORGE HULME 5
†ERNEST TWIGG 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. † First peal 'inside.' All the above are pupils of Mr. H. Carnwell, the esteemed leader of this tower. Rung in honour of the accession of King George VI.

BENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 21, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent, two of Oxford and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

H. GEORGE SMITH Treble	HARRY VINCE 4
A. ERNEST SMITH 2	OWEN MAWSON 5
ALDERMAN LING 3	WILLIAM SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SMITH.

FRAMPTON, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JACK GREEN Treble	WILLIAM WILKINSON 4
ARTHUR YOUNG 2	ALBERT E. FLATTERS 5
JOHN R. YOUNG 3	JOHN R. KEMP Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise by all except ringer of 2nd and his first peal of Cambridge 'inside.' First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells. The conductor has now completed the 'circle' of the tower.

MELBURY ABBAS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents each of St. Dunstan's, Stedman, New Doubles, St. Bartholomew, Reading, Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and six of Grandsire, with 42 different callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 3
ROBERT SMITH 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 4

ARTHUR G. CHUBB Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

First peal on the bells. First peal in 10 methods by all the band and for the Guild.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN ARBON Treble	JAMES BENNETT 4
GEORGE PAYKE 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 5
GEORGE BENNETT 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

SYDNEY FLINT Treble	*JOHN A. WARD 4
ROBERT W. COOKE 2	EDWARD C. COOKE 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON 3	GEORGE A. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. COOKE.

* First peal and a member of the local band.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble	*JOHN JACKSON 4
*KENNETH HALL 2	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE 5
HAROLD DAVIES 3	JOHN BOOTH 6

FRED RIGBY Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 12 cwt.

RAYMOND J. CARLTON ... Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 2
*KENNETH G. CARLTON ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
*THOMAS R. MOGG 3	EDWARD S. RUCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to their R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Kent and on the 31st anniversary of the conductor's first peal as conductor.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Divine.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK MORRIS Treble	†ERIC W. YATES 4
*ALAN CARPENTER 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
FRED RIGBY 3	ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. R. H. Hilton, churchwarden at the above church for a number of years, who died suddenly on Christmas Eve.

HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In 42 extents, 10 callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*GEORGE HEWITT Treble	STANLEY W. GALL 4
*MRS. R. W. BARBER 2	R. WILLIAM BARBER 5
†DENNY BYALES (aged 14) 3	T. WILLIAM DEVILLE Tenor

Conducted by R. WILLIAM BARBER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent. First peal of Doubles by all. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 20, 1936, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

At TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 14 methods: (1) Double and Reverse Bob; (2) Fulbeck and Canterbury; (3) Single Oxford and Single Court; (4) Double Oxford and London Bob; (5) Thelwall and Lytham; (6) St. Clement's and College; (7) Childwall and Wavertree.

Tenor size 14½ in G sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4
JACK BRAY 5-6	

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

First peal in 14 methods 'in hand' by all and for the Guild. There were 170 changes of method, 126 bobs and 14 singles in this peal.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 22, 1936, in Two Hours,

At 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	GEORGE AMBLER 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

RINGING ON HIS 81st BIRTHDAY.

As a compliment to Mr. W. H. Lambert, the veteran ringer of Benenden, Kent, his 81st birthday, on December 14th, was celebrated by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (rung after meeting short for Triples), in which the octogenarian rang the treble: W. H. Lambert 1, G. Sims 2, A. Stevenson 3, H. Pope 4, J. Avery 5, W. Gorringer (conductor) 6.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR BUSHEY RINGERS.

On Tuesday, December 22nd, at Sedbergh, a 720 of Bob Minor was rung on handbells: G. F. Woodhouse 1-2-3-4, Miss N. Harrison 5-6. No calls were made. It is hoped this may encourage the Bushey 'Spliced Surprise' party to ring their peals 'silent' and 'four-in-hand.'

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EDGBASTON'S CHRISTMAS 'SURPRISE.'**GRAMOPHONE BELLS.**

We quote the following from the 'Birmingham Post' of Monday. 'Gramophone bells' may be a change for St. Augustine's parishioners, but the development is not one which ringers—or bellfounders—will appreciate.

'The greater part of Edgbaston had a pleasant surprise this Christmas, when peals of bells were heard from the tower of St. Augustine's Church, which has only one bell.

'No appeal fund for bells had been launched; no wealthy benefactor had announced such a gift; no workmen had been seen hauling tons of metal to the tower. The secret had been well kept, and it provided the main topic of conversation for people over the breakfast table.

'Few guessed the reason why, instead of the monotone call to eight o'clock service, everybody had heard a peal of Stedman Caters, with all the dignity and liveliness of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster.

'When, before Matins, there was another beautiful peal—Bow Bells this time—curiosity increased. People went early to church to find out what was happening.

'The secret was soon out. The Ven. J. H. Richards, Archdeacon of Aston and Vicar of the parish, had caused recordings of famous peals of bells to be "broadcast," and their music was heard up to half a mile away in each direction.

'On all sides there were enthusiastic comments about the quality of tone, and Archdeacon Richards said last night, after further peals had been rung, that no complaint had been made.

'He added that so far it has been possible to give peals of Stedman Caters and Grandsire Caters from St. Margaret's, Westminster, and of Bow Bells. By the aid of twin records on an apparatus operated in the vestry, the clergy can cause the bells to ring as long as they desire. At the end of a clock may be made to chime the hour. In the tower are four amplifiers of modern design.

'Very few installations of the kind have yet been made anywhere in the country. The firm producing the apparatus is Birmingham Sound Reproducers, Ltd., of Old Hill.

'The installation is experimental, and the period of "probation" will end with the ringing in of the New Year.

'One reason for the experiment, the Archdeacon said, was that he always regretted it was impossible to have bells for weddings at St. Augustine's. Everybody who was married there wanted bells. When he heard of the new apparatus he resolved to try it, and to do it as a Christmas surprise for Edgbaston people.'

THE SEVENTY MINOR METHODS PEAL.**CORRECTIONS TO FIGURES.**

Mr. Vernon Taylor, the conductor of the peal rung at Algarkirk in 70 Minor methods, writes to correct some errors appearing in the published figures of three of the 720's printed on page 807 of our issue of December 11th. The five leads credited to Benington Alliance should have been:—

S 62453	Benington Alliance
46325	Benington Alliance
34562	Frampton Alliance
53246	Frampton Alliance
25634	Frampton Alliance

SOME FURTHER CORRECTIONS TO FIGURES.

There are some further corrections to the figures which we published on page 807 of our issue of December 11th, in connection with the 70-method peal of Minor.

In the nine-method 720, the first lead of the second part, 42356, should be Gedney Alliance.

In the 12 Alliance-Little-method 720, the fourth lead, 63524, should be without a bob.

In the ten plain-method 720, the 35264 should be bobbed instead of plain.

None of these errors was ours.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SWINDON BRANCH OFFICERS.**

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, December 12th, ringers being present from Aldbourne, Brinkworth, Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Faringdon, Lydiard Millicent, Purton, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon and Wootton Bassett.

Good use was made of the bells, the ringing ranging from rounds to Stedman Caters. The usual service was conducted by the Vicar of Purton (Rev. N. S. Willis), who is a performing member of the association.

The following officers were elected for 1937: Chairman, Mr. W. H. Trueman; hon. secretary, Mr. W. B. Kynaston; representative on Management Committee, Mr. C. J. Hathaway.

No meeting was arranged for January, but Blunsdon and Highworth were chosen for February and March respectively.

Future meetings of this branch will be held on the second Saturday in each month.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To the list of twelve-bell towers which we published last week should have been added Buckfast Abbey, Devon, where there is a new ring by Taylor and Co., with tenor 41 cwt.

Willenhall, Staffs, is to have a ring of ten bells. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, have received the contract for the restoration and augmentation. The work includes new frame and fittings, recasting the existing ring of eight and adding two trebles.

Following a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Marden, Kent, on Boxing Day, the same band had two and a half hours' good ringing for a peal of Double Norwich at Linton, when a splice in one of the ropes pulled out.

At Marden the conductor (Mr. T. E. Sone) rang his 250th peal for the Kent Association and completed the calling of a peal from each bell in the tower. Had the peal at Linton been successful, Mr. Sone would have called a peal from every bell in that tower also. After the Marden peal the band enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sone, whom they have once again to thank for their kindness.

The new bells of Croydon Parish Church are to be broadcast on Sunday morning at 9.25 on the National (long) wavelength. The method will be Grandsire Caters.

The hon. secretary of the Central Council thanks the Ladies' Guild for the liquid refreshment received in a can, and wishes all the members a happy new year.

A peal of Minor in 14 methods has been rung on handbells at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs. Is this the greatest number of methods in seven 720's rung in hand? If there have been more, we should like to know.

WELL-KNOWN WEST RIDING RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. G. H. HARDY.

The death of Mr. G. H. Hardy on December 5th takes from the Exercise another of the famous band of Dewsbury and, later, Earlsheaton ringers. Mr. Hardy was a well-known local and Heavy Woollen District composer and conductor of Treble Bob. He was one of the famous Dewsbury band, who were noted for their consistent striking abilities, and winners of contests when a quarter-peal of Major was the contest length. For the last 35 years of his ringing career he had been with his native village team at Earlsheaton. That team won the Halifax and District Cup no fewer than a score times. He was also a member of the Dewsbury band of tune ringers and helped to win contests at Belle Vue, Manchester. He was always a willing helper in teaching recruits and brought out many at his local tower. He was very keen on good striking. Striking, with him, was the first thing to consider both for the team and the public. He was 76 years of age and had been a ringer for 60 years. He was a life member of the Yorkshire Association.

He was interred at Earlsheaton on December 9th and many local ringers attended. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Hy. Dransfield 1-2, G. Bennett 3-4, Herbert Dransfield 5-6, R. Thickett 7-8. An attempt for a half-muffled peal of Treble Bob on Boxing Day morning unfortunately came to grief after two hours' good ringing, when the 3rd rope broke. The peal was one of Mr. Hardy's compositions and called from his favourite bell, the sixth. The band consisted of two with whom he learned to ring and the remainder were all his pupils, the band being: W. Idle 1, P. Byram 2, H. Lumb 3, Hy. Dransfield 4, M. Hodgson 5, W. H. Senior 6, Herbert Dransfield 7, Norman Ling 8.

FALSE PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I regret very much to inform you that the peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on March 28th last is false. The figures appear in the last issued report of the Lancashire Association, and my attention to their falsity has been drawn by Messrs. C. W. Roberts and A. N. Wood. I sincerely apologise to the band and trust they will forgive me for not exercising greater care. The figures are under my name on page 77.

Liverpool.

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

RECORD PEAL COMMEMORATED.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD AND THE 11,111 STEDMAN CINQUES.

Boxing Day was the anniversary of the record peal of 11,111 Stedman Cinques rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on December 26th, 1901, in 8 hours 2 minutes. Of the band there still survive seven: Messrs. W. Short, H. Middleton, A. E. Pegler, G. R. Pye, W. H. Barber, G. Lindoff and John Barber.

It was decided to attempt a commemorative peal last Saturday and the seven survivors were invited to take part. Only three, however, were able to stand in, Messrs. Short, Middleton and Pegler. Mr. W. H. Barber, who was to have conducted the peal, was prevented at the last moment. Mr. John Barber met the band before the peal and wished them success. As will be seen from the report elsewhere, the peal only 'came home,' the composition including the starting and turning courses of the original peal.

The performance of 1901 is recorded in St. Martin's belfry on a handsome board.

HOBART'S NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

DEDICATION BY BISHOP OF TASMANIA.

Completion of the Cathedral.

With impressive ceremony the new tower and bells of St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, Tasmania, were dedicated on Sunday, December 6th, in the presence of an immense gathering of the public, which filled the Cathedral and all the space surrounding the building.

The blessing of the tower and bells was performed by the Bishop of Tasmania (the Rt. Rev. Dr. R. S. Hay), the ceremony being attended by the Archbishops of Sydney and Melbourne, Bishop Reginald Stephen (former Bishop of Tasmania), and the Australian Bishops of Newcastle, Gippsland, Riverina, St. Arnaud, Bendigo and Goulburn. The Governor of the Island (Sir Ernest Clark), the Lord Mayor of Hobart (Mr. J. J. Wignall),

prayer,' and preached a striking sermon from words in Psalm 48, 'Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.'

After the sermon, the hymn, 'The Church of God a Kingdom is,' was sung, and, following a special prayer of thanksgiving and exhortation, the choir rendered Handel's 'Hallelujah Chorus.'

Then followed the 'Clipping of the Cathedral,' culminating in the blessing of the bells. In this ceremony there were five processions. Escorted by the surpliced choir, the first, comprising members of the congregation, proceeded through the cloisters round the building, and when the circuit had been completed, they joined hands, thus encircling the Cathedral Church. This was done to the accompaniment of the hymn, 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' symbolising a further notable achievement by the Church in Tasmania.

The second procession of leading lay officials of Tasmania followed, and was headed by the Governor and the Lord Mayor, followed by the visiting bishops' wives and their hostesses, headed by Lady Clark (wife of the Governor), Mrs. Hay (wife of the Bishop of Tasmania), Mrs. Wignall (Lady Mayoress) and Miss Rivers (sister of the Dean). The third procession was of diocesan lay officials, members of Synod, the Diocesan Council, the church trustees, headed by the Cathedral Board and the Church Advocate. Then followed the visiting Arch-



THE COMPLETED CATHEDRAL.

representatives of the Navy, the Army and civic life shared in the proceedings which formed a memorable occasion in Church history in Tasmania. Incidentally, it was the first time for more than forty years that a ringing peal of bells had been opened in Australia. The new ring forms part of a chime of thirteen, cast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the erection of the tower completes the Cathedral building.

THE BLESSING OF THE NEW TOWER AND BELLS. FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

By Air Mail.

The great day has come and gone and will live long in our memories. When the bells of St. David's Cathedral were heard for the first time a crowd estimated at 15,000 was waiting in the vicinity to hear them and were thrilled with the beauty of their music.

All day we had taken part in services both appropriate and significant, which reminded us of the culmination of the years of sacrifice and loyal endeavour which have gone to the completion of our Cathedral.

Sixty-eight years ago the foundation stone of the Cathedral was laid; on this day, Sunday, December 6th, 1936, we met within its walls—vice-royalty, prelates and clergy, representatives of the Army and Navy and of all sections of the community—to thank God for the completed building.

The service began with the processional hymn, 'Rejoice to-day with one accord.' Then the Archbishop of Sydney recited a 'bidding

bishops, wearing their colourful robes, and their chaplains. The last procession was that of the clergy of the diocese of Tasmania, headed by the Bishop.

When all those taking part had taken up their respective stations, the Bishop, who was surrounded by the visiting prelates, blessed the tower and the bells, dedicating their service to God, and handing them into the care of the Dean. It was a short and simple ceremony, but none the less impressive, and its deep symbolical import was not lost on the huge throng of spectators.

The ceremony concluded with the National Anthem and the Blessing. And then for the first time the bells were heard. They were first rung by boys of St. David's, the Dean's servers, who are forming a band. They rang six bells in rounds and a few call changes. Afterwards the ringers of Holy Trinity Church took charge and rang plain courses of Grandsire Doubles on 1.2.3.5.7., with 4.6.8 behind. The striking was good and the performance very creditable, as the bells had previously only been handled with the clappers tied.

We got a tremendous thrill when the sounds broke out overhead. The bells are a truly magnificent peal, worthy of the famous bell-founders who have supplied them. The 'go' is excellent.

The Holy Trinity Association's ringing was done by A. R. Wilson 1, A. Taylor 2, S. Smith 3, T. Le Rossignol 4, S. Taylor 5, J. Lucas 6, J. Quarmby 7, J. Newell 8.

On the following day we finished up with a garden party at Government House with an attendance of 1,100 visitors. Amongst all the Archbishops, Bishops and other celebrities I felt more than proud to be a bellringer, and, most of all, that I represented my dear English friends. The afternoon, being showery, was spent mostly indoors. Sir Ernest Clark will never forget the handbell ringing in the ballroom by the English ringers when they visited Tasmania.

So far the St. David's boys have broken three stays at their practices, but one other incident might have ended in serious catastrophe. About a month before the opening, a boy went up into the tower unauthorised and held down the rope connected with the chiming hammer of the tenor. The bell was being rung down by one of our members, and the chiming hammer was snapped off. The bell was slightly chipped at the lip. It was fortunate that no further damage was done.

RAY WILSON.

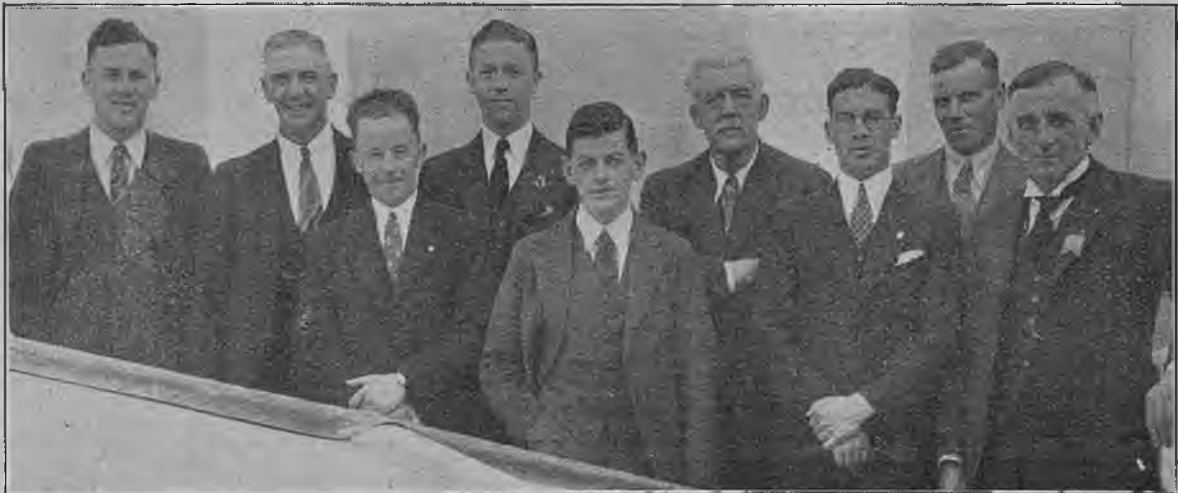
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY'S ADDRESS.

Clergy were present at the ceremony from all parts of the State of Tasmania, among them, in addition to the Dean (the Very Rev. A. R. Rivers), being the Ven. Archdeacon D. B. Blackwood, of Hobart, who played so large a part in arranging for the entertainment of the English visitors in 1934, and the Ven. Archdeacon H. B. Atkinson (Launceston).

In the course of his address the Archbishop of Sydney said the erection of the tower had completed a beautiful building situated in the heart of a beautiful environment. In the symbolism of religion, a tower stood primarily for the presence of God in the midst of His people, and all that that presence could mean to them. While it was true that a church tower was not intended to meet a material need or serve material needs, yet, because of the spiritual significance attached to it, it was most fittingly incorporated in the scheme of

have entrusted confidently to us the duty and responsibility of going forward from the point where they had been called away, and so one generation depends upon the faithfulness of another, and this should bring home to us, in special way, a sense of the responsibility which rests on us here and now with regard to the future. We have need to ask ourselves, in a spiritual sense, if we are allowing what others have built to fall into ruin and decay; and if we are leaving in a state of incompleteness some work nobly begun; if we are building, and if we are building unfaithfully work that will stand neither time nor eternity? We are living in a day of superficiality, and we must continually ask ourselves with what materials are we building the spiritual house of God? Is Jesus Christ himself really our foundation stone? Are we building indeed on Him? We must build with the materials God has provided, and we must build in accordance with His plans.

The Archbishop said there was a reminder, too, that the tower, through the ministry of its bells, would speak with no uncertain sound to the community, arresting the thoughts, sometimes careless and forgetful, of all who heard it, into the homes on the mountain-side, over the waters of the beautiful bay, and along the reaches of the wide river their sacred music would extend itself, and through it, in yet another way, the church would speak. The bells were the voice of the church, and their meaning was manifold. The tower and bells would provide not only a memory, but the influence for good of those whose gifts and benefactions made possible their erection and installation.



MEMBERS OF HOLY TRINITY BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATION.

Who rang Grandsire Doubles at the opening ceremony. From left to right: S. Taylor, J. Newell, T. le Rossignol, A. Taylor, J. Williams (junior member), J. Quarmby (Ringing Master), J. Lucas, S. Smith (Deputy Ringing Master), A. R. Wilson (hon. secretary). They were photographed on the top of the tower after ringing.

church buildings as proclaiming far and wide, with strength and beauty, the message of God's presence, His holiness and His protective love.

'If the citizens of Hobart will look upon this stately tower in that way,' continued Dr. Mowll, 'and if the Church and those associated with it will regard it as a witness for God, then all the wealth that has been spent on it will be repaid a thousandfold, and all the labour put into the effort to upraise it will not be in vain in the Lord.'

'Pointing upwards, it will ever be a reminder that God is for all; rising from its foundations, so close to the touch of the hand, it will ever proclaim that God is in our midst. How beautifully sanctified and how greatly strengthened and certain life would be if that great religious truth were better realised and more seriously taken to heart!'

MESSAGE IN THE HISTORY OF THE BUILDING.

'The history of this pile,' continued Dr. Mowll, 'is another message for us—a message concerning man's labour's for the expansion of God's kingdom. Like many cathedrals, it was begun by one generation and completed by another. The work of those who laid the foundations has been entered into by other faithful servants of God, until to-day we see the completed structure, a monument of past faithfulness and present zeal, and a challenge also to the generations of the future calling on them to assert themselves vigorously for the building of that spiritual church which the Great Architect himself has planned, and the extension and completion of which still awaits the devoted labours of master builders under His supreme supervision. How great the privilege is ours to-day that we are permitted not only to be fellow-citizens with the great and good men of the past, but also to share in carrying out enterprises which they began. The magnitude of their undertaking begun in faith, hope and courage left much which they could not perform, but they did labour, and, having laid the good foundations and having done their work, they

THE TOWER AND BELLS.

The fine tower, which now completes St. David's Cathedral, has cost about £15,000 to build. As will be seen from the illustration, it stands a little away from the main building, to which it is connected by a broad corridor, the entrance to which is through the base of the tower. A happy link with English cathedrals is to be found in stones from some dozen or more of them set in the walls of the corridor and each identified by a small brass plate.

The tower is 116ft. high to the top of the turret and a further 18ft. 6in. to the tip of the small spire, making 134ft. in all. The main walls are 3ft. thick and the overall width at the base 32ft. The interior width is 20ft. and the circular staircase is 5ft. in diameter. The tower had previously been carried to a height of 22ft., at which point the floor of the ringing room is laid. The bell chamber floor is 66ft. from the ground, with an intervening floor at the 43ft. level.

The thirteen bells in the tower range in weight and diameter from 1½ cwt. and 1ft. 6in. respectively to 15 cwt. and 3ft. 7in. Five of the bells are hung rigid and the remainder form the ringing peal. They are, of course, equipped with modern fittings, and will, we hope, provide an encouragement for the development of ringing in Hobart.

PRESENTATION TO THE DEAN OF ST. DAVID'S.

On the evening preceding the dedication a conversazione to welcome the Archbishops and Bishops who were visiting Hobart for the ceremony to mark the completion of the Cathedral was held in the City Hall and attended by a large and representative gathering of citizens. The distinguished visitors were welcomed by the Bishop of Tasmania, who spoke of the bequests which had made the completion of the Cathedral possible, and the enthusiasm shown through the years by the Dean (applause). The Dean not only had shown keen interest, but had inspired others, and the result had been the formation of the Friends of St. David's, who had raised in the vicinity of

£2,000 in the past seven years. The Cathedral stood in the heart of the city, not only as an architectural adornment, but as a witness to God and of the Christian spirit of the people of Tasmania. They were grateful that the Australian Church was represented by so many high dignitaries of the Church on the mainland.

The Archbishops of Sydney and Melbourne replied, the former recalling the fact that Dean Rivers was the first Precentor of the Cathedral at Sydney.

During the evening the Bishop of Tasmania, on behalf of the clergy and laity of the diocese, presented a silver tea service and tray to Dean Rivers in recognition of what he had done for the Church and in the building of the Cathedral.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CONGRATULATIONS.

A letter of congratulation from the Central Council, signed by the president, Mr. E. H. Lewis, was addressed to the Very Rev. the Dean of Hobart, in the following terms:—

Sir,—On the occasion of the dedication I send to you, on behalf of the ringers of this country, congratulations on the completion of the new tower and bells of St. David's Cathedral, with our greetings to the church and ringers of Hobart and our hope that the English art of change ringing may become established in Tasmania. (Signed) E. H. Lewis, President.

ENGLISH TOURISTS' MESSAGE TO DEAN.

The following message was sent by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith on behalf

SETTING THE COPING STONE.

On October 28th the setting of the coping stone was marked by a ceremony. The Union Jack floated proudly at the scaffolding peak when the last stones were placed in position, and among those who were present at the top of the tower were the Bishop of Tasmania, Dean Rivers, Archdeacon Blackwood and Lady Clark (wife of the Governor of Tasmania).

The day's rejoicing was completed when, at the Imperial Hotel, the Dean entertained at dinner the workmen associated with the building of the tower and afterwards was their host at a theatre party.

HOBART BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATION.

The other peal of bells in the city is at Holy Trinity Church, where the tenor is 9½ cwt. These bells were erected in 1847. There has been a Bellringers' Association at this church for 50 years, and a new stimulus has been given to it by the arrival of Mr. S. Smith, a ringer from Staffordshire, England, who is now Deputy Ringing Master.

Here is an interesting extract from 'The Mercury,' Tasmania's principal newspaper, of November 14th, 1886—fifty years ago, recording the founding of the Hobart Bellringers' Association:—

'A meeting of those interested was held on Friday evening last, when it was resolved that an association for the purpose of cultivating the art of bellringing, and for ringing and chiming the bells of Trinity Church be formed, the same to be called "The Bellringers' Associa-



COPING STONE CEREMONY.

A group photographed at the top of the tower when the coping stone was set in position. From left to right: Mr. G. Sorell, Archdeacon Blackwood, Mr. A. Johnston (architect), Dean Rivers, Mrs. Hay, Lady Clark, the builders' representative, Canon Wilson, Mr. A. R. Wilson (representing the bellringers), Dr. Hay (Bishop of Tasmania), Mrs. May, the Rev. M. J. May (Precentor of the Cathedral). On the way down, Lady Clark, accompanied by the Bishop and Mr. A. R. Wilson, went into the belfry, and a bell, chimed by her hand, sounded over the city.

of the English ringers who visited Tasmania two years ago, to Dr. Rivers, Dean of Hobart:—

On the occasion of the dedication and opening of your new tower and bells, I am asked by the English ringers who visited Australia two years ago to express our sincere congratulations upon the completion of the project. We are delighted to know that in some small way, perhaps, we were instrumental in securing that an octave of the bells should be hung for ringing. We hope that the bells will prove an added glory to your beautiful Cathedral and a joy to all who hear them. We trust also that men may be found who will learn to ring them and that they may be heard over your city rung at least for the Sunday services.

We shall follow with the closest interest the progress made in the great and ancient art of change ringing by those who have the privilege of handling your bells, and hope that in time to come they may emulate the performances of their brethren in England.

We shall be with you in spirit on December 6th; we trust the day will be a very happy one and, in conclusion, send our warmest greetings and good wishes to the people of Hobart, and particularly to the many friends we made during our never-to-be-forgotten stay in your lovely Island.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM MELBOURNE.

Conveying congratulations from the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, to their ringing brethren in Tasmania, Mr. A. A. Savage, the hon. secretary, wrote:—

'You are to be congratulated on having another peal of bells. Hobart will be very rich with ringable church bells; really much better off than we in Melbourne, as those at St. Patrick's Cathedral are a poor lot. I feel a little envious of you! What a thrill you will get when the bells of St. David's ring out for the first time.'

tion." The rules were adopted, and the following officers appointed: President, the Rev. G. W. Shoobridge; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. Dobson, A. Crisp, M.H.A., C. H. Grant, W. Lovett and Bryant Webb; master ringer, Mr. E. J. Rogers; assistant master ringer, Mr. H. L. D'Emden; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. E. Lovett; committee, the president, master ringer, assistant master ringer, secretary and treasurer, with Mr. W. F. Turner.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Rogers and Mr. D'Emden, original members of the society, were among those who welcomed the English ringers to Hobart on their visit in 1934. They were also among the Tasmanian ringers who visited Melbourne for the opening of St. Paul's Cathedral bells in 1889.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

The bells of old England have played their traditional part in celebrating the Christmas festival. In some towers they rang on Christmas Eve for the midnight Mass, in many a town and village they awoke the folk from their slumbers in the early morn, and for the church services later in the day they played their part. Below we print reports of a few of the touches rung for the occasion.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Christmas Day, for the 10 o'clock service, a quarter-peal of Bob Maximus (1,320 changes) in 63 mins.: G. Preston (conductor) 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, Miss P. Hodges 3, E. Hinton 4, R. O. Street 5, W. M. Stone 6, G. Stone 7, K. Derham 8, F. Sparshott 9, J. H. Howell (Hull) 10, G. Scragg 11, W. Fowler 12. First quarter-peal of Maximus by all the band.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—For service on Christmas morning, 720 of Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Bob Doubles and Grandsire): R. Petter 1, Miss K. Avenell 2, S. Petter 3, H. Rance 4, G. Chandler (conductor) 5, V. Gay 6. First 720 by ringers of 1 and 6.

NEW RING OF EIGHT AT BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.

ARCHDEACON'S QUESTION TO RINGERS.

The Archdeacon of Lewes performed the ceremony of dedication of the ring of eight bells at Balcombe, Sussex, on Saturday, December 5th. Five bells of the original ring of six have been recast, and two new trebles added by the parishioners of Balcombe to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of his late Majesty King George V. and Queen Mary.

There was a large congregation present for the service, which was conducted by the Rev. D. L. Secretan (Rector of Balcombe), who was accompanied by the Archdeacon of Lewes (the Ven. F. H. D. Smythe), the Rev. W. A. Dengate (Vicar of Staplefield) and the Rev. Harold J. Scott (Ardingly). Dr. R. F. H. Newton (churchwarden) was present, the other warden (Mr. H. Faure Walker, J.P.) being unable to attend.

A large number of ringers were present from Balcombe, Crawley, Cuckfield, Lewes, Slaugham, Lindfield, Worth, Turner's Hill, Uckfield, Godstone, and from St. Nicholas', St. Peter's and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton. The number included Mr. H. Meads (Crawley Down), who rang at Balcombe Church on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Jubilee in June, 1887.

During the course of his address the Archdeacon said: 'The sound of your bells will go over the land, and I do think we ought to realise what it should mean to us in these days when at least 23,000,000 people in this land are out of touch with organised religion.'

Later he said that the bells were a watchman continually reminding them of the praise and worship in which they should join at the church. They were a witness, sounding a telling plea to the people to come to worship. Let them hope that the ringers would never be ashamed to witness that they, by their worship, followed the call they gave to others. There were 14,000 paid and 33,000 voluntary ringers in this land, and it was quite a serious thing to ask how many did that which they called others to do?

Special hymns were sung, and the service concluded with 'God save the King.'

RECAST BELLS IN REINFORCED FRAME.

Touches were then rung on the bells by visiting ringers, and at 8.15 p.m. the bells were lowered in peal, the visitors being subsequently entertained to supper in the Parish Room by the Rector and churchwardens.

The Rector, in welcoming the ringers to Balcombe, told the company how the scheme had gradually taken shape. He referred to a lifetime's friendship with Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, and expressed the appreciation of the Balcombe people for the excellent work that the bellfounders had done.

The Rector was followed by Dr. Newton, who made an amusing speech and recounted tales of Council meetings and deliberations that night, he said, be almost confidential.

Mr. Johnston thanked the Rector for all that he had said, and he knew that the enthusiasm of the local band would receive the support and assistance of the many expert ringers in the district, so that the accession of the trebles would quickly lead to the practice in the tower of the higher methods in eight-bell ringing.

The proceedings ended with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for their welcome to Balcombe and their hospitality, ably put by Mr. A. D. Stone, formerly hon. secretary of the Sussex County Association.

The old bell frame has been reinforced in many parts and anchored to steel girders, a new metal frame having been erected to carry the two new trebles. No. 7 bell of the new peal is the only bell of the old ring of six which has not been recast; this bell bears date 1628. No. 5 bell now has inscribed upon it the names of the present Rector and churchwardens. All the bells are fitted with modern improvements, and the new peal is highly praised by the ringers. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are again to be congratulated on producing a fine peal of bells.

SIXTY YEARS' SERVICE.

At the Parish Church, Skipton, Yorks, on Sunday, December 20th, for evensong, and to commemorate 60 years' service at the church of Mr. W. Billows, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,472 changes) was rung: W. Billows (conductor) 1, E. Metcalfe 2, R. S. Stanforth 3, E. Wharton 4, J. Garlick 5, W. Bailey 6, H. Stanforth 7, J. Smith 8.

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FOR BEGINNERS—

AND A WORD TO OLDER HANDS.

GIVING THE 'YOUNGSTERS' A START.

This is New Year's Day, so to all Beginners, whether they are beginning Grandsire Doubles or Spliced Surprise, or anything that comes in between, we would first of all extend our good wishes for health, happiness and prosperity. For our art may it be a year of unexampled progress, and may it bring a large influx of new ringers, and advance to every one of us already engaged in its pursuit.

New Year resolutions will be plentiful to-day—most of them to be quickly forgotten. But we hope that in every belfry the ringers will make a determination to go ahead; to fill up the gaps, to push on with the art; and, if they themselves are without opportunities of going further, then do their best to raise others less advanced to at least their own standard.

And what about giving some of those youngsters who as yet know nothing about change ringing a little more encouragement and help? They, or others like them, have got to take your places some day, so they ought to be helped along. Besides the quicker they move forward, the sooner you will get their assistance in things which you would like to do, but cannot for want of others to help you. If you find teaching difficult, encourage these youngsters to follow up the articles in this column. The learners can, we think, help themselves a great deal from what appears, and, with your assistance, the stumbling-blocks to change ringing ought to be overcome fairly easily.

With a complete novice, we always think it is essential that he should first understand something of what change ringing is, before he is made to do something in the tower which he doesn't really grasp. We have heard ringers say to the veriest tyro, 'Now, come on, see if you can hunt the treble.'

Except that he knows he has got to do something different to striking over the same bell all the time—which is all he has done up to this stage—he has only the foggiest notion of what is required of him. So the instructor stands behind him and every pull tells him to follow this, that, or the other bell, or to lead, and at the end the beginner is often more bewildered than when he started.

A little preliminary explanation with pencil and paper, or by some other means of illustration, is well worth while. It is not a bad idea to start with a few playing cards. The 'object' of changes can be explained with three; the 'movement' of the bells in changes can quite well be illustrated with the ace, two, three, four and five. The ace, as the treble, can indicate how that bell hunts up and down, and with careful manipulation the work of the other bells can be made plain. If you have an objection to the use of playing cards, get five post-cards and write large on them the figures 1 to 5.

It will give your beginner an interesting exercise to manipulate the cards accurately enough to produce rounds at the end of a given number of changes.

Make it plain to him that two pairs of cards must be changed each time, and that each pair that is changed must be two adjoining cards. Start him first of all changing the two front and the two back pairs alternately and let him see how the 'bells' come round after ten changes.

Next show him that he can extend this ten to thirty, if after No. 1 has appeared twice at the beginning of the line, he changes the front and the back pair, instead of the two front pairs. Don't forget to remind him that he must do this immediately he starts, for No. 1 has already been in the appropriate position.

An exercise like this on the table will go a long way to showing the beginner what he has to do in the tower, and it is helpful if, when he can manipulate the cards successfully, he will copy down in a column on paper the rows as he produces them. The manipulation of the cards will show him the movement of the bells in changes, the record on paper will enable him to examine the detailed effect of that movement. A process that will give a beginner something that he can see and understand from the first will give him an interest in applying it in the belfry and enable him all the quicker to grasp what he is required to do when he is at the rope end.

RECORD MINOR PEAL NOT ATTEMPTED.

ILLNESS KEPT BAND FROM MEETING.

It was not found possible to attempt the record peal of Minor at Felkirk, Yorks, as had been intended on Boxing Day. Through illness the band, as arranged, could not be got together.

However, a company was made up and two 5,040's of Minor rung, one at Felkirk in the morning and the other at Barnsley later in the day. After the peal at Barnsley the company were entertained to 'a good square meal' by their old friend Mr. C. D. Potter, and an enjoyable social evening was spent.

UNCLES AND COUSINS RING FOR WEDDING.

At St. Martin's Parish Church, Ruislip, on Boxing Day, the Rev. K. Jocelyn, Ruislip's ringing parson, officiated at the wedding of Miss Mary Ive, formerly a ringer at Ruislip, to Mr. Reginald Peckham, of Wembley.

After the ceremony a touch of Bob Minor, with tenor covering, was rung by G. Bunce, C. Poultier, W. Bunce, jun., J. Bunce, W. Bunce, sen., Tom Collins and H. Ive, the ringers being two uncles and five cousins of the bride.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The secretaries of affiliated societies are reminded that affiliation fees became due on January 1st.

G. W. FLETCHER,
Hon. Secretary.

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, Elmtown Road, Creswell. (Bristol, for practice.) All welcome. — M. E. Wilson, 18, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield, 7.

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.

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.—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.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for January: St. Clement Danes', Strand, January 3rd, at 10 a.m.; practices, January 4th at St. Clement Danes' at 6.45 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m.; January 18th at 7.30 p.m. Please also book date for annual meeting, February 13th; particulars later.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on January 5th, St. Magnus' on the 17th and 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—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, Southover 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, January 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea arranged at 1s. per head for all who inform Mr. J. Jolles, The Cottage, School Lane, Broughton. Reports now ready.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 9th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (9d. each) at 5.30, at the Station Restaurant. Please notify Mr. W. Carbutt, 79, Park Grove, Barnsley, by Wednesday, the 6th. A good meeting is earnestly desired, as Canon Hone, our hon. president, is leaving the district shortly. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Devizes, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, with meeting to follow, at 5. St. Mary's and St. James' bells also available. For tea, please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Maresfield on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual district meeting at Southampton on January 9th. Bells: St. Mary's from 2.30 and again after tea; Holy Rood, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Michael's, after tea. Service St. Mary's 4.30 p.m. Tea in Chantry Hall at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by January 7th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A special meeting will take place at West Hartlepool on Saturday, January 9th. St. Oswald's bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. A short service will be held, when the Rev. T. H. Lilburn will dedicate a peal board, commemorating Miss Stephenson's peal. Tea in Dale Street Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Please let me know if you require same. A cordial invitation to all ringers and friends.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Lavendon, Saturday, January 9th. 2.30 begin. 4.15 service. 4.45 tea.—The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, January 9th. The bells of St. Alkmund's (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will commence at 4.30 p.m. All welcome.—George Freebrey, Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Broughton (5 bells) on Saturday, January 9th. Important business. Please attend. Please notify for tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, January 9th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Appointment of hon. secretary takes place at this meeting, through the retirement of Mr. L. G. Tanner, who has held the position for ten years, but feels he cannot, through pressure of his business, undertake additional duties.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, January 9th, at Apsley End. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Members are asked to attend this meeting. Numbers for tea by the previous Thursday.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission, at St. Mary's, Ely, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells afternoon and after tea and meeting. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Bonnet's 5 p.m. Please send a card to Mr. H. Cole, 58, West Fen Road, Ely, Cambs, number for tea. Look up Major methods and come. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Kirkby-in-Furness, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. A fine peal of bells to ring on and a welcome for every ringer. Tower secretaries are asked to bring subscriptions and names for 1937.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Old Chesterton on Saturday, January 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Please make the first meeting for 1937 a successful one.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be at Ordsall (6) on January 9th. All who can handle a bell welcome. Roll up and make the first meeting in the new year a good one. Please send a card for tea to R. Fowler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute. Service 5 p.m. Wigan Branch specially invited. For tea please notify Mr. G. R. Newton, 4, Langham Avenue, Liverpool, not later than Wednesday, January 6th.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Metheringham on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please advise me without fail not later than by Wednesday's post, January 6th? Failure to comply with the request may cause serious inconvenience to those who have kindly undertaken the arrangements.—F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Central Cafe. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome. Will those who require tea notify me not later than January 7th.—J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 16th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Canon Coleridge. Meat tea in Parish Room 4.45, by ticket. Members of branch 1s., all others 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea tickets to be applied for by January 11th to W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Owing to the difficulty of arranging tea, it is most essential that names should be sent to Mr. J. H. Swinfield, 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent, by Wednesday, January 13th. No postcard, no tea. North Staffs and Derby District members cordially invited.—Joseph Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 16th. Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

WATFORD.—Saturday, January 16th. Bells available 3.30 till 8.30. Tea in old school 5.30. Excellent rail and bus service to Watford.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270. (Herts County Association.)

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Feniton on Saturday, January 16th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Also Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The fifth annual supper and social will be held in the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 16th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, available from association officers and tower secretaries until January 10th. Ringing at Norwood Green and Heston in afternoon. District annual general meeting at Isleworth on February 6th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

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 DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the association will be held at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday, March 29th. (Full details in due course.) Notice is hereby given that the special committee will present their report with new constitutions of rules. Copies can be obtained from the general secretary now. Will those intending to discuss and debate please avail themselves of a copy soon. This notice is given in accordance with Rule xv. of present rules.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol, 2.

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FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, December 20th, for evening service, 720 College Exercise (conducted by A. Bradley) and 720 London Scholars' Pleasure (conducted by E. Sitch). The following local ringers took part: A. Bradley, C. Harrington, H. Wright, J. Sitch, E. Sitch, G. Camp and L. Camp.

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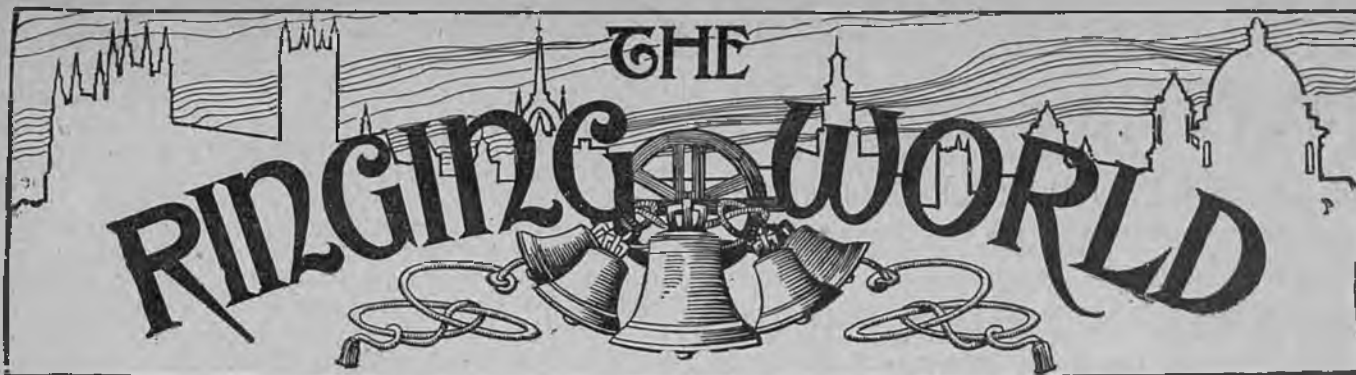
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REGISTER OF METHODS.

The suggestion that there should be a 'register' of methods kept by the Central Council is, we admit, an old idea. We ourselves have put it forward on more than one occasion in the past, but nothing has ever been done about it, except to some extent to put it into the same category as a register of compositions, which is now admitted to provide a task that it is practically impossible to carry out effectively. A register of methods, however, is nothing like so formidable a proposition as a register of compositions. The object of the latter, if it were possible to work it, would be to establish authorship, but there are two weighty arguments against it. One is the difficulty in having to decide what is an original composition and—as is revealed in present correspondence in our columns—whether two apparently similar compositions are actually the same or different. The other, and less generally accepted, is the question of whether anyone has the 'right' to a composition, it being asserted by those who throw doubt on this right that the production of peals is only the application of mathematical formulæ.

Be that as it may we still think there is ground to ask the Central Council to establish a register of methods—not so much for the purpose of recognising authorship as to save the confusion which arises from a method being rung under different names. There have been many such instances in the past and there was the recent case of the method, rung years ago as Brighton 'Surprise, rung again under the name of Burton. The point in favour of a register of methods is that a vast amount of the necessary material already exists, both in the published books of the Council and in the large accumulation of unpublished methods in the hands of the Methods Committee. The difficulty in checking a method is hardly to be compared with that of identifying a composition and its many possible variations and transpositions, and if there were some central register to refer to it would save not only duplication but often irritation and bad feeling.

A letter from a correspondent this week emphasises what we mean. In 1928 he published four Surprise Major methods in 'The Ringing World.' One of them, obtained from the Central Council's unpublished collection, has now been rung and designated 'Cornwall,' and the fact that our correspondent has received no credit for his share in the proceedings gives him cause for a letter of complaint. In this instance we do not think that anyone else has claimed what he produced, for in the Council's collection it was only identified by a num-

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ber, but when an author has obtained something of which he is proud we can understand he feels slighted if his name is not associated with it. It is a little courtesy to which he may well think himself entitled. It may be, however, that in this case Mr. Tipler's association with the method was entirely unknown either to the Methods Committee or to the ringers. Such a thing is quite possible. The Council's Collection was the product of mathematics, and although the figures of this method had been previously published, it is quite easy to see that the two sets of figures may never have been brought together for comparison. If a register existed, the author of a method could send it for registration, and, if it was already in existence, he could be so informed. If a band practises a fresh and, to them, unnamed method, they would have a means of ascertaining whether or not it had already been given a title, and whether it had previously been rung. We suggest that a scheme for a register of methods might well be further considered by the Council.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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Tenor 33 cwt.

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HARRY BOSWELL 3	†BARNABAS G. KEY 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	KENNETH KNOWLES 10
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 11
FRANCIS BROTHERTON ... 6	HARRY GRIFFITHS Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRINS.

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First twelve-bell peal. Rung as a birthday peal to C. Wallater. It was his 300th peal for the society. F. Brotherton's 100th peal. First twelve-bell peal as conductor.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

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On Thursday, December 31, 1936, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES F. ANDREWS Treble	*WILLIAM R. BAXTER 7
*REGINALD AMOR 2	*BERTRAM WORSDELL 8
*JESSE FRANCIS 3	GILBERT H. HARDING 9
*WILLIAM LOUD 4	*CHARLES RAISON 10
*CHARLES BUTCHER 5	NORMAN V. ANDREWS 11
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6	*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT Tenor

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
EDWIN BREEZE 2	ERNEST F. BENNETT 7
FRANK VARTY 3	EDWIN C. BIRKETT 8
THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
*HERBERT T. ROOKE 5	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First ten-bell peal. This is the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all the band and in the city of Liverpool.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY Treble	FRANK VARTY 6
Cecil Raddon 2	STANLEY N. HARRISON ... 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	HAROLD DAVIES 8
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 9
E. ROGER MARTIN 5	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung on the second anniversary of the birth of Peter Stedman Raddon, son of the ringer of the second bell.

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On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

MAURICE SMITHER Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
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†THOMAS E. DENYER 3	§HAROLD SMITHERS 8
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†WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 5	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

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On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE Treble	†JOHN S. MASON 6
THOMAS HEMMING 2	HAROLD SMITH 7
JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 3	HOWARD HOWELL 8
†J. DENNIS HOLDEN 4	§HARRY BOSWELL 9
BARNABAS G. KEY 5	ALBERT J. HUBBLE ... Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* 200th peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First of Stedman Caters. § 150th peal. Quarterly peal for the Guild and a birthday compliment to the 9th ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GLOUCESTER.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-de-Crypt,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SIDNEY E. ROMANS Treble	HENRY DANIELS 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
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†JACK PARISH 4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PILSTOW. Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours,

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

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

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR 5
*WALTER B. DOBBIE 2	EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 6
*MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
JOHN W. UNWIN 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal in the method. A wedding anniversary peal for treble ringer and a birthday peal to Mrs. Dobbie, mother of 2nd ringer; also in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

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Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 5
MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL 2	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
*FRANK VERNON 3	*JAMES W. RAITHEY ... 7
†RICHARD A. HARVEY ... 4	*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major and first attempt. First in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Geoffrey M. Mayer to Miss E. Hilda Smith, which took place at Lincoln on the same day.

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WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
*HERBERT W. COLLIER ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	ALFRED H. POLLING ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. ROBINSON.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDESLEY ... Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 5
*DEREK M. SHARP 2	JAMES E. BAILEY 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 3	HARRY PARKES 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PILSTOW. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Wheadon.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Monday, December 28th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Fright 1, H. Whitehead 2, W. Bidnell 3, W. J. Bidnell 4, H. J. Saunders 5, C. Turner 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, E. T. Ellender 8.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

STANLEY N. HARRISON ... Treble	CECIL RADDOEN ... 5
*CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 2	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 7
FRANK VARTY ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

* First Surprise peal. The band would like to thank Mr. J. Moulden for meeting them and making all arrangements.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

*DENNIS PARSONS ... Treble	F. A. ADAMS ... 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER ... 6
L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... 3	WILLIAM H. TURTON ... 7
FREDERICK E. PARSONS ... 4	ALFRED E. PARSONS ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by A. E. PARSONS.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells since they were recently rehung by John Taylor and Co. This peal is noteworthy in that three generations took part, the ringers of tenor and treble being son and grandson respectively of the ringer of the 4th.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS COLLINS ... Treble	JOHN G. NASH ... 5
JAMES BENNETT ... 2	HARRY KILBY ... 6
C. EDWARD LANKESTER ... 3	THOMAS J. LOCK ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS WINIFRED FOSTER ... Treble	†MISS MARY WHITE ... 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 2	HARRY DAVISON ... 6
†KENNETH SIMPSON ... 3	WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7
HARRY WILDE ... 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. L. L. Thomas, who is leaving Shipley to take up the living of Morton, near Keighley.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt

*EDWARD PRIBASTNER ... Treble	HARRY LEWIS ... 4
GEORGE SPERRING ... 2	JOHN BENYON, JUN. ... 5
*JOHN BEST ... 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung in honour of King George VI.'s accession.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb.

*ROLAND STOCKWELL ... Treble	*CHARLES M. ALLEN ... 4
ALAN JACQUES ... 2	HARRY HAYNES ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. All the ringers except 3rd and 6th are local and this peal was arranged for them. The conductor's 750th peal.

DILWYN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 23, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. H. CHANDLER ... Treble	LESLIE EVANS ... 4
*TOM PAYNE ... 2	H. CHANDLER ... 5
TREVOR JONES ... 3	THOMAS ECKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

* First peal and aged 14. He is a member of the young Staunton-on-Arrow band and is to be complimented on the way he rang his first peal.

FELKIRK, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Albans Delight, Wragby Delight, Collage Exercise, Norbury, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED TIBBLE ... Treble	ERNEST BROOKES ... 4
GEORGE LORD ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... 5
HAROLD CHANT ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

HAWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HERBERT HELLIWELL ... Treble	*KENNETH SIMPSON ... 4
*ALLAN RUSHWORTH ... 2	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 5
*MISS MARY WHITE ... 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells since 1903. Rung as a compliment to Mr. James Riley, of Haworth, who has completed 60 years as a ringer.



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BARNSELEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of each of Felkirk Delight, Barnsley Delight, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Kingston and Kent Treble Bob.

GEORGE LORD Treble	*THOMAS RAYMOND HADEN 4
LEONARD WILLIAM CARBUTT 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ERNEST BROOKES 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells since they were returned and rehung in a steel frame and new fittings by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. It is believed to be the first peal of Minor rung in this tower for over 50 years.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 26, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*J. H. JONES Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY 4
*E. P. EVANS 2	*WALTER PRICE 5
*J. METCALF 3	FRED HARTMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRED HARTMAN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor as conductor.

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

On Sunday, December 27, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK VERNON Treble	RICHARD A. HARVEY 4
*PERCY HOLMES 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
G. LESLIE A. LUNN 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung on the occasion of the ordination of the Rev. E. O. Varah, which took place at St. Giles' Church, Lincoln, on the same day.

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

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores of Original and nine each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 5 cwt. (approx.).

*JACK L. MILLHOUSE Treble	*RICHARD A. HARVEY 3
†G. LESLIE A. LUNN 2	*FRANK VERNON 4
*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY 1	enor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in five methods. First peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1936, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. LAWSON Treble	*ARTHUR HOWES 4
*ERIC S. GOOCH 2	*WILLIAM H. FRENCH 5
HENRY E. WOODHOUSE 3	EDWARD HOWES Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD HOWES.

* First peal. First as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local company.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B.

JOHN A. BROWN Treble	STEPHEN THOMPSON 4
HERBERT P. CLIFF 2	ROBERT W. LEIGHTON 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3	KENNETH W. CHEBSEMAN Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung in celebration of the marriage of Cicely, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson, of Whickham, to Mr. Wilfred L. Parsons. The wedding was solemnised at Winlaton Parish Church, where the bride is organist and choir mistress.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	LEWIS BUSH 4
*JOHN RICHARDSON 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
FRED WIGMORE 3	CECIL EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal in three methods.

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

On Wednesday, December 30, 1936, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	GEORGE GUNNELL 4
HARRY PRICE 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in 1 hree Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: (1) Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (2) St. Clement's; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Double Oxford; (5) Single Oxford; (6) Double Court; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in C.

*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 4
MISS MARIE R. CROSS 2	C. ELLIOT WIGG 5
R. GORDON CROSS 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in more than four methods. First peal in eight methods on the bells, which are the heaviest peal of six in the country.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 35 methods, viz.:

- (1) Chapstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay, Skipton and Dover Delight.
- (2) Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bogedone, Knutsford and Ely Delight.
- (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight.
- (4) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight.
- (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight.
- (6) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (7) Chapel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* 50th peal. † First peal in 35 methods. There were 52 changes of method.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 30, 1936, in One Hour and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At 48, King's Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor size 11 in G.

*FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 1-2 | FRANCIS KIRK ... 3-4

*HAROLD V. FROST ... 5-6

Conducted by FRANCIS KIRK.

* First peal of Minor on handbells. First peal of Minor on handbells as conductor.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
At 19, Middleboro,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 1-2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5-6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3-4 | WILLIAM CHALK ... 7-8

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

Specially arranged at short notice to enable the conductor to ring a peal during 1936 and while still a patient in Serralls Mental Hospital.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Paulinus' Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

COLIN A. HOPPER ... 1-2 | DEREK M. SHARP ... 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3-4 | EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

DEATH OF MR. C. J. PARTRIDGE.

A NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RINGER.

We regret to record the death of a well-known Sutton-in-Ashfield ringer, Mr. Cornelius John Partridge, who passed away at the age of 55. He was a man of genial disposition and courteous manner, and a popular figure in the towers of Notts and Derbyshire. Mr. Partridge had resided at Sutton for over 20 years, and when the ring of bells at the Parish Church was augmented to six in 1920 he became a useful change ringer and regular attendant at Sunday services.

His peal record is not available, but he had taken part in a number of peals of Major and Minor in the standard methods. He was a member of the executive committee of the East Derbyshire and Notts Association, and also of the North Notts Association and the Midland Counties Association.

His fatal illness commenced with influenza, which developed into pneumonia, and, following an operation for the removal of fluid, he passed away in Mansfield Hospital on Monday, December 28th.

The interment took place in the cemetery on Thursday, December 31st. A service was previously held in the Parish Church, and the muffled bells were rung by his friends from Sutton, Mansfield Woodhouse, Tibshelf and South Normanton. In addition to the family mourners, several members of the Parochial Church Council and railwaymen were present, and the East Derbyshire and Notts Association was represented by Mr. W. Allin (vice-president), Mr. T. Clarke, Mr. C. M. Heathcote and Mr. L. Rawson.

The sympathy of his fellow-ringers is extended to the widow and family of two sons and two daughters.

THE BELLS OF BIRCH.

TO BE REOPENED BY THE BISHOP OF MANCHESTER.

While a Parish Church has an intimate appeal to its parishioners and congregation, the belfry and ring of bells has an appeal which extends throughout a very wide area, due to the personal interest which ringers display wherever there is enthusiasm for the art. This is very true as regards the Church of St. James, Birch-in-Rusholme. We publish in another column an advertisement in connection with the 'opening of the bells' ceremony, after rehanging, etc., by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The bells of this church, which are well known and thought of in the North of England, have been in use for 72 years, and it is 32 years since they were completely overhauled. This time a full set of self-aligning ball bearings have been fitted, and the trial 'touches' have shown the ringers that the physical effort necessary is greatly reduced and the control of the bells greatly facilitated.

We understand that the Birch band of ringers is one of the youngest in the Manchester Diocese, and it speaks volumes for the interest shown in their welfare that the help and advice of the older and experienced members of the art are on all occasions given unstintingly. When the Bishop of Manchester reopens the bells of Birch, any ringers, if they happen to be in the Manchester neighbourhood, will be very welcome.

FOR BEGINNERS.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BELL CONTROL.

We hope the 'five-card trick' which we endeavoured to explain to beginners last week may have interested those who are just starting change ringing. It was designed to show how changes are formed, and the 'movement' of the bells among each other—that is the varying positions they take in relation to each other in the succession of 'changes.'

To do this in the tower with real bells, the ringer has to learn to 'place' his bell in the required position, by pulling his rope at the exact moment which, allowing for the longer or shorter period of the revolution of the bell, according to its size, will result in its striking at the proper interval after the one immediately in front of it. The beginner, therefore, will realise that to pull just 'somewhere' after the other man is not sufficient, if there is to be good ringing—and good ringing, by which we mean keeping time and rhythm, is the first essential.

The larger the bell, the longer it takes to revolve and consequently the longer it takes for the clapper to strike. If two bells of approximately the same size are pulled off together they will, assuming they are properly hung and in good order, strike simultaneously. You can hear the effect of this if you will pull off together the treble and second in your tower. Having done so—and set them again as quickly as possible, for the sake of the public, if nothing else—pull off the treble and tenor together. Unless the bells belong to a very small peal, you will find there is a very perceptible interval between the striking of the two bells.

In actual ringing this difference in the period of revolution must be allowed for and it is necessary to allow more space in striking over a big bell than over a little bell. Two things are essential to perfecting your striking. First you must have complete control of your bell, and, secondly, you must 'use your ears.'

To begin with, you cannot control your bell unless you hold your rope properly and pull correctly. Keep your hands close together, whether at rope end or on the sally, and grasp both with all four fingers of both hands. Let your hands go well above your head every time, and don't snatch. A steady pull and a long one is the effective way of ringing a bell. Ring with your arms and not with your waist, and if you want a little extra weight occasionally, get it by bending the knees.

Before you begin change ringing, which, to be well struck, needs perfect bell control, get some practice with call changes so that you will learn how much 'space' to give each bell as you pull over it. Use your ears. Listen for the sound of your own bell among the rest. It may not be easy to pick it out at first, but if you will count the bells round as they strike, beginning when they are in 'rounds,' you will soon know which is yours; then make sure that it is striking at the right interval—that is with the same interval as between the other bells. Nothing is more irritating than to have the bells going round with a 'jazz' effect; some 'close,' others 'wide.'

The only point at which there should be a break in the 'periods' between the blows is at the 'hand-stroke' lead. Then there should be the space of an extra bell between the last bell at backstroke and the first at the next handstroke. On six bells you should have twelve even blows, and then a one bell interval. On eight there should be 16 even blows and a one bell interval, and so on.

We do not recommend any beginner to attempt change ringing, much as he may be anxious to do so, until he has obtained complete mastery of his bell in rounds and call changes. It is useless to think he can concentrate on changes until he can, practically without conscious effort, 'put' his bell where he wants to, without 'dropping,' or 'over-pulling' it. Apart from creating bad ringing, the beginner who cannot 'place' his bell where it ought to go has little chance of finding his way among the others in changes. Better take a little longer in mastering the fundamentals than pushing on eventually to become a 'poor striker.' There is no greater compliment that can be paid to a ringer than to have it said of him that he is a 'perfect striker.'

Do not be anxious, then, to run before you can walk. If you first learn to strike your bell properly that essential part of your ringing equipment is never likely to desert you, but you will find it difficult to become a 'good' ringer, if you attempt change ringing before you can completely control your bell. Many 'bad' ringers have been made in that way.

WALTHAMSTOW RINGING MASTER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Ernest D. Lillywhite, who passed away on December 18th at the age of 61 years. Deceased had been Ringing Master for 30 years at St. Saviour's Church, Walthamstow, and will be sadly missed for the congenial atmosphere he created in the belfry. Although he had rung several peals, he concentrated mostly on teaching ringing to the young recruits.

The funeral took place at Walthamstow Cemetery on December 23rd, the Vicar officiating. The ringers were represented by Mr. G. B. Lucas, the former Ringing Master of St. Saviour's. Wreaths were sent from St. Saviour's and Southwark Cathedral ringers and many other friends. Sympathy goes out to the widow and family in their bereavement.

HOBART BELLS.**DEAN'S LETTER TO ENGLISH RINGERS.**

The Very Rev. the Dean of Hobart (Dr. A. B. Rivers) has sent the following letter to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, under date November 28th:—

'I am asked by the St. David's Ringers to express their gratification at receiving the kindly congratulations forwarded by you from the English Ringers who visited Hobart. Your presence in Hobart was an inspiration to our boys, which came to them as we were attempting to enrol volunteers. We have a goodly number who have been practising on the Holy Trinity bells, and we hope that they will give a good account of themselves on Sunday week, when the first peal will be rung. With many thanks and kind regards.'

PEALS IN HOBART.

Until the installation of the new bells at St. David's Cathedral, Tasmania, of course, had only one ring, that at Holy Trinity Church, Hobart. Four peals have been rung on them; the first two by the Victorian Society (Melbourne):—

December 29th, 1890, Davies' five-part peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Harry Adams (a native of Kidderminster).

December 31st, 1890, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Joseph Clarke.

November 3rd, 1934, Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by George Martin.

November 6th, 1934, Bob Major, conducted by Rupert Richardson.

BELL FOUNDRY BELLS' BUSY AFTERNOON.

After ringing a peal of London Surprise Major on the bells of the Campanile at the Loughborough Foundry on Saturday, December 19th, the same band started for a peal of New Cambridge, which, however, came to grief after half an hour's ringing. Time being too short to permit another start, the opportunity was taken of doing a bit of spade work by ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples so that Geoffrey Harrison, aged 12, could register his first quarter-peal: Geoffrey Harrison 1, Colin Harrison 2, Fred Hill 3, Kenneth Roe 4, J. F. Milner 5, Alec Hutchinson 6, Frederick H. Dexter (conductor) 7, Roger St. John Smith 8.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

At Farmborough, Somerset, on December 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal. It was rung in honour of the tower secretary's 22nd wedding day: William Rosewell 1, A. Gould 2, F. Flower 3, William Shore 4, H. Parfrey (first quarter as conductor) 5, E. Barter 6.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—At St. Michael's Church on January 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 4.6.8 covering: V. Wilkinson (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Martin 2, F. Marchant 3, H. J. Hunt 4, H. Noakes 5, F. Farr 6, F. J. Ewens (conductor) 7, Edwin Hunt 8. First quarter-peal since the rededication of the bells. Rung for evening service and also as a birthday compliment to F. Farr.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—At St. Nicolas' Church on Sunday, January 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes, with different callings and Nos. 4, 6 and 8 bells covering): A. F. Deacon (first quarter-peal) 1, E. A. Palmer (first quarter-peal on 'inside' bell) 2, H. T. E. Curtis (first attempt as conductor) 3, E. A. Crocker 4, E. Crocker 5, F. E. Turner (first quarter-peal) 6, H. W. Curtis 7, R. Butcher (first quarter-peal) 8. All are members of the local band.

PORTSMOUTH.—At the Cathedral, for the watchnight service, on December 31st, with clappers half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): C. H. Shepherd 1, Mrs. C. L. Guy 2, C. L. Guy 3, G. T. Rogers (first attempt for a quarter-peal in the method) 4, W. Tate 5, F. W. Stemp 6, L. P. Cook 7, F. W. Burnett (conductor) 8. First quarter of Surprise by Sunday service band at the Cathedral.

STOCKPORT.—On Thursday, December 31st, at St. Mary's Church, before the watchnight service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Farmer 1, Rev. F. Bonner 2, W. Holton 3, E. Jackson 4, J. A. Gordon 5, A. Clarke 6, S. Gordon (conductor) 7, A. Cavender 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble, second and tenor.

LINSLADE.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Sunday, December 20th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,344 changes): Miss E. Prudent 1, W. Inslev 2, F. Vickers 3, F. Plummer 4, W. Jeffs 5, F. Jeffs 6, E. Bilson 7, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of treble and 7th, first 'inside' by 2nd, and first in the method together by a purely local band.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On November 25th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Hovord 1, D. M. Sharp 2, Miss J. M. Thompson 3, F. E. Walker 4, J. Wheadon 5, C. Hopper (first quarter of Bob Major on tower bells) 6, J. E. Bailey (first quarter-peal of Major as conductor) 7, N. Summerhayes 8.

HARBORNE.—On Sunday, November 22nd, before evening service at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Blackstaffe 1, A. Price 2, C. Lawrence 3, F. G. Williams 4, S. Grove 5, E. G. Fletcher 6, F. E. Hawkins 7, C. E. Skinner 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 8. All are service ringers at above church.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The honour accorded in death to Harry Pasmore, one of London's most brilliant ringers, of lying on the night before his burial in Westminster Abbey, is one which, by a recent decision of the Dean and Chapter, is extended to all who serve the Abbey in whatever capacity. Mr. Pasmore was a member of the Abbey band. The coffin was placed in the Warriors' Chapel and was covered by the pall that was used for the Unknown Warrior.

Three generations of one family took part in a peal at Staveley, Derbyshire, on New Year's Day. It was conducted from the tenor by Mr. Alfred E. Parsons, whose father, Frederick G. Parsons, rang the 4th, and son, Dennis, rang the treble. It was the latter's first peal. He is only 16 years of age, and great credit is due to him for the way in which he handled his bell.

Mr. John Flint, of Bolsover, who three months ago sustained severe injuries in a coal mining accident, has now recovered, and on Sunday rang again for the first time since the occurrence. After leaving hospital he had an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Flint desires to thank all those who have written to him and his family conveying expressions of sympathy and good wishes.

The many friends of Mr. William Keeble will be interested in his own footnote to the handbell peal rung at Colchester on the last day of the year. The peal is the surest proof that Mr. Keeble is well on the road to the recovery of normal health.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. Raymond Philpott, of Portsmouth, and formerly of Guildford, is seriously ill from toxic poisoning. The latest report is that his condition is showing a slight improvement.

The ringer of the treble to the peal of Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Boxing Day, was Francis W. Corney.

The heavy ring of eight at Wellingborough Parish Church is to be tuned and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon.

Congratulations will be extended to the Trowbridge ringers who, on the last day of the old year, rang the first peal of Cinques on their own bells and, incidentally, in the county of Wilts.

Not only is credit due to them for ringing the peal at the first attempt, and the fact that there were eight first peals of Cinques, but also for overcoming an unexpected obstacle.

After ringing had been in progress about 2½ hours the electric light was switched off at the main for several seconds, came on and was switched off again. At the conductor's urgent call they kept going in the hope that the light would come on again, which it did, and the bells were soon righted. It transpired afterwards that some mischievous choirboys were having a game with the main switch.

A handbell peal rung on Wednesday evening of last week at St. Albans is the result of constant practice during the last nine months. Previous to that time ringers of 1-2 and 5-6 had done no handbell ringing, and have now rung a peal 'in hand' of Major and Minor.

A peal rung at Haworth, Yorkshire, was the first on the bells for 33 years. It was rung as a compliment to Mr. James Riley, of Haworth, who has completed 60 years as a ringer. It is believed that, prior to the peal of 1903, only one other peal had been rung on the bells, namely, in the year 1853.

Mr. James George extends his hearty greetings and good wishes for the coming year to all his friends. Unfortunately he is not making the progress he would like after his illness. The effects of the whooping cough, from which he suffered after his fall, are still painful, but he hopes for greater improvement when the weather gets warmer.

The ringer of the 4th in the peal at Boreham (Kent Treble Bob Major) on Monday, December 21st, was Ernest J. Runter, not Rutter as printed.

METHODS AND AUTHORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed a little space in which to point out that the figures of a method appearing in 'The Ringing World,' dated December 18th, 1936, namely, 'Cornwall Surprise,' also appeared in your columns, together with three others, in the issue of September 7th, 1928, and under my name. As this was well in advance of the formation of 'The Methods Supply Stores,' I have every right to believe that the name of the author should have been added in the Central Council's MSS., and not a number, as though it was unfit to be owned by anyone.

In view of the fact that many errors have lately occurred, may I suggest that when a method is rung it should be published with as little delay as possible? This would enable a mistake (if any) to be rectified.

Many methods have never appeared at all. Some have been published more than once. Some have appeared without the name of the author, as was 'Erith.' Others have been wrongly claimed. What a state of affairs! To get full support for 'The Ringing World' all tastes must be catered for. There should be no 'secret society,' and, above all, interest for all. May I ask, just as a special new year's favour, if you would kindly let us have the figures 'Leeds'? There are many others outstanding, but for the time being the above method will satisfy.

Lutterworth.

E. W. TYPLER.

DEATH OF MR. HARRY R. PASMORE.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY HONOURS.

'We with uncovered head
Salute the sacred dead,
Who went and who return not.'

In the early hours of Christmas Day, when the world was as yet unawake, at the Charing Cross Hospital, Harry Pasmore breathed his last, and the ringing world and we, his friends, are sad at his passing in his 56th year.

After a severe operation several years ago he had not enjoyed robust health, but at the same time he

was able to continue his duties at the G.P.O. and also partake of his great hobby, both on tower and handbells, although in a very minor degree, but in early November he was advised to take a long rest from duty and finally entered the hospital on November 27th.

Friends visited him, and Dr. Perkins, of Westminster Abbey, was with him just before the end.

At the special request of the Dean of Westminster Abbey, his mortal remains were taken to rest one night in the majesty and beauty of our national Valhalla, a tribute of love and affection by Dr. Perkins (who is in charge of the belfry), which will ever be remembered by his family and friends.

The funeral was at 4 o'clock on Thursday, the last day of 1936, at Wandsworth, and the services, both in the church and at the graveside, were conducted by Dr. J. Perkins.

Canon of Westminster Abbey. Officials of the Ancient Society of College Youths present: Master Lewis, Secretary Cockerill, Treasurer Hughes, Trustees Challis Winney and Bob Newton, and the following members paid their last respects to their friend: Messrs. Young, Fenn, Gray, Rumley, Butler, Green, Horton, G. Debenham, Oxborrow, MacDonald, Miles and also Miss Cockerill, Miss Deer, Miss Gray and Mrs. H. Langdon. The Royal Cumberland Youths were represented by Mrs. C. Matthews.

A course of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by W. Roughton, C. F. Winney, H. Langdon and A. B. Peck.

A BRILLIANT CONDUCTOR.

During his membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths—about 40 years—Harry Pasmore was prominent throughout, being a brilliant conductor on tower bells or handbells. He was a member of the bands at both St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, acting as secretary to the former, where he had a reputation for strict impartiality as regards fines. Not all the wiles of his friends could ever lure him to remit one which was justly due.

It is by no means an exaggeration to say that 'Harry' had a great gift for ringing; in fact, he was quite exceptional and attracted notice from his very earliest days.

Apparently he found ringing, both on the tower and handbells, so easy he could never quite understand others having the slightest difficulty in acquiring various methods.

When the Rochester Row band were at their best they rang on two occasions three peals of Surprise Major in one day, in three different counties, Harry being one of the band both days. He conducted the first peal of Cambridge Maximus rung in London and the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major called from an 'inside' bell.

But it was on handbells that he was seen at his best, and he can have had few superiors. Possibly his greatest performance was to conduct from 34 the first peal of Surprise Major, viz., Superlative, ever rung double-handed. Besides conducting peals of Stedman Cinques from each pair of bells, he conducted on handbells peals of Stedman and Grandsire, Triples, Caters and Cinques and Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Royal and Maximus.

He was a member of the band that rang Carter's 'Odd Bob' one-part peal of Stedman Triples double-handed non-conducted. Another notable peal in which he took part was the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques, rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill.

The actual total of his peals is not available, but without a doubt it would be a difficult matter to find another record to compare with his for merit and quality. The number could have been much greater were it not for the fact that only the best was acceptable to him.

Of very truth a great ringer, a greater conductor and a warm-hearted companion and friend. We shall miss him more than words can express.

(Communicated.)



THE LATE MR. HARRY PASMORE.

CORONATION DAY BROADCAST.

SUGGESTION TO MAKE BELLS FEATURE IN PROGRAMMES.

An effort is being made to get the bells of old England put into a leading place in the broadcast programmes on Coronation Day. The B.B.C. already recognise the characteristic English nature of church bells well rung. They recognise it in the interval signal, which introduces Bow Bells; in the Sunday programmes of church services; and last Sunday they used church bells as the characteristic feature of English life, when it came to Great Britain's turn in the exchange of greetings among 24 European nations. The bells of a church in Northern Ireland and the bells of Westminster were the B.B.C. contribution to the programme.

The proposal that bells from well-known belfries should be heard over the air from time to time throughout Coronation Day, as a preface to each of the many items which will make up the programme, would add to the 'national' character of the B.B.C.'s output, and we hope it will materialise. The suggestion is sponsored by the Rev. Walter Pitchford, the well-known Midland broadcaster, whose talks on 'Bell Chimes,' 'Cathedrals,' etc., have been so widely appreciated. Backing of the proposal by members of the public might be an added inducement to the B.B.C. to carry out the scheme.

BROADCASTING FROM CROYDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The first service broadcast of the year deserves favourable comment. Listening this morning to the Croydon bells was a great pleasure—a fine peal, excellently struck; it should stimulate others to do as well when opportunity arises. There have recently been too many indifferent service broadcasts. We expect the best music, etc., over the air; why not the best ringing? Congratulations to Croydon.

C. T. COLES.

Walthamstow.

WONDERFUL RECORDING.

B.B.C. AND ST. MARY REDCLIFFE BELLS.

An electrical recording of the bells of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, was made on December 20th. The engineers visited the tower and had a look at the bells, the tenor being raised singly for close observation. The bells were then raised, and the van with the recording instruments moved into a favourable position on Redcliffe Hill. After the ringing had concluded the record was 'run over' for sound, and proved 'O.K.' the sound of the bells being plainly heard by some of the ringers who looked out of the belfry window some 80ft. up.

The record will form part of a talk on 'Bells of the West,' some of which have already been recorded, and others are to follow.

When the conductor was told about what was to be done, he had to put on his thinking cap, to consider what would be best. He decided on 'Original' Cinques. This met with opposition from many. One said, 'Here we have a good Stedman Cinques band, and we are going to ring this stuff.' However, the conductor had his way, and afterwards everyone agreed it was best. One ringer put it very well when he said, 'It showed the beauty of the bells and not the skill of the ringers, and that is what was wanted.'

AMERICAN APPRECIATION OF BROADCAST BELLS.

MALDON LINK WITH WASHINGTON.

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mansfield, the ringers of All Saints', Maldon, were again entertained to supper on New Year's Eve, 14 ringers accepting the invitation.

It is a time-honoured custom at All Saints' to ring during the evening and again at midnight on the last day of the year.

After supper some of the letters were read which the Rector of Purleigh had received from American people expressing their appreciation of the broadcast of a service, including 120 changes of Minor on the bells, rung by six ringers from All Saints', Maldon.

This broadcast on July 5th was in connection with the tercentenary of four of the bells which were put into the tower in the year 1636, during the time that the Rev. Lawrence Washington was Rector, he being the great-great-grandfather of George Washington, the first president of the United States.

When the Rev. Lawrence Washington left Purleigh he came to live at Maldon, and was buried in All Saints' churchyard on February 27th, 1652, and in the year 1928 the American people gave a beautiful stained glass window to his memory. This is fixed in the south aisle of All Saints' Church.

Among the letters received some were from New York, Montreal, Florida, California, Victoria, etc., and in every case the broadcast was said to have been very clear. It made some of the writers feel that they were in Purleigh Church listening to the service.

STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having had the honour of naming 'Staffordshire Surprise Major' through the kindness of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, I wish to congratulate the members of the Stafford Society who were recently successful in ringing the first peal of this beautiful method in its home county.

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

Milton, Staffs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.**BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday. Owing to the Saturday market in the Bull Ring ringing at St. Martin's Church was restricted to one hour. During this time the bells were kept going and several methods were rung.

The business meeting took place in the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, at which the Vice-president, Councillor A. Paddon Smith, presided in the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A. An apology for non-attendance was read from Vice-President J. George.

All the officers of the Guild were re-elected as follows: Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.; Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes, M.A.; trustees, Messrs. T. Russam and Councillor A. P. Smith; auditors, Messrs. J. Preston and E. T. Allaway; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves.

The treasurer presented the balance sheet and reported an increased balance in hand of £5, which he thought was very satisfactory. The auditors having given their report, the accounts were unanimously adopted.

The tower election of Mr. T. W. Lewis, of Worcester, as a life member was duly ratified.

An invitation to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston Parish Church on Saturday, April 3rd, was unanimously accepted. It was also agreed to hold the bi-quarterly meeting at Shirley Parish Church.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

The secretary reported that in accordance with the resolution passed at the previous quarterly meeting he had booked the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel for Saturday, February 27th.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Davies, seconded by Mr. F. Price, it was unanimously decided to invite the Vicar of Aston (the Rev. H. McGowan, M.A.) to preside on this occasion. Several members complained of the inconvenience caused by ringers applying for tickets as late as the dinner day, and suggested that a time limit should be fixed. After some discussion it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the secretary.

Under 'any other business' the Ringing Master called attention to the Tuesday night practice at St. Martin's. He complained that for several months these had been rather poorly attended, and asked for better support this year.

Mr. Albert Walker said it would be a pity to stop the practices. The bells had been rung regularly on Tuesday nights since 1755, and it was recognised by the people who held open-air meetings in the Bull Ring that they could not be held on Tuesdays, as that was 'the bellringers' night.' He promised to give the Ringing Master all the support he could and urged others to do likewise.

This concluded the business and the remainder of the evening was given up to social intercourse. Several good touches were brought round and tunes rung on the handbells, whilst others were not so successful. With Mr. Albert Walker at the piano, Mr. Harry Withers in good form and voice, and Mr. Paddon Smith and others in reminiscent mood, many interesting incidents which had taken place in that house '10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years ago' were recalled. This ended another very pleasant evening.

BOXING DAY RINGING TOUR.**CYCLING THROUGH BEDFORDSHIRE.**

Meeting at Silsoe Church on Boxing Day morning, a number of Bedfordshire ringers were joined by Mr. W. Stote, of Coventry, and a start made by ringing the five bells at this pretty little church, a handy ring with tenor somewhere in the region of 8 cwt. The next tower was Upper Gravesham, which was duly discovered after a long ride through a private park, and past the front of a magnificent mansion, which, fortunately, was unoccupied. The Church of St. Giles contains a ring of five, with an 11 cwt. tenor; bells 1, 2 and 4 were cast by Miles Graye. On to Shillington by fog-bound lanes and by-ways plentifully supplied with mud. Shillington Church is a fine structure, with a tower of brick which replaced the old steeple when it crashed down in 1704. The 'splice' is not a happy one, but the tower contains a fine ring of five bells with tenor 1 ton (approx.), rung from the ground floor. After a good pull here the local inn provided the company with welcome refreshment. The bells were described by the numerous inmates as the best in the county, but the visitors decided that Christmas was the best time of all to be in harmony with all men and so disputed it not.

Soon after, they passed over the boundary to visit Pirton, which is in Hertfordshire, and enjoyed a ring on another five, with tenor 11 cwt., restored by Mears and Stainbank in 1839. These go very well and the ringers stayed for some time, making themselves a nuisance at the local shop and Post Office in search of postcards in spite of these being closed. But the people were very kind and the ringers got what they wanted. Next came Meppershall, with a central tower. Here the ringers have to stand in the choir stalls to ring. The seats are hinged and are moved back to allow room. Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, the party were entertained to tea, after which the towers of Campton and Maulden

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FOUR YORKSHIRE RINGS RESTORED.**BELLS REOPENED AT WATH, KIRBY MOORSIDE, NEW MILL AND MELTHAM.**

Within six weeks no fewer than four restored rings of six bells have been reopened in Yorkshire, and in all four cases the work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The light ring at Wath, near Ripon, tuned and rehung with new fittings in a new metal frame, was reopened on Saturday, November 21st, while on the following Thursday the Bishop of Whitby rededicated the six bells at Kirby Moorside, near York.

This restoration has been made possible through the generosity of Capt. Holt, of Ravenswick, Kirby Moorside, and the bells have been recast and hung with new fittings in the old frame, which has been strengthened.

Owing to the fog and the remoteness of the village only a few ringers were present, including Mr. J. P. Fidler, representing the founders, and visitors from Headingley, Pickering and Scarborough, but all were agreed that Kirby Moorside now possesses a ring of bells which is both a delight to handle and to hear, the only regret being that the octave had not been completed—an omission which it is hoped may be remedied before long.

On Monday in Christmas week the Lord Bishop of Wakefield dedicated the restored bells at New Mill, near Huddersfield.

These bells, cast by Taylors in 1864, have a 12 cwt. tenor, and a marked improvement has resulted by cleaning and tuning, while iron headstocks and ball bearings and all other modern fittings contributed to the easy 'go' of the bells.

Ringers were present from Friezland, Kirkburton, Holmfirth, Shelley, Almondbury and Huddersfield, and after the opening course of Oxford Treble Bob by the local company, all were given an opportunity to try the bells, good use of which was made until a late hour.

Meltham, near Huddersfield, has had a ring of six bells since 1836, when Messrs. Taylor, then of Oxford, installed a ring with a 13 cwt. tenor, and until these bells celebrated their centenary nothing in the way of repairs had been carried out. A few months ago, however, the old oak frame was found to be decayed, and, on the advice of the founders, the bells have been rehung with new fittings in an 'H' type cast iron frame, on steel girders. Four treble bells, fixed stationary with a carillon machine capable of playing 14 tunes on all ten bells, was installed by Messrs. Gillett in 1879. These four bells have now been recast, and the carillon is being reconditioned by Messrs. Potts, of Leeds.

The Bishop of Wakefield rededicated the bells on New Year's Eve, in the presence of a large congregation, which included ringers from Kirkburton, Almondbury, Huddersfield, etc. At the dedication three well-struck leads of Oxford were rung by the local company.

Great pleasure was expressed by residents at hearing the sound of the bells once more, after an absence of over three months, and the parishioners now look forward to hearing the almost forgotten tunes of the carillon, which has not been in use since the first year of the war.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**A TOWER FOR SURPRISE METHODS PRACTICES.**

A meeting was held at Longton on Saturday, January 2nd. Thirty-five members and friends were present from Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Cheddle, Draycott, Kingsley, Longton, Leek, Norton, Newcastle, Uttoxeter and Stoke-on-Trent.

After tea, held in the Dorothy Cafe, the Rector of Longton (the Rev. Samuels) extended a welcome to all present, and expressed pleasure at meeting Mr. J. H. Swinfield once more.

The Rector also stated he was pleased to have a band of ringers who were interested in ringing and regularly attended the services.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and ringers was proposed by Mr. R. G. Lewis, of Uttoxeter, and seconded by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Norton.

Three peal certificates were presented, viz., to William Bloor, Edward Cheadle and William Wade, jun., all of Longton. The presentation was made by Mr. William Wade, sen., former leader of Longton tower, who will complete his 50th year as a ringer next Easter.

The following new members were elected: E. Atkinson, of Newcastle, and W. Carter, H. Carter, T. Reeves and N. Holland, of Longton.

The chairman of the committee announced that he had got permission to use Tunstall bells on Wednesday nights for practising Surprise methods. The hon. secretary appeals to all ringers who have reached this stage of ringing to write to Mr. T. Hurd, Bethel House, Regent Street, Burslem, for further particulars.

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were visited. Mr. A. Linfield met the company at the last place, where touches of Cambridge Minor and Spliced Oxford and Kent were rung. Mr. Linfield later provided refreshments to a tired but contented party before they broke up to go their different ways.

The company wish to say 'Thank you' to the incumbents of the various towers visited, and to Messrs. Jeffries, Lawrence, Hilliard and Linfield for help and hospitality.

ANOTHER PEAL AT QUEEN CAMEL.

MISFORTUNES ON THE ROAD—SUCCESS IN THE TOWER.

Saturday, January 2nd, 1937, will not easily be forgotten by those who had the pleasure and privilege of ringing a peal on the finest and heaviest peal of six bells in the country. Apart from the actual performance itself, the incidents and misfortunes occasioned in getting to the village of Queen Camel and how they were surmounted are not uninteresting. The attempt came about thus: After three of the band had rung a peal at Hoar Cross, Staffordshire (tenor 30 cwt.), last September, the idea of attempting an eight-method peal at Queen Camel was suggested.



QUEEN CAMEL CHURCH, SOMERSET.

The tower contains the heaviest ring of six in the country.

The first step was a visit to the tower one Sunday in December by Messrs. R. G. Cross and A. P. Cannon, who travelled by motor-bike from Basingstoke. They were made very welcome by Mr. F. J. Reeves, the local captain, and permission for a peal was readily given. A date was suggested and the band got together. Saturday arrived at the end of a hectic week of last minute telegrams, postcards and telephone calls, mostly by A. P. C.!

The Rev. C. E. Wigg kindly took two of the band in his car, and Mr. Gordon Cross took Messrs. Cannon and Richards. A start was made from Reading at 10.30 for a journey of 95 miles or so. The two cars kept together as far as Andover. Just after that Mr. Wigg passed Gordon's car and was soon out of sight. Then our trouble began! Just outside Amesbury our car, which incidentally Gordon had hired for the day, refused to go another inch! Serious and expensive engine trouble had arisen, and the only thing to do was to 'phone' a garage and request a 'tow.' After a wait of some 30 minutes, the breakdown car arrived and the 'casualty' was towed into Amesbury. Time: 12.35 p.m. An inspection of the car revealed that it would take a week to repair the damage. There were no trains and no buses, and at 1 p.m. we were still 35 miles from our destination, at which we were due at 2 p.m.

The only thing to do was to hire a taxi at 6d. a mile. The taxi's return fare to be paid as well! The cost was 35s. The taxi was excellent and we arrived at Queen Camel at 2.25 p.m. Mr. Reeves met us at the church and the others of the band were waiting up in the tower.

A wedding was in progress, and when this was over the bells were pulled up and ropes adjusted, the 5th and tenor ropes having been taken up, before starting, on the wheel. Owing to the writer exerting too much strength on the 4th, when pulling it up, he broke the stay, and this again delayed us 30 minutes or so while Mr. Reeves kindly mended it with screws very efficiently.

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METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS.

FALLACY IN MR. G. BAKER'S REASONING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' dated November 27th last there appeared a letter from Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, asking the Methods Committee for a mathematical proof whether or not two given compositions were the same. The committee failed to rise to the bait, and four weeks later another letter from Mr. Baker attempts to explain why these two compositions are different. It would seem, therefore, that he did not really require the information, but merely wished to contradict the statement he expected the committee to make.

We, the undersigned, being two members of the Methods Committee, would like to give our own personal opinions on the subject and to point out to Mr. Baker the fallacy in his reasoning. Firstly, we wish to state as a fact that of the two compositions, one is the reverse of the other.

(1) and (2) below are the two compositions referred to, whilst (3) is (2) adapted for a method with an H lead end. It will be seen that in H and J methods the bobbing positions occur in the same order, but the course-end appears between O and F in the former and between I and O in the latter.

(1) H Method i.e. 5738264 (8ths)	(2) J Method i.e. 7856342 (8ths)	(3) H Method i.e. 5738264 (8ths)
23456 F I O	23456 O F I	23456 F I O
35426 — — —	63254 — — —	32654 — — —
23564 — — —	25346 — — —	53246 — — —
32465 — — —	34256 — — —	42356 — — —
63254 — — —	25463 — — —	25463 — — —
35264 — — —	35264 — — —	35264 — — —

Now, a comparison of the bob intervals shows that (3) is the reverse of (1), and nothing Mr. Baker may say can dispute it; and, since (2) and (3) are the same it follows that (2) also is the reverse of (1).

In conclusion, we would point out to Mr. Baker that in comparing two compositions for methods with 8th's place made at the lead end, it is best to take as the course-end the natural course-end after the 'Out' position in each course.

ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
STEPHEN H. WOOD.

THE SEVENTY-METHOD MINOR PEAL.

The 'correction' made in our last issue to the 720 in 12 Alliance-Little methods was 'incorrect.' The fourth lead end should be 63524 (instead of 62534) and the bob should be retained.

(Continued from previous column.)

It was not until 3.55 p.m. that the peal was commenced. Incidentally the weights of these fine bells are not uninteresting:—

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

None of the band had rung at the tower before, except Messrs. Cross and Cannon, who had only rung Doubles with the local company. The striking throughout the peal was most creditable and there was scarcely a mistake. Double Oxford coming No. 4 was rather hard work, and the writer was glad when that method was finished, with three-pull dodging and spapping four times in each course.

To single out any ringer as being especially competent would be most unfair. Everybody pulled their weight, and the conducting was most efficient. But special mention must be made of the member of the fair sex who rang the 2nd. She kindly took the place of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, laid up with flu, right at the last moment. She rang her bell faultlessly, with no mistakes and seemingly no effort. It is a splendid thing to say for the 'go' of the bell that she did not complain of any fatigue, and could easily have rung another 720. Not once did she 'clip' any of the bells, and never once did the bell 'drop.'

The bells came round at 7.28 p.m. and everyone was delighted. A pleasant hour in the Mildmay Arms was spent with the company of Mr. Reeves, and at 9 o'clock Messrs. Wigg, Golden and Richards and Miss Cross departed for home, arriving at Reading at 1.45 a.m. on Sunday. On the way they ran out of petrol which delayed them half an hour.

The only thing for Gordon and the writer to do was to stay the night at the Mildmay Arms and then catch the 10.54 a.m. train on Sunday back to Reading at an additional cost of 17s. So for a few weeks they will be 'on short commons'! But it was well worth all the trouble and expense.

Before closing, the band wish to thank Mr. F. J. Reeves for his unflinching help and courtesy to them, for giving them permission and meeting them at the tower and getting everything ready. The writer would also like to thank all the band for their valuable assistance in helping him to achieve his greatest six-bell ambition at the age of 23. Incidentally all the band were 'under 29,' their average age being just 25 years.

A. P. C.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles 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 17th and 21st, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—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.—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, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Woking. 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.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, January 9th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea arranged at 1s. per head for all who inform Mr. J. Jollyes, The Cottage, School Lane, Broughton. Reports now ready.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 9th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (9d. each) at 5.30, at the Station Restaurant. A good meeting is earnestly desired, as Canon Hone, our hon. president, is leaving the district shortly. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Devizes, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, with meeting to follow, at 5. St. Mary's and St. James' bells also available. For tea, please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Maresfield on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead, Sussex.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual district meeting at Southampton on January 9th. Bells: St. Mary's from 2.30 and again after tea; Holy Rood, 2.30 to 4 p.m.; St. Michael's, after tea. Service St. Mary's 4.30 p.m. Tea in Chantry Hall at 5.15 p.m. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, January 9th. The bells of St. Alkmund's (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will commence at 4.30 p.m. All welcome.—George Freebrey, Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea on Saturday, January 9th. Bells open 2.30. Divine service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Appointment of hon. secretary takes place at this meeting, through the retirement of Mr. L. G. Tanner, who has held the position for ten years, but feels he cannot, through pressure of his business, undertake additional duties.—L. G. Tanner, Hon. Sec., 4, Hopkins Street, Weston-super-Mare.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held on Saturday, January 9th, at Apsley End. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Members are asked to attend this meeting.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—The annual meeting will be held, by kind permission, at St. Mary's, Ely, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells afternoon and after tea and meeting. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Bonnet's 5 p.m. Please send a card to Mr. H. Cole, 58, West Fen Road, Ely, Cambs, number for tea. Look up Major methods and come. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at St. Cuthbert's, Kirkby-in-Furness, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. A fine peal of bells to ring on and a welcome for every ringer. Tower secretaries are asked to bring subscriptions and names for 1937.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Old Chesterton on Saturday, January 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m. Please make the first meeting for 1937 a successful one.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Institute. Service 5 p.m. Wigan Branch specially invited.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Short service at 6 p.m. All visitors welcome. Come and let us have a good start for 1937.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Midsomer Norton and Frome Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells 2.30. Tea and business at 4.45. Service at 6 p.m.—G. M. Hasell, Hon. Sec., 11, Council Houses, Timsbury, near Bath.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Lincoln District.—Annual meeting at Metheringham on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m.—F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 9th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Central Cafe. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers welcome.—J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be at Ordsall (6) on January 9th. All who can handle a bell welcome. Roll up and make the first meeting in the new year a good one. Please send a card for tea to R. Fowler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 16th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Canon Coleridge. Meat tea in Parish Room 4.45, by ticket. Members of branch 1s., all others 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea tickets to be applied for by January 11th to W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Owing to the difficulty of arranging tea, it is most essential that names should be sent to Mr. J. H. Swinfield, 240, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent, by Wednesday, January 13th. No postcard, no tea. North Staffs and Derby District members cordially invited.—Joseph Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 16th. Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Feniton on Saturday, January 16th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Also Ottery St. Mary (8). All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Westminster on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m., and St. Stephen's, Rochester Row (8) after tea and meeting. — C. M. Meyer, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.15. Those hoping to be present for tea should notify me at least three days previously.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside Circular Drive, Chester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The fifth annual supper and social will be held in the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 16th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, available from association officers and tower secretaries until January 10th. Ringing at Norwood Green and Heston in afternoon. District annual general meeting at Isleworth on February 6th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. 6d. per head; apply for same to undersigned not later than Wednesday previous. Ringing for one hour after, following business meeting. A good meeting requested.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Averil Road, Humberstone Park Estate, Leicester.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 12th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Mole Brace, Shrewsbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will take place at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after. All welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Uppingham on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Please notify for tea early to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16th. The bells of Holy Sepulchre will be available from 2.30 p.m. The service will be held in this church. The address will be given by the Rev. Rowson. Election of officers. Names for tea to me please by Jan. 12th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Wisbech branch will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 until 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Friendship Hotel, price 1s. 6d. per head. Visitors kindly advise me by the Wednesday previous. A hearty welcome given to all ringers.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, Jan. 16. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names, please, for tea by Wednesday, Jan. 13th, to J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe (10 bells), on Jan. 16th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar and wardens) at 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow. All those who intend to be present must send their names in to me by the 13th inst. This rule must be observed in order to help with the arrangements for tea.—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.45 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting in Parish Rooms. An IMPORTANT meeting will be held at 4 p.m., at which all committee men are earnestly asked to be present.—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea should notify Mr. G. Dudley, 47, Sketchley Road, Burbage, Hinckley, by Wednesday previous.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at St. Peter's, Rock Ferry, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Parish Hall afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Raunds (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please inform me not later than Thursday, Jan. 14th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting and social afterwards.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Benwell (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Make it **your** business to attend and help us make a good start for 1937.—K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS' Sixteenth Annual Dinner at the Cadena Café, Wine St., Bristol 1, on Saturday, Jan. 16th, 6 p.m. Bells of various churches available from 2 p.m. Afternoon trip to Bitton, Glos., for visitors (please apply) at 3 p.m. (free of cost by motor coach). Tea and bun at St. Thomas' Church Room, 3.45 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. Dinner tickets, 4s. 6d., from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankards Close, Bristol 2.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. All members and friends will be welcome.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

WATFORD, Jan. 16th (Herts Association).—Bells available from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea in the Old Free School 5.30. Train and coach service to High Street from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, City 4270.

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.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Full particulars will be advertised next week.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The branch meets at Saxlingham Nethergate, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Method for practice: Double Coslany Court.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 6d., at 5.30 p.m. Names please to Thomas B. Worsley, 32, Castle Street, Bolton. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5.15 p.m.) at Darracott's Restaurant, West Street; business afterwards. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, 20th. Everybody welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch—St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme. Re-opening of the Birch 'Ring of Bells' (8), after reconstruction of the mechanism by Taylors, of Loughborough. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester has kindly consented to perform the ceremony and conduct a short service in the church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. All ringers and friends cordially welcome. A postcard from those desiring tea, 1s. each, will be appreciated, before Jan. 20th.—Rev. A. E. Horner, L.Th., Hon. C.F., The Rectory, Birch-in-Rusholme.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Important: Please send me numbers for tea not later than Friday, 22nd. All ringers heartily welcome.—Walter Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells from 4 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. The bells of Charminster, Fordington and Upwey available from 3 p.m. Kindly advise early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30. 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. 26th Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Further particulars next week.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—After to-morrow the address of Mr. E. Jennings will be 159, Herkomer Road, Bushey, Herts.

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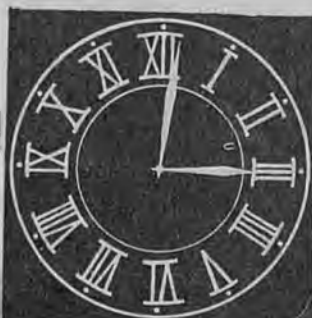
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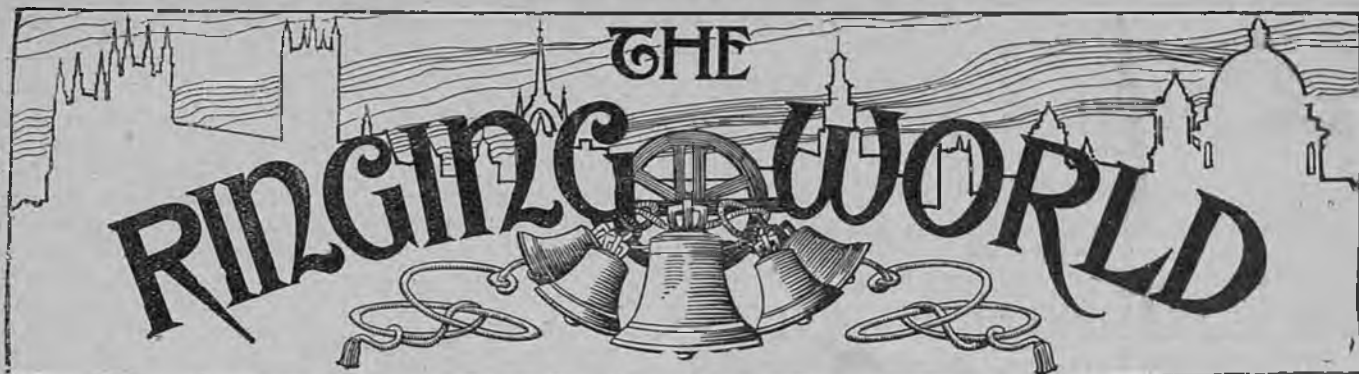
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What contrasts we find in connection with ringing! The same post brought us a record of the doings during 1936 in the tower of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, where over 118,000 changes were rung in successful peals and touches, and the almost pathetic story of the heartbreaking task confronting the leader of the band at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, London, to maintain Sunday ringing and practice. One tower still on a flood tide, which has carried the company on its crest for years; the other struggling, almost submerged, in despair to keep the bells ringing at all. Ipswich is one of the outstanding examples of a tower blessed for more than a generation with the possession of a competent band, whose enthusiasm and enterprise seem to grow with the years. The ceremony which took place there only a few weeks ago is evidence of that. Ipswich has made twelve-bell history and the society, with many grey heads among its members, is showing it is still possessed of the spirit of youth by electing one of its youngest members—and a lady member at that—as 'Master' for the year. It is a pleasing compliment to pay to an accomplished young ringer, but it is a proof that the society has confidence in youth, when supported by the experience of age, and is not afraid to entrust its offices to the rising generation.

The difficulties confronting the band at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields are those which have come in the past to many London towers. There are very few in the inner radius of the Metropolis where ringing can be regularly maintained. Where service ringing is done, it is by bands who, for the most part, have to come in from the outer suburbs for the purpose. Indeed, in all the large towns and cities it is increasingly difficult to keep ringers at the churches. The migration to the outskirts has made service in this direction not only more costly in money, but also in time, and it is not easy to see what remedy can be applied. Ringers who are able to lend a hand at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, and at other churches where similar difficulties are to be found, will, needless to say, be cordially welcomed, but it seems to us the only real hope is to strengthen the band from among those who are worshippers at the church. Those who already have an interest in the services are more likely to respond to a call for help than those who have no present association with the church. This line of action has already proved itself in the City of London, and we believe is the only course that can be pursued with any hope of lasting success. We trust, however, that an appeal for help in building up a band may not fall upon deaf ears among the many ringers in and around London. Temporary

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help is often possible, where a promise of permanent assistance may be out of the question. Perhaps some form of pooling of resources might be a way of strengthening ringing in some of the London churches. The difficulties are numerous, but, we hope, not insuperable. The many ringing organisations which cover the greater London area might well discuss this subject, for St. Giles'-in-the-Fields is not the only church at which assistance would be valued, and if only the societies would draw closer together instead of seeming, officially, to keep as wide apart as possible, something useful might be done.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN.

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On Thursday, December 31, 1936, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*ERNEST J. DURRANT Treble	WILLIAM A. ROUSE 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 2	EDWARD B. SMITH 6
EDWARD E. DAVEY 3	ALBERT J. CLARK 7
*HAROLD W. CUTHBERT 4	MAURICE J. LING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by M. J. LING.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. All are local men.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	FRANK VARTY 5
MISS NORAH M. BIEBY 2	LESTER L. GRAY 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JOHN E. BIBBY 7
EDWIN C. BIRKETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN Treble	KEITH W. WHITTELL 5
SHEPHERD SPARROW 2	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 6
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 3	ARTHUR R. WOODARD 7
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 4	HARRY D. LISTER Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

ARKSEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST COOPER Treble	*HORACE S. MORLEY 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	*EDGAR C. STACEY 6
*EDWIN E. LEE 3	†FOORD P. NEWTON 7
WILLIAM FAY 4	†BEN BIRKETT Tenor

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* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal. Rung after meeting short for Major. A compliment to G. Clark on the 32nd anniversary of his wedding.

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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
*WALTER M. GODDARD ... Treble	GEORGE E. FBIRN ... 5
MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	*STEPHEN BROMFIELD ... 6
†ARTHUR W. HODDLESS ... 3	†ERNEST BRITAIN ... 7
*GEORGE L. HALL ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. H. Marcon, Lincoln, of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker, Monkseaton, and of a son to Mr. and Mrs. B. Gillatt, jun., Burton-on-Stather.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Kenneth Snelling ... Treble	WALTER CLAYDON ... 5
ERNEST W. RAZZELL ... 2	ALBERT E. LAKER ... 6
LEONARD S. LAKER ... 3	WILLIAM T. BRESON ... 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 4	CECIL NICE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*THOMAS E. DENYER ... Treble	*PERCIVAL L. ELDRIDGE ... 5
*MISS DORIS VIGGERS ... 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 6
*WILLIAM H. VIGGERS ... 3	LEONARD STILWELL ... 7
*CHARLES W. DENYER ... 4	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Superlative; none of them had previously made a bob in the method.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, January 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DEVON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

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Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

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On Friday, January 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus.

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

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 2	*COLIN A. HOPPER ... 6
DEREK M. SHARP ... 3	HARRY HOSKINS ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

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

* First attempt in the method.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
JAMES W. WILKINS ... 2	*REGINALD BLABY ... 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 3	ROLAND BIGGS ... 7
JESSE HARRISON ... 4	WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Wingrove, for the 20th anniversary of their wedding day, January 11th.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK L. FISHER ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
*C. JOHN TROTMAN ... 2	CHARLES CLARKE ... 6
*A. STANLEY WOODARD ... 3	JOHN F. TILLET ... 7
WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 4	ALDERMAN LING ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by F. L. FISHER.

* First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate the golden jubilee in holy orders of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

KENNETH LEWIS ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 2	THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 7
LIONEL CLOUGH ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by J. WORTH.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.	Tenor 10½ cwt.
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY ... 5
ALAN R. HICKTON ... 2	ERNEST W. BEADMORE ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... 3	ARTHUR BRAINES ... 7
W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 4	WILLIAM F. BARNHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	JOHN FORD ... 5
MISS SYLVIA R. BOWYER ... 2	HARRY MOSS ... 6
MISS PHYLLIS TILLET ... 3	LEONARD LAST ... 7
ERNEST F. POPPY ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

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Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
WALTER AYRE 2	FRANCIS KIRK 6
WALTER G. PAUL 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	HAROLD C. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The peal consisted of 2,944 London, 872 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method.

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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

HENRY W. SHADRACK Treble	GEORGE M. RASBROOK ... 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	PERCY GREEN 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM CHALK 7
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his recovery from a long illness.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*BERNARD CASTLE Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 5
†HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 2	†R. GORDON CROSS ... 6
†MARIE R. CROSS 3	C. ELLIOT WIGG 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	RICHARD A. POST Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITTSROW.

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 31, 1936, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Single Court, three of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JACK VESSEY Treble	RICHARD HARVEY 4
THOMAS VESSEY 2	FRANK VERNON 5
JAMES RAITHEY 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

Rung half-muffled.

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(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 31, 1936, and Friday, January 1, 1937, in
Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Morpeth and Alnwick; (2) Northumberland and Carlisle; (3) Durham, York, Surfleet and Beverley; (4) Norfolk and Primrose; (5) Ipswich and Cambridge; (6) Lincoln and Coldstream; (7) London, Newcastle and Wells.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

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

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

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On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JAMES RAITHEY Treble	HAROLD DENMAN 4
MISS K. BURCHNALL 2	*JACK MILLHOUSE 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 3	*CLIFFORD VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

EARLS CROOME, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES HAYTINGS Treble	EDWARD S. MAUND 3
FRED HAWKES 2	CYRIL HALLING 4
ARTHUR GRIFFIN 3	ARTHUR GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by F. HAWKES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. Dudley Smith, of Earls Croome Court, for many years a life honorary member of this association, who was interred in Earls Croome Churchyard that day.

ALGARKIRK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 25 methods, viz. :—

- (1) College, Wavertree, St. Clement's, Childwall, London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford and Thelwall.
- (2) Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Capel and Oxford Treble Bob.
- (3) Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise and Ockley Treble Bob.
- (4) Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Newdigate Delight.
- (5) Cambridge Surprise.
- (6) Double and Single Court.
- (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN A. MUSE Treble	GEORGE W. BURRELL ... 4
*JOHN C. BRITAIN 2	HAROLD BARSLEY 5
*JOSEPH J. LEBSON 3	CYRIL R. BURRELL Tenor

Conducted by C. R. BURRELL.

* First peal in 25 methods. The above are all Sunday service ringers at this church.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, 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.

*E. JOHN RELFE Treble	JOHN J. BASSETT 4
BASIL J. SANDS 2	BERTRAM J. LOCK 5
†ALBERT RELFE 3	JAMES BASSETT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal. † 200th peal. The conductor taught the remainder of the band to ring and they are all Sunday service ringers at the above church except the ringer of the 5th, who is a service ringer at Canterbury Cathedral.

METHWOLD, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE

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 12½ cwt. in G.

EDWARD BARKER Treble	FRED WIGMORE 4
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells, which were made six by Osborn and Arnold in 1778.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 28, 1936, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD, NEWMARKET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Size 16½ in B flat.

"SIDNEY BROWN 1-2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3-4	† WALTER AYRE 7-8

* REGINALD C. SHARP ... 9-10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal 'in hand.' † 425th peal.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT 21, DEEDEN ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

* LEO JARD E. PITSTOW ... 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
* ALFRED E. PITSTOW 3-4	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 7-8

* ALFRED L. SIMMONDS ... 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witness—Ernest A. Pitstow.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' First peal of Royal in Saffron Walden.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

IN ST. STEPHEN'S RINGING CHAMBER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HERBERT KNIGHT 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
* EDGAR GUISE 3-4	JOHN A. BURFORD 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal on handbells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 7, 1937, in One Hour and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT 48, KING'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor size 11 in G.

FREDERICK J. SPICER 1-2	FRANCIS KIRK 3-4
HAROLD V. FROST 5-6	

Conducted by HAROLD V. FROST.

Umpire—George W. Debenham.

First peal 'in hand' as conductor and first attempt.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, January 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT 8, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

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

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

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, January 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT 8, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor size 14 in D.

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

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal in the method.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

COMPLIMENT TO HESTON RINGER.

At Heston, Middlesex, on Sunday, January 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Odd Bob): W. F. Ellingham (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 1, W. Sparrow 2, W. H. Stevens 3, W. W. Webb 4, W. Morris 5, F. J. Cattermoul 6, H. C. Chandler 7, H. G. Cooper 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. H. C. Chandler, for 45 years a ringer at Heston Parish Church.

LADIES' GUILD.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—It is a pleasure to read in your leader of December 25th that the general secretary of the Ladies' Guild is able to report 'increase in membership and renewed interest.' I think most ringers will hope that the secretary will again next year be able to make a like report.

The ladies have had to fight for this result and thoroughly deserve whatever success they have achieved. But there—where pluck and 'sticking to it' is concerned, the ladies beat us hollow.

With reference, Sir, to your remarks, 'Despite the scoffers who think the Guild redundant,' and again, 'there are still some ringers who think the belfry should be the exclusive preserve of the male sex,' may I say that, from experience gained in the early days of ladies' ringing, I believe that such men were always in a very small minority indeed.

I taught my wife to handle a bell in the years 1908-9, and between that time and 1918 we had cycled to, and rung in, just over 400 belfries, from Newcastle-on-Tyne to Penzance. Perhaps we were lucky, but we have nothing but the most pleasurable recollections of every one of the towers we visited, and in a very great number of those towers my wife was informed that she was the first lady ever to have handled a bell.

It surely goes without saying that the presence of a good woman in the belfry (as any and everywhere else) cannot but have an upward trend.

'To chase the clouds of life's tempestuous hours,
To strew its short but weary way with flow'rs,
New hopes to raise, new feelings to impart,
And pour celestial balsam on the heart;
For this to man was lovely woman giv'n,
The last, best work, the noblest gift of Heav'n.'

Why bar the belfry from all such advantages? God bless the ladies and their Guild, say I.

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh, Surrey.

CENTRAL DISTRICT IN HERTS.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Augustine's, Broxbourne, Herts, on Saturday, January 2nd, and, in spite of the 'flu' epidemic, was fairly well attended.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Murray Walton, who welcomed the Guild to his church. Miss Bradford (assistant secretary) officiated at the harmonium.

Tea was held at the Welcome Cafe and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Rector was present. Unfortunately Mr. Radley, who had been making all the necessary arrangements for the meeting and was present to welcome the visitors at the church during the afternoon, became a victim of the 'flu' and had to leave the party before tea much to his great regret.

After tea a very short business meeting was held.

Beckenham was proposed as the place of the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, March 6th, with Beddington as an alternative.

The next Wednesday meeting will be held on February 1st at Laytonstone.

Further ringing took place afterwards.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

118,000 CHANGES IN A YEAR.

The annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, was held on January 5th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Miss Phyllis E. Tillet, who is the first lady to occupy the 'chair' in this society; Deputy Master, George A. Fleming; treasurer, Charles J. Sedgley; steeplekeeper, Frederick J. Tillet; auditors, Robert H. Brundle and William P. Garrett; secretary, George E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich. The secretary, in his report, stated that during the year the society rang the first peal of Double Norwich Royal on the bells of Stonham Aspal; a grandfathers' peal of Stedman Triples at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, by a band all residents of the borough; and Cambridge Minor at Ashbocking. In addition the changes rung on St. Mary-le-Tower bells for services, practice and peals were as under: 1 peal Superlative Maximus, 5,280 changes; 1 peal Cambridge Maximus, 5,280; 1 peal Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 5,136; 2 peals Stedman Cinques, 10,014; 31 courses Cambridge Maximus, 16,368; 19 courses Superlative Maximus, 10,080; 10 courses Rochester Maximus, 5,424 (some being bob courses). Other methods of Maximus included Little Albion, 4,032 changes; touches of Cinques, 11,069; Royal, 25,320; Caters, 6,469; Major, 12,348; Triples, 1,798; grand total 118,618.

This is an average of 2,281 changes per week. The methods of Royal and Major included Cambridge, Rochester, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Plain, Bristol, Superlative, London and Forward, Caters and Triples, Stedman and Grandsire.

These figures do not include failures in peals and touches. The total for 1935 was 117,035.

FOR BEGINNERS.

PLAIN HUNTING.

If the beginner has learned thoroughly to control his bell, the sooner he can get on to change ringing the better. He may not find it very easy at first, and we want to warn him not to be dispirited if he does not grasp it as quickly as he thinks he ought to do.

Change ringing is a curious thing to learn. Some people can see it almost straight away; others seem to grope about in darkness for quite a long time, until all at once the light of understanding breaks upon them—and they think how stupid they must have been not to have 'seen' it before.

The point we want to make is, if you do not grasp the idea of ringing changes straight away, don't give up. Stick to it and eventually you will master it and find what a fascinating thing it is.

If you studied the little practice 'game' we gave you a fortnight ago, you will have observed from the manipulation of the cards how changes are made. When you come to apply this to your actual ringing you have got to acquire the facility of 'seeing' where your bell is among the rest as the changes are produced at every pull on the ropes. This facility is called 'ropesight,' that is you have got to be able to distinguish, as you ring, which rope you are pulling after, and which rope is being pulled after yours. All your observations in the ringing chamber have to be made by the ropes as they rise and fall—if the ropes follow each other in the right order, of course the bells are in the right order in the changes.

Changes are produced by what are known as 'methods,' that is by systems which automatically carry on the sequence of changes from the 'rounds' from which you start, until 'rounds' again comes up, and your 'touch' or 'peal' is completed.

To ring changes successfully you must memorise your method and know exactly what to do at every change from beginning to end. That does not mean that you have to learn beforehand the order in which you will strike over the bells; but you must know the 'path' or track which you have to follow—it may be a straight path up and down, like the treble in Grandsire, or it may be an intricate one, such as is followed by a working bell in the more complicated methods.

A straight path is called 'plain hunting' and the beginner will do well to content himself for his first lesson in doing this plain hunting. If the hand to which he belongs are change ringers they will probably put him to ring the treble to Grandsire as a matter of course. If all the band are beginning change ringing together, their first step should be to learn to hunt their bells, and they can do this by a method called 'Original,' which in its plain course produces twice as many changes as there are bells engaged.

It will help things also if at the start changes are rung with the tenor 'covering,' so that you not only have a bell to keep the 'beat,' but you know exactly which to lead from, which is a great help in keeping good striking.

A little thought will show you that in hunting up, after you have led, your pace will be just a little slower than when you strike continually in the same place in rounds, because one more bell has to strike before you than in the last change. If you are ringing on six bells and are leading, between your two blows at handstroke and backstroke five other bells have struck, but when you move into 2nd's place six bells strike between your own two blows, and so on all the while you are moving up.

Whenever you remain a whole pull in one place, as you do at lead, or in lying behind, there are only five bells between your pulls, as in rounds, and when you hunt down, from back to front, there are only four bells before you pull again. This means that in coming down towards the lead, you pull in more quickly. Indeed, it is essential that in this hunting down you should do it smartly, not only to secure good striking, but to keep your place. You get lost more quickly by being slow in hunting down than in any other way.

Remember this, once you have pulled your bell off, nothing you can do can alter the place where it will strike at that change—it may be a good blow, it may be a bad one, but you can't alter it. Therefore, once you have pulled off, you can concentrate your attention entirely upon the next bell you have got to follow.

If you are hunting up it is fairly simple. It will be the bell that is following you this time. Look for him immediately you pull off. With only four other bells to trouble about, you will soon learn to spot him quickly. And, as you go, remember to count your places; that is the position in which your bell is striking, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th.

Here is another point to remember. As you hunt up (or down, for that matter), once you have struck over a bell, you can dismiss it from your attention until you turn round and hunt in the opposite direction. Thus, as you hunt, you gradually reduce the number of bells from which to pick out the next you require, so that if you have already passed in turn over 2 and 4 you know the next must be either 3 or 5, and, if it is 5, then next time there is only the 3rd left. This knowledge simplifies your task very much, especially when hunting down, which is, perhaps, just a little more difficult in its ropesight than is hunting up.

It is for that reason that it is important to know the place in which your bell strikes. If you are ringing changes on five bells with the tenor covering, after you have led, and, in hunting up, have struck in turn over the other four, you are in fifth's place. Before you actually start hunting down you have to have one more blow

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DEATH OF MR. PERCY W. H. CAME.

BRISTOL RINGER'S LONG ASSOCIATION WITH ST. MARY REDCLIFFE.

The death took place last week at Bromley, Kent, at the residence of his son, of Mr. Percy W. H. Came, who had been an outstanding personality at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, for over 70 years. As a boy he went to the school on Redcliffe Parade, a stone's throw from the church, and also sang in the choir of the Parish Church as a boy. He learnt to ring a bell there, and when at one time things were not exactly as they should be in the tower, the Vicar sent for him and asked him to take over control of the tower and bells. This he did, with beneficial results to the Exercise in Bristol, for, soon after, united practices were held which resulted in peals of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques and Bob Maximus being rung under the conductorship of the late Mr. H. Porch, and the powerful backing of the late Mr. James Hinton.

After the bells had been restored and the weight of the tenor increased from 39 to 50½ cwt., Mr. Came was the first to ring it to a peal. He rang many other peals, the most noteworthy being the peal of Stedman Triples at the Church of St. Helena, Lundy Island, in the year 1905.

He was senior sidesman at St. Mary Redcliffe, where the funeral took place on Saturday last, when a goodly gathering of old friends and representative people attended the choral funeral service, with Mr. Ralph T. Morgan at the organ. The 23rd Psalm and the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' were sung by the congregation, and the choir sang 'I hear a voice from heaven,' and the Russian Contakion for the Departed, 'Give rest, O Christ.'

The ringers taking part in the muffled ringing before and after the service were Messrs. E. J. Brown, H. H. Tucker, G. T. Daltry, C. H. Gordon, M. Osmond, F. G. Leaker, A. Pearce, G. Pearce, E. Clark, F. Porch, E. Pring and W. A. Cave, and Mrs. E. Wilkins. Canon Coleridge, who was also in the peal at Lundy Island, travelled from Crowthorne to pay his respects to his old friend, and the family of the deceased expressed their deep appreciation of this act. Whatever faults the deceased ringer may have had, his enthusiasm and encouragement did their part in the advance of change ringing which took place in Bristol during 1897 and onwards.

W. A. C.

A MIDNIGHT BELL TRIAL.

INTERESTING RESTORATION AT SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.

On New Year's Eve the newly-rehung bells at Saham Toney, Norfolk, were given a first trial by the local and district ringers for the 'watchnight' service. The bells, it may be remembered, were dedicated on October 18th, but owing to the great amount of concrete used in restoring the tower, it was not deemed advisable to have them rung for three months. The old framework, one of the oldest in England, has been lifted bodily some 10ft. higher in the tower by the builders, who have tied the tower together with a concrete grill floor. On this has been erected a new teak frame, and the six bells (tenor 13½ cwt.) rehung on teak headstocks with all new modern plain bearings and fittings.

The work of restoring the tower was carried out under the supervision of Mr. Weir, the architect, by Messrs. Peek Vout, of Watton, Norfolk, and the restoration of the bells was carried out under the supervision of Mr. J. E. Burton, of Norwich, himself a ringer, by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

Great satisfaction was expressed by all present with the 'go' of the bells. A representative party from the neighbouring towers attended, in spite of the very late hour of 11.30 p.m., for the trial. The old treble and fifth bells have been recast and all were tuned.

WEDDING BELLS

On Wednesday, December 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, Pentre Rhondda, immediately after the wedding of Miss D. M. Spenser Jones, daughter of the Vicar of the parish, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Page 1, G. Wines 2, G. Page 3, J. W. Jones 4, T. J. Hamlin 5, A. W. Heath 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, H. Crabb 8.

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(making a whole pull in 5th's). This gives you time to observe the four bells in front of you.

You have, at the next pull, to quicken your pace, so as to strike fourth instead of fifth. You must look for three ropes to go and pull smartly over the third one. Next time there will be only two to go before it is your turn and then only one. After which it will be your turn to lead. Do this steadily, leaving space for one bell between the backstroke of the tenor and your own handstroke. Don't forget, in hunting down, as you pull over each bell, you can ignore it until you have led.

It is a help also if you can remember the order in which you strike over the bells as you hunt up (with the treble in Grandsire). You will take the bells in the same order on your way down.

If you are all beginners, try a plain hunting course of Original. The odd bells (1 and 3) start by hunting up, and the even bells (2 and 4) start by hunting down. No. 5 will hunt down after lying one blow behind. This can be your first step, and if you are in an eight-bell tower you can try it out on seven bells with the tenor covering.

TITLES IN PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I enter a plea for the retention of titles in the records of peals? It seems to me that the record not only suffers from a degree of inaccuracy, but that in years to come it will lose some of its historical interest. The omission of 'Mr.' can lead to no misunderstanding and in no way lessens the position of man as 'Master,' nor is it likely to belittle him in the eyes of the opposite sex! But, in the interests of accuracy, I much regret the occasional absence of 'Mrs.' and 'Miss,' and of titles denoting office or rank.

(Rev.) E. V. COX.

Brampford Speke Vicarage, Exeter.

DUNCHURCH BELLS.

CONGRATULATIONS ON NEW YEAR'S EVE RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to give a word of praise to the ringers at Dunchurch for the way they rang the new year in. The Moulton Radio Handbell Ringers were returning from the Birmingham B.B.C. Studio to Northampton, and about midnight reached Dunchurch, and, hearing the sound of village bells, stopped the car to listen. The music of those bells was most delightful and the tapping was perfect. I do not suppose the ringers realised that a party of change ringers were listening to them and enjoying the way they handled the ropes. We passed on resolving to imitate them.

J. MAURICE TURNER.

The Vicarage, Moulton.

BROADCASTING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to supplement what my friend, Mr. Coles, wrote last week re the broadcast of Croydon bells. I was fortunate to hear the last four leads of the Caters and they came over perfectly and striking was 'O.K.' I had the pleasure of hearing them in Myland Lodge, Colchester, where I expect to remain for a short period. Will Croydon please give us some more in the near future?

W. KEEBLE.

P.S.—It is also to be hoped that we shall get bells on the air during the Coronation proceedings.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL BRANCH AT ELY.

By kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Elliott Simpson, the annual meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at St. Mary's, Ely, on Saturday. Mr. H. Cole, of the local company, was there to receive the ringers about 3 p.m., and good practice ringing took place.

A short Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of St. Mary's, his address being much appreciated. Basing his address on the words, 'We have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him,' the moral could be summed up in these words, 'The ringers, by ringing the bells, reminded people of the call to prayer, also that their own presence was required at worship.'

After the service tea was partaken of at Bonnett's, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. The balance sheet of the branch was presented and passed, and several new members were elected.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, the Rev. Elliott Simpson, M.A.; secretary, Mr. F. Warrington (Over); Branch Ringing Master, Mr. F. Thulbon (Wilburton); the committee to consist of captains of belfries attached to the branch.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, taking the Guild service and presiding.—The Vicar suitably replied.

The ringers returned to the church, where further ringing took place, the bells being lowered just before 9 p.m.

It was proposed that the next annual meeting take place at Over.

ROYAL CUMBERLANDS AND THE DUKE OF KENT.

ROYAL REPLY TO MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Boxing Day, in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent. The Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) sent an intimation of this celebration, with the congratulations of the society, to H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, and has received the following reply from the Private Secretary:—

'I am desired to convey to you and to the members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths the sincere thanks of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent for their kind message of congratulations.

'His Royal Highness was very pleased to hear of the peal of bells that was rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields by eight members of the society.'

APPRECIATION

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NEAR BRISTOL.

December 22nd, 1936.

"MESSRS. JOHN TAYLOR & Co.,
"LOUGHBOROUGH.

"GENTLEMEN,

"I have pleasure in enclosing cheque in settlement of accompanying account.

"The work you have done gives more than satisfaction. It has called forth many expressions of admiration, not only from our own ringers but from many others from neighbouring parishes who have visited our tower since the ring was installed again. The old bells have, by your treatment, greatly improved in tone, while that of the two new bells is particularly sweet. We are being told that we have now one of the most melodious rings in the county. The chiming apparatus is found to be most effective, as well as easy to manipulate and control.

"We thank you very much for the care and attention you have given to the work, and for what you have done for us.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) F. H. W. TAYLOR."

Note—Bitton Church bells have recently been increased from six to eight, the six bells having been tuned, and the peal rehung by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A broken clapper put an end to an attempt for a peal of Treble Twelve at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Saturday.

Members of the Royal Cumberland Youths should note that the annual meeting, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, is to be held on the 30th inst., and not the 23rd as advertised last week.

A nice compliment has been paid to that brilliant young lady ringer, Miss Phyllis Tillet, who, at the age of 18, has been elected Master of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich—an office never before filled by a lady. Miss Tillet comes of a long line of ringers, covering at least five generations, and she will now have the privilege of 'ordering' her father and grandfather, who are active members of the society.

Five members of the Aldershot band rang in a peal of Superlative Surprise Major last week without having previously made a bob in the method. Things like this happen, of course, among those expert bands who make a habit of ringing peals in new methods without previous practice, but that does not in any way detract from a fine performance by these young ringers, three at least of whom can count their peals on the fingers of one hand.

When Mr. Albert Relfe, of Lamberhurst, Kent, rang his 200th peal last Saturday (92 of which he has conducted), the rest of his band consisted of his own pupils.

There are few rings of bells which remain in a tower for a hundred and sixty years before a peal is rung on them, but such has been the case of the bells of Methwold, Suffolk. They were converted to six by Osborn and Arnold in 1778, and the first peal was rung on them last Saturday.

In connection with the deaths of Messrs. H. Rann and R. J. Dawe, recorded in this issue, it is a melancholy fact to record that four of the band who took part in the first peal rung by the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' on April 8th, 1893, have passed away in little over a year, the others being Messrs. G. B. Bleach and E. C. Merritt. There is only one other survivor of the band, Mr. A. F. Nye, who has long since given up ringing.

FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I very much regret to find two peals of Treble Bob Major variations of F. Robinson's 5,184 which I have called are false, viz., 5,024 rung at Tenterden, April 2nd, 1923, and 5,056 at Farnham, May 21st, 1923. I used the alternate calling in last course of two parts. I tender my sincere apologies to those who took part in these performances.

F. BENNETT.

Brighton.

FALSE PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out that the peal of Bob Royal (5,040 changes) by H. Dains, rung for the Salisbury Guild at Wimbome on October 22nd, 1921, is false. As the conductor, I offer my sincere apologies to the members who took part in same.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Eastleigh.

PRESENTATION TO MR. MAURICE E. WILSON.

WEDDING GIFT OF CHIMING CLOCK.

A very pleasing ceremony took place in the Sheffield Cathedral belfry on Sunday last, when Mr. Maurice E. Wilson was presented with a clock, with Westminster chimes, by the members of the Cathedral company, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Eva Chafer, which took place on December 12th last.

The presentation was made by the Master, Mr. Harold Naylor, who spoke of the loyal support to the company given by Mr. Wilson during the past 15 years, in the course of which he had been a consistent member. He hoped Mr. Wilson would accept the gift as a mark of appreciation and esteem from the whole of the members, together with their best wishes for a long and happy union in the future.

Mr. S. F. Palmer, secretary, supported the Master's remarks.

Mr. Wilson feelingly thanked the members for their generous gift and hoped the good feeling that already existed amongst the members of the company would long continue.

NEW SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is not the slightest wish to lessen the credit due to those men who have supplied the Exercise with so many good methods, but to put authors' names to the methods in the Central Council MS. collection is simply impossible. Cornwall Surprise, which Mr. Tipler claims, is one of those obvious methods which anyone who is interested in method construction is pretty sure to write out sooner or later. It has been composed by several people. Who was the first I do not know, but Henry Dains forestalled Mr. Tipler by many years.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

TWO SUSSEX RINGERS DEAD.

HERBERT RANN AND ROBERT J. DAWE.

Sussex has lost two well known ringers by the deaths of Herbert Rann, of the St. Nicholas' Society, Brighton, who died on Dec. 29th, at the age of 67 years, and Robert James Dawe, of Southover, Lewes, who passed away at the same age, on Jan. 4th.

By the death of Robert James Dawe, who died suddenly at his home at Southover, Lewes, on Monday afternoon, January 4th, Sussex ringing has lost a familiar figure, the County Association a stalwart supporter, and many ringers a valued friend. For 48 years 'Bob' Dawe was active in Sussex ringing, and the association owes a great deal to him for the quiet but excellent work which he did on its behalf while secretary of the Central Division from 1905 to 1912.

When Mr. Dawe began his ringing in 1889 at Lewes, there were not many places in Sussex where change ringing had been firmly established. The County Association was in its infancy and at his own tower only 'stone' ringing prevailed. Purchasing Snowden's 'Rope-sight,' Bob Dawe began to study change ringing and persuaded some of his friends to join him in the tower. About this time the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies was curate at Ringmer, a village three miles away, and regularly for the weekly practice Bob Dawe did this journey on foot, with such others of his band as would join him, to learn something more of the mysteries of change ringing.

He was an apt pupil, and in May, 1891, he rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, followed little more than six weeks later with Stedman Triples, with which peal began a long and intimate association with Mr. George Williams, who called the peal, and afterwards close on a hundred others in which Mr. Dawe took part. Bob Major and another peal of Grandsire followed in September of the same year, and in the meantime he was coaching the band in his own tower in the Plain Bob method. In October, with four of his pupils standing in, he called a peal of Bob Triples. Before the year was out he had rung the treble to a peal of Double Norwich, and the way was paved to an interesting career in peal ringing.

FIRST SURPRISE PEALS.

After spending a couple of years at Eastbourne, where he assisted Christ Church Society, he moved to Brighton, where greater opportunities were opened up by membership of the St. Peter's Society, at that time reaching the peak of its fame in Surprise ringing, under Mr. George Williams' conductorship. In the years that followed Mr. Dawe took part in the first peals of Norfolk, Westminster, Oxford and Bristol Surprise ever rung, and in the first peals of London in the City of London and in Hampshire.

In gauging the value of these performances one has to remember how little Surprise ringing was practised in those days. A Surprise peal was really a performance of considerable merit, and it was largely the activities and success of the Brighton company of that period that popularised this form of ringing.

Among other peals in which Mr. Dawe took part were 6,720 of London Surprise in 1901, at St. Peter's, Brighton, the only peal of Double Norwich Royal ever rung in Sussex (1902), and (in 1911) the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county.

With a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Clement's, Hastings, in 1912, Mr. Dawe was the first ringer to ring a peal on every ring of eight and ten bells then in the county. He afterwards rang peals on most of the new rings that were installed, but at the time of his death there remained one or two on which his ambition had not been fulfilled.

The total of the peals in his carefully kept peal book number 484, and it is strange that in this issue of 'The Ringing World' one of these peals, rung at Parnham in 1923, is withdrawn as false. Mr. Dawe never counted himself as a 'conductor,' preferring to leave that department to others, and he had called, in all, only 23 peals. He was, however, a very safe and good ringer. His peals for the Sussex Association numbered over 400, and others were rung for the



THE LATE MR. R. J. DAWE.

Kent County Association, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the Oxford Guild, the Midland Counties Association, the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association and the Royal Cumberland Youths.

One of his closest ringing friends for something like 40 years was Mr. Frank Bennett, and it is interesting to note that he conducted no fewer than 180 of the peals in which Mr. Dawe took part.

Mr. Dawe's association with St. Peter's, Brighton, lasted from 1894 to 1906, when he removed to Seaford, before returning to reside again in Lewes. Throughout all his ringing career he has never ceased to be a member of the Southover, Lewes, Guild. In addition to serving the association for seven years as a divisional secretary he also represented the association on the Central Council from 1909 to 1911.

Mr. Dawe had not enjoyed very good health for some two or three years past, but his death came quite unexpectedly. He attended the funeral of his old ringing friend, Mr. Herbert Rann, at Brighton, on Saturday, January 2nd. On Sunday, he rang as usual for service, and went to work on Monday morning. He was taken ill in the afternoon and died within a few hours.

Widespread sympathy with the widow and family in their bereavement showed itself in the attendance at the funeral on Friday afternoon. A large number of parishioners attended the service at Southover Church, which was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. D. G. Matthews). The ringers present were Messrs. A. J. Turner, G. P. Elphick, F. J. Crees, T. W. Woolston, W. J. Coppard, W. Ward, W. A. Boyes, G. Wiggins, C. J. Rugg and H. S. James, of the local band, F. Bennett (Brighton), J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), A. Simmonds, O. Wood, P. G. Piper and E. Garbutt (Seaford). The choir led the singing of the hymns, the 23rd Psalm and the Nunc Dimittis, and the interment took place in the churchyard, not far from the tower where he had given loyal service to the church and spent so many happy hours.

In addition to the widow, a son and two daughters are left in bereavement. Mr. R. W. E. Dawe is now the conductor of the band at Southover.

LIST OF PEALS.

The following is the list of Mr. R. J. Dawe's peals:—

Grandsire Doubles	1
Grandsire Triples	60
Grandsire Caters	26
Stedman Triples	83
Stedman Caters	48
Stedman Cinques	1
Bob Minor	3
Bob Triples	1
Bob Major	42
Bob Royal	14
Double Norwich Major	39
Double Norwich Royal	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	32
Kent Treble Bob Royal	17
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1
Superlative Surprise Major	44
Cambridge Surprise Major	25
Cambridge Surprise Royal	6
London Surprise Major	21
Norfolk Surprise Major	2
Westminster Surprise Major	3
Oxford Surprise Major	2
New Cumberland Surprise Major	4
Gloucester Surprise Major	1
Bristol Surprise Major	3
Yorkshire Surprise Royal	1

Total ... 483

The peals which he conducted numbered 23, made up of Bob Minor 2, Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 4, Bob Royal 1, and Grandsire Triples 15. Over 160 of his peals were rung at St. John the Baptist's Church, Southover, Lewes, where he rang his last on April 15th, 1936.

HERBERT RANN.

Herbert Rann, who died at Brighton on December 29th at the age of 67 years, was associated for most of his ringing career with St. Nicholas' Church. He began his ringing at the little Sussex village of Waldron, where a young band struggled successfully to learn Grandsire Triples. It was not many years, however, before Mr. Rann removed to Brighton, where like Messrs. Merritt, Dawe and Bennett—he was employed at the Railway Works, and became a carriage examiner.

For a short time he rang at St. Paul's in West Street, where now the bells are entirely unused for ringing, and then Mr. Rann transferred his energies to St. Nicholas' Church, where he was a member of the band for considerably over 40 years. As a ringer he never aspired to anything above the standard methods, but he was a safe conductor of Grandsire Triples and Caters, of which he called many peals for the Sussex Association.

The funeral took place on Saturday, January 2nd, and was attended by several old ringing friends.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL DINNER.

Central Council President on Coronation Ringing.

A very enjoyable evening was spent on Saturday by members and friends of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on the occasion of the seventh annual dinner, which was held at the Lion Hotel. About 80 were present, the chair being taken by the Master (Major J. H. B. Hesse), who was supported by the Ven. E. J. Newill (Archdeacon of Dorking), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council) and Mrs. Lewis, the Rev. Canon Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president of the Guildford Guild), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mrs. Corbett, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. Newsom (Croydon), etc. Members were present from Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Guildford (Cathedral and St. Nicolas'), Godalming, Haslemere, Leatherhead, Mersham, Pirbright, Seale, Thames Ditton and West Clandon.

After an excellent dinner, the loyal toast was honoured on the call of the chairman.

A BROKEN LINK.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, having mentioned that apologies for absence had been received from, among others, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Golding-Bird (Archdeacon of Surrey) and the Mayor of Guildford, proposed the toast of 'The President, Vice-President and Honorary Members.' While they regretted the Bishop's absence from that gathering, he said, they appreciated the fact that the Bishop occupied the office of president of the Guild. It showed his interest in their work and gave them a status in the diocese which they could not otherwise hope to occupy. They had met that evening, the speaker continued, under the shadow of a great loss. The death of the Provost of Guildford had removed one of their vice-presidents and it was difficult to say what they all must feel on such an occasion. They, as a guild, would miss the Provost very much indeed. He not only took an active interest in the Guild, attending their meetings and being present at their dinners, but they looked upon him as a liaison officer with the diocesan authorities. He was the strongest if not the only link with the ecclesiastical organisation of the diocese. That link had been broken and it would be difficult to replace. That it should be replaced, he was sure, would be the Provost's own wish. He hoped it might be possible to find in the diocesan hierarchy someone who would associate himself with the Guild sufficiently closely that they might feel that the Guild was still intimately allied, as they wished it to be allied, with other branches of church work in the diocese. It might be that they had with them that night a representative of the Church to whom they might look to succeed to the place in the Guild formerly occupied by the Provost. Mr. Goldsmith added that he wished to take that opportunity of associating the Guild with the many expressions of deep regret at Provost Kirwan's death that had been voiced throughout the diocese.

They were left, he continued, with only one vice-president at the moment, and they were very happy to have Mr. Harrison with them. He was no mere figurehead. Only those who had worked behind the scenes knew what the Guild owed to Mr. Harrison. From the Guild's formation he had thrown himself into the work with an enthusiasm which, had he (the speaker) not seen it, he would not have believed possible for one who was not actually a ringer. Mr. Harrison had served them without stint in everything they had asked him to do (applause). Mr. Goldsmith expressed appreciation of the support given to the Guild by the hon. members, but added that, while the Guild valued the financial assistance they received, they would like to see more of the hon. members among them on such occasions as that. He could assure them, however, that their money was well spent. But for their help the Guild would not be able to make the grants they did to bell restorations in the diocese, grants which, though of modest dimensions, showed that they were at least prepared to give as well as to take (applause).

LACK OF CLERGY'S INTEREST.

Mr. Harrison, who responded, also paid tribute to the late Provost, his co-vice-president, whom he had known, he said, probably longer than anyone else in the room. He had had the closest friendship with him for 42 years. It had been a privilege to know him and he was favoured with his friendship and his approval—or disapproval, if, as sometimes happened, he disagreed. Mr. Harrison asked the company to stand a few moments in silent tribute to the memory of the Provost.

Resuming, Mr. Harrison said their success as a Guild was tempered with one or two things which one would like to improve upon. There was no doubt about the harmony of the Guild and the good fellowship, but he did wish that one or two of the weaker districts could receive a little more attention with the hope that they would take a fuller share in the corporate work of the Guild. Then there was the more or less vexed question of the attendance and interest of the clerical side of the diocese in matters relating to the Guild. He thought they ought to make a special effort during the next twelve months to see if they could not get the clergy to take an interest in their towers and particularly in the men in the towers. It was a pity that, even allowing for 'Mr. Influenza,' they only had with them that night their old friend Canon Coleridge, and Mr. Archdeacon Newill, whom they cordially welcomed to that gathering. He hoped more clergy would be induced to take a keener interest in the Guild

and help them in the various projects and questions which they had to face (applause).

PEAL RINGING FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS.

Mr. E. H. Lewis proposed 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild,' and expressed his pleasure at being again asked to join the Guild at their annual dinner. They were very lucky in their Guild in having one of the best Masters and one of the best possible secretaries (applause). They alone should ensure the Guild a successful future. He congratulated the Guild upon the bell restorations which had taken place last year in the diocese. Several important works had been carried out during the past year. It was, perhaps, fortunate that the bells were ready, because this year should be a bumper year for ringing, owing to the fact that in a few months they were going to celebrate the Coronation of their beloved King and Queen. He hoped the members of the Guild were already practising for that event, so that, whatever ringing was done—and he hoped there would be ringing in every church in the diocese—would be of the best possible quality, not necessarily in method, but in the excellence of the striking and rhythm maintained (hear, hear). Another thing they might try and do was to ring the bells at some of the towers which had been closed for peal ringing in recent years.

A suggestion had recently been made that the length of a peal should be shortened. He personally was very much against anything of the sort (hear, hear). There was an historical and a mathematical reason for the standard length of a peal. If shortening the length of a peal would cause more peals to be rung, he did not think it would be an advantage. He thought that already too many peals were 'got.' If only peals that were rung correctly were counted, there would not be so many published week by week in 'The Ringing World,' and that would be a great advantage. He thought peal ringing should be kept for special occasions, or for occasions where bands can really ring perfectly. On other occasions they should be content with shorter lengths.

Mr. Lewis made an appeal for more honour to be given to quarter-peals. A quarter-peal was a very suitable length for practices. It was long enough to enable ringers to settle down and not enough to annoy the public, except a small minority who could not stand bells at all. If they had more quarter-peals and kept peals for special occasions, he thought it would be a good thing.

Returning to the subject of towers where peal ringing is banned, Mr. Lewis said it was probably due to the fact that the bells were noisy outside the tower. That was quite unnecessary, for the sound could be modified. They had an excellent example in the diocese at Haslemere, where great pains had been taken to modify the sound so that the bells were no nuisance to the public. That could be done, given sufficient pains, in practically all towers, and as a rule it was not a very expensive business.

Mr. Lewis added that quite recently a small leaflet had been issued on the subject by the Anti-Noise League. It was very well done, and when he saw it he wondered where the information had been obtained, because he did not know of any ringer having been consulted. But when he got the pamphlet he found that most of it was taken from Sir Arthur Heywood's book, 'Bell Towers and Bell Ringing.' A description of what had been done at Lincoln Cathedral was given, together with a plan of a cross section of the south-west tower. It would be a good thing, said Mr. Lewis, if that leaflet was circulated to all Archdeacons, so that they might be able to advise on this subject of the sound of bells, and he had already suggested to the secretary of the Central Council that they should take steps to have this done.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

The Master, in responding, said it was quite true that several of the towers in the diocese were closed for peals. Last year the Guild rang 21 peals, three of them on handbells. The others were rung in only eleven towers, which left a good many towers untouched. He would like to draw attention to one of the peals in particular, a peal of Grandsire Triples at Aldershot, rung fully muffled for our late King. In that peal, rung by an entirely local band, there were five first peals, and he would like to congratulate Mr. Charles Denyer on his success (applause). With regard to restorations, he was pleased to say several important restorations had taken place, including Shalford, Chiddingfold and Yorktown, which were done under his own supervision. He was allowed to do exactly as he liked (applause), but it was sometimes after a big struggle (laughter). At Witley there was not as much done as he would have liked, but the bells had been rebung on ball bearings.

Proceeding, Major Hesse said the Benevolent Fund established a year or two ago was, on the whole, going on well. The more they gave to it the better for the future, because they never knew when a member might need its help. He hoped every member would do his best for the fund. The Master added his tribute to the late Provost and said what a friend they had always found him. With regard to the future of the Guild, he agreed with what Mr. Harrison had said and they must try to get further help from the clergy and see if they could not get some of the towers opened for the Coronation that were now closed. He supported Mr. Lewis in what he had said about the desirability of moderating the noise of bells outside the towers wherever this was necessary. They had an excellent example of what could be done in the case of the Cathedral in Guildford, and he was now trying further experiments at Haslemere, where much

had already been done. The openings were being shuttered so that they could be closed for peals and opened for service ringing, and the cost would be not more than £10. He hoped those in charge of towers where this sort of thing could be done would bring the matter to the notice of church authorities.

ARCHDEACON'S INTEREST.

Mr. J. Corbett proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' to all of whom he extended a hearty welcome. Their presence, he said, showed that they were interested in the work of the Guild. Archdeacon Newill had heard what had been said about the late Provost, and he must feel how much the Guild appreciated all the Provost did for them. He (the speaker) hoped, after hearing that, the Archdeacon would extend to them the same sympathy and interest that Provost Kirwan did (hear, hear). They wanted someone to step into the breach and help them forward in their work. They offered him a very hearty welcome indeed (applause). Their Guild, continued Mr. Corbett, was one of the youngest in the country and they were trying to emulate all the best there was in the old guilds and associations. They aimed at the very fundamentals of change ringing; that was, service ringing, and he was glad to say that in their towers service ringing was the primary object of the Guild (applause). He had to couple with the toast the name of Archdeacon Newill, and also that of Canon Coleridge. Although the latter was not strictly a visitor, he came from over the border and they could not let him go away without having a few words from him (applause).

Archdeacon Newill, in reply, spoke of an association and friendship with the late Provost extending over 32 years, and said that if in any way he could fill in some small part the breach caused by the Provost's death, he would be only too happy to do so and to know that he was doing something to help on the work the Guild was doing (applause). As a very young Archdeacon, he had obtained a useful 'tip' that evening. He would be holding his 'visitation' shortly after Easter, and, like other Archdeacons, he was at the present moment drawing up a list of questions to be answered by the churchwardens. He had really got a new idea with regard to the shuttering of bells, and he had learned quite a lot from Major Hesse, which he hoped would prove very useful. He suggested that no time should be lost in distributing the pamphlets to Archdeacons, as Mr. Lewis had suggested.

Canon Coleridge, who was very cordially received as an old friend, said he had that day attended a funeral at Bristol of a ringer who was a member of the band who 32 years ago rang the one and only peal ever rung on Lundy Island. Only three survivors of that peal were present. He had come straight back from Bristol to keep his engagement with them that night. He brought them greetings from the Oxford Diocesan Guild, which, as they knew, was a very much bigger concern. The diocese covered three counties and was very difficult to work. The Bishop found the diocese almost impossible to work, and, as Master of the Oxford Guild, he also found it impossible. To attend a meeting in North Bucks would break into two days unless one had available a fast motor-car. He attended what meetings he could, but by contrast with the Guildford Guild the area of his own Guild was too big to be convenient. He was very happy to be able to do what he could, for, after his accident three years ago, his doctor told him he would not be able to get about again except in a bath chair. He was determined, however, that he would. The only thing he could not trust himself to do was to mount belfry stairs, and he had to confine his ringing to towers where the ringing was done on the ground floor. Canon Coleridge concluded by wishing the Guildford Guild every prosperity.

The musical programme consisted of handbell solos delightfully played by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, songs splendidly sung by Mr. H. Platt, and community singing. In addition a touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. C. Hazelden, E. H. Lewis, A. H. Pulling and W. Melville, and a 'running commentary' was given on a bell-ringing performance at 'Seareham.' A very enjoyable evening terminated with a vote of thanks to the artistes (proposed by the Master) and 'Auld Lang Syne.'

ROUND BLOCKS AND TRANSPOSITIONS IN PEAL COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Two of the Methods Committee have at last replied. They calmly ignore the new discovery of round blocks and transposition in peal compositions, and they give an asymmetrical peal for comparison with two symmetrical peal compositions.

Following is their asymmetrical peal with its round blocks and transpositions, so that they, or anyone who cares to take the trouble, may compare with the three symmetrical peal compositions published in 'The Ringing World' on December 25th last.

F. I. O.	23456	2nd Part	Round Blocks	Transpositions
—	32654	x	53462	= 52643
—	53246	x	65324	= 62345
—	42356	x	23564	= 34562
—	25463	x	36245	= 65243
—	35264	x	55342	= 35264
48325	is not 23456.			46325

GEORGE BAKER.

BELLS IN TELEVISION PROGRAMME.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AT THE ALEXANDRA PALACE.

On Christmas Day four College Youths met at Baker Street and drove up to the Alexandra Palace, where they were due at 2.30, to prepare for their turn in the 'Picture Page' of the B.B.C. Television Programme. Three of them were wondering what the conductor would say when he realised that he would have to be 'made up.' They were disappointed to find that their peculiarities required no emphasis, and after a very brief wait in a dressing room they were shown into the studio, where most of the other 'turns' were waiting.

One end of the studio, which formed the stage, was lighted with a battery of very powerful lamps. The background was formed of screens of neutral grey colour, and facing the stage were two or three 'cameras' on movable stands, with microphones suspended above. The other end of the room seemed to be littered with properties and a number of chairs, which could be arranged in front of a receiving set, so that the waiting performers could see those who were acting both in the flesh and 'as received.'

After watching a group of Chelsea Pensioners rehearse their bit, the College Youths had to face the 'camera' for a trial. This was mainly for focussing purposes. Chalk marks were made on the floor when the positions were satisfactory so that later there should be no delay in being in the line. Just before three o'clock a roast turkey was wheeled in on a trolley by a chef. This quite upset the handbell conductor, who had had nothing to eat since an early breakfast. Here again there was disappointment. The bird was for demonstration only.

Punctually at three o'clock the programme was announced by Miss Joan Baxter at the telephone, and then the picture page started with 'How to carve a turkey' by the chef. While the next item was being 'shot,' apparently in another studio, the College Youths lined up, and, after a short wait, which, however, was long enough to make the heat of the lamps almost unbearable, the signal was given to 'go Stedman' on the handbells. After about half a course the second camera was turned on to the next item and the ordeal was over.

There followed an amusing three-quarters of an hour watching the other illustrations on the page, which included, besides the Chelsea Pensioners, Pop-eye the Sailor Man, a Saharan Princess, Father Christmas and a Policeman, Shackleton the Arctic Explorer, a L.P.T.B. interpreter, the chief of the Gravesend Pilots, a Plumber and his mate, and Miss Joan Baxter impersonating an American telephone girl. It was lucky that no ringers' wives were listening to the ticking off she gave her boy, when she found he was trying to telephone to another dame in the hotel. They might have learnt a bit too much.

Mrs. Hughes very kindly lent a brand new set of handbells for the occasion. Just in case the B.B.C. thought the reflections from the bright bell metal might spoil good reception, an old set were taken also, and the authorities at once chose the latter.

After a brief visit to Whitechapel for a cup of tea, the performers returned to their family circles, feeling proud that they had been able to give the first visible demonstration of change ringing by wireless.

There cannot be very many receiving sets in private use. The owner of one has been traced and he said that the College Youths made one of the best turns that have come through so far.

IPSWICH BELL FOUNDER BUSY.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, has in hand the restoration of the bells, with new teak frame, at Hinton Blewitt, Somerset, a new oak frame for Meldreth, Cambs, and a new oak frame for Earsham, Norfolk. He is also recasting all five bells and rebanging in a teak frame at Ranworth, Norfolk; recasting two bells into three to make a ring of five and rebanging peal with new fittings at Stoke Ash, Suffolk; and restoring the fine heavy ring of eight at All Saints', Sudbury, Suffolk.

He has recently rehung on ball bearings the back four bells at Barton-le-Cley, Beds, where he added the three trebles 34 years ago.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

SEVENTY-TWO LEADS OF TREBLE BOB AND A RABBIT PIE SUPPER.

On Saturday last, January 9th, the Earlsington Society and a few friends were entertained to a 'rabbit pie supper' in celebration of the 72nd birthday of Mr. Walter Idle, which occurred on Friday, January 8th. In the afternoon a start was made for a touch of 72 leads of Kent Treble Bob Major (2,304 changes), but after ringing three courses one of the ringers was taken ill and 'stand' was called. Then an adjournment was made to the Park Hotel, where the party sat down to an excellent meal. Afterwards another attempt was made for the 72 leads, which was successfully brought round in 1 hour and 25 minutes, the ringers being Walter Idle 1, Percy Byram 2, Hemmingsway Dransfield 3, Harry Armitage 4, Maurice Hodgson 5, Harold Senior 6, Herbert Dransfield 7, Norman Ling 8. The touch was composed and conducted by Maurice Hodgson. Messrs. Senior and Hodgson are service ringers at Batley Parish Church, and Mr. Armitage is a service ringer at the Huddersfield Parish Church. The rest belong to the local company.

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BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS 16th ANNUAL DINNER.—Available: St. Mary, Redcliffe (12 bells) 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. (Motor coach leaves here at 3 p.m. for Bitton, 8 bells.) St. Philip's (8 bells) 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Temple (8 bells, the Leaning Tower) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. St. Thomas' (8 bells) 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. St. Stephen's (10 bells) 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tea, St. Thomas', 4 p.m. Dinner commences at 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. John Austin.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 16th. Service in St. Paul's Church 4 p.m.; preacher, Canon Coleridge. Meat tea in Parish Room 4.45, by ticket. Members of branch 1s., all others 1s. 6d. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, January 16th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. North Staffs and Derby District members cordially invited.—Joseph Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Westminster on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Ringing at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m., and St. Stephen's, Rochester Row (8) after tea and meeting. — C. M. Meyer, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The fifth annual supper and social will be held in the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 16th, at 6 p.m. Ringing at Norwood Green and Heston in afternoon. District annual general meeting at Isleworth on February 6th. — F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Leicester, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (10) available from 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting in belfry and ringing for one hour.—E. H. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Averil Road, Humberstone Park Estate, Leicester.

WATFORD.—Saturday, Jan. 16th, from 3.30 till 8.30. Tea, 5.30, in old school. Train and coach service from all parts to Watford.—Herts Association.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Wisbech branch will be held at Hilgay on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (12) available 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Mole Brace, Shrewsbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 16th. Tower open for ringing at 5 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 16th. The bells of Holy Sepulchre will be available from 2.30 p.m. The service will be held in this church. The address will be given by the Rev. Rowson. Election of officers.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will take place at Bedford on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting after. All welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available 2.30 until 8.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Friendship Hotel, price 1s. 6d. per head. A hearty welcome given to all ringers.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, Jan. 16. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Christ Church, Crewe (10 bells), on Jan. 16th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar and wardens) at 5.15 p.m. Meeting to follow.—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.45 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting in Parish Rooms. An IMPORTANT meeting will be held at 4 p.m., at which all committee men are earnestly asked to be present.—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. — A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lancaster Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. All members and friends will be welcome. — E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Benwell (6 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Make it *your* business to attend and help us make a good start for 1937.—K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Jan. 16th. The peal of eight will be available from 5 o'clock, so please come along.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Raunds (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting for election of officers. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held to-morrow (Saturday), Jan. 16th, at Darley Dale. Will all members and friends accept this late notice and rally up to this general meeting.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

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.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles 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 17th and 21st, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 19th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Ditchat on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. F. Creed, Hon. Sec., Dimmer Farm, Castle Cary.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The branch meets at Saxlingham Nethergate, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45. Method for practice: Double Coslany Court.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 6d., at 5.30 p.m. Names please to Thomas B. Worsley, 32, Castle Street, Bolton. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Fulmer on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at 4 p.m. sharp. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (10) ready 5 p.m. Will all members who can make an effort to attend? All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and may be paid at the business meeting which follows tea. In fairness to our hosts, members intending to accept are asked to notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 19th.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5.15 p.m.) at Rogers' Café, The Borough; business afterwards. *Please* notify for tea by Wednesday, 20th. Everybody welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme. Re-opening of the Birch 'Ring of Bells' (8), after reconstruction of the mechanism by Taylors, of Loughborough. The Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Manchester has kindly consented to perform the ceremony and conduct a short service in the church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. All ringers and friends cordially welcome. A postcard from those desiring tea, 1s. each, will be appreciated, before Jan. 20th.—Rev. A. E. Horner, L.Th., Hon. C.F., The Rectory, Birch-in-Rusholme.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Important: Please send me numbers for tea not later than Friday, 22nd. All ringers heartily welcome.—Walter Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells from 4 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. The bells of Charminster, Fordington and Upwey available from 3 p.m. Kindly advise early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wroxton on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (5) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Shenington (5) and Banbury (10) also available during the evening.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Skelton-in-Cleveland (bells 8, tenor 23 cwt.) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 5 p.m.; members 1s., non-members 1s. 3d. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Local Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and business proceedings afterwards. A fine peal of 8. All welcome. Please send names for tea to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Northants.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Blenkin Memorial Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Tuesday, Jan. 19th?—W. E. Clarke, Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. Kindly let me know numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, Jan. 20th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. St. Giles', Cripplegate (12) from 3 to 5 p.m., and St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 5. Tea, by kind invitation, 5.30. Names for tea by Jan. 20th, please. Half rail fare to members, maximum 1s. 6d.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will take place at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. A good 'turn up' requested. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting to be held at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due.—S. Lloyd Parry, Hon. Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at 1s. each.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at Doncaster Parish Church. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Committee meeting in the Clergy House at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, in the Memorial Hall, at 1s. per head. General meeting at 6 o'clock. It is essential that all who will require tea should notify Mr. G. Halksworth, 30, Aukland Road, Doncaster, not later than Tuesday, Jan. 19th. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—E. Cooper, Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Guilborough on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. 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.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Streatham on Saturday, Jan. 30th. The bells of St. Leonard's will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock at St. Leonard's. Tea at The Manor, at 1s. per head, followed by meeting. The bells of Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, will be available immediately after the meeting till 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. J. W. Chapman, 36, Sunnyhill Road, Streatham, London, S.W.16, not later than Thursday, Jan. 28th.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea in canteen at 5.30. Business meeting on the Vestry Hall at 6.30. Numbers for tea to be sent to me by Wednesday, 27th. This is most important, for the catering. Usual practice at Shore-ditch Jan. 27th at 6.30 p.m.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 2.30 to 7.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, 1s. each, at 5. Important business meeting to follow. Ringing at Willesden from 7 to 9 p.m. Special method, St. Clement's Bob Triples. The District Committee will meet at 3.30 p.m. Will all who require tea please advise me by Jan. 27th?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, January 30th, when the following bells will be available: Far Headingley (8) 12 noon to 9 p.m., St. Michael's, Headingley (8) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., St. Matthias', Burley (8) 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. Chad's at 4.15 p.m., the preacher being the Lord Bishop of Ripon. The President asks that on this special occasion all ringers should do their best to attend. Tea will be provided in the schools at 5 p.m. for all who send in their names to Miss L. K. Bowling, 19, Shaw Lane, Leeds 6, by Thursday, Jan. 28th, otherwise a charge of 1s. will be made. The general meeting will be held in the schools immediately after tea, and the presentation to Canon C. C. Marshall, who completes 25 years as President of the Association at this meeting, will be made by the Lord Bishop of Ripon on behalf of the members. The President and local company extend a very hearty welcome to all ringers.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells of St. Deny's Church (8) will be open 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 9d. each to those who notify undersigned by Thursday, Jan. 28th.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Sec., 41, The Drive, Sleaford, Lincs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, in Church Room. All ringers and friends given a hearty welcome. Subscriptions for 1937 now due. A p.c. for tea will be much appreciated by Wednesday, Jan. 27th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tipton on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. A. L. Chapman (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 26th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Honiton Clyst on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service will be held at 4.30 p.m. The address will be given by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Keene). Tea will be provided in the Church Hall, price 1s. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 25th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Eight Bells Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting. All requiring tea please notify not later than Jan. 28th to H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Further particulars next week. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30. 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. 26th Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—The annual meeting will be held at Kington on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 26th.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow.

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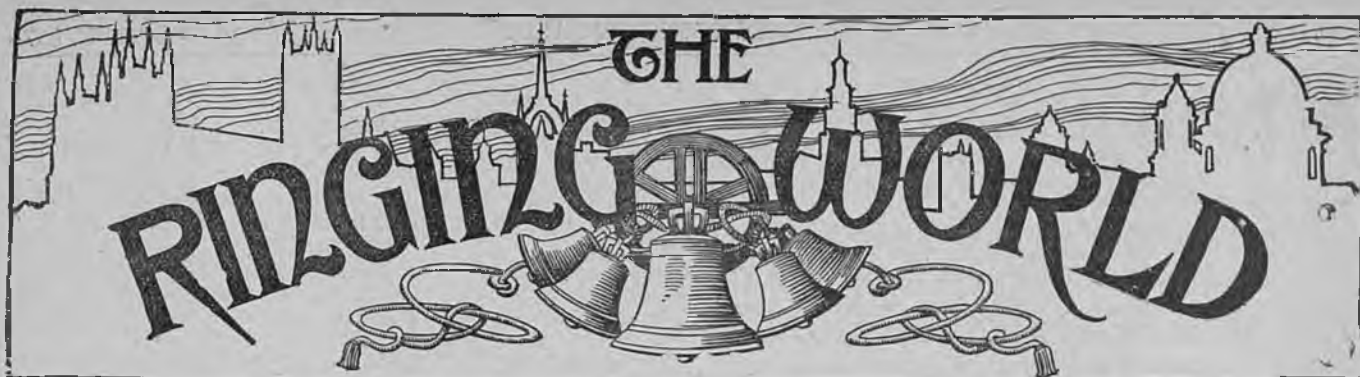
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'OUR YOUNG RINGERS.'

It is seldom a new subject is introduced into the toast list of a ringers' dinner. Usually the toasts follow a somewhat hackneyed, if time-honoured form, and it is refreshing, therefore, to find that, at the annual dinner of Bristol United Ringing Guilds, a new toast appeared—'Our Young Ringers.' We congratulate, whoever it was, who had this inspiration. All sorts of institutions and people are honoured on these occasions, but surely there is no section of the ringing community which deserves recognition on such occasions more than the youngsters who, later on, will have to carry on the good work now being done by their elders, and to whom we look not only to maintain present standards, but to go on raising the level of ringing and the status of ringers.

The speech in which the toast was commended to the company was one which every ringer would do well to read, and which everyone responsible for the teaching of young ringers would do well to ponder. Although it was made by a non-ringer, it was full of understanding, common sense and good advice. The Rev. M. Paterson's wide experience of youth in a great city like Bristol fitted him admirably for the task. He pleaded for encouragement and sympathy on the part of tutors, and he put into words exactly what we might expect a youngster to think when he first tries his hand at the end of a bellrope, but which, of course, he has not the courage, or shall we say the audacity, to put into words.

There are often regrets expressed that young ringers cannot be got, or, if obtained, cannot be kept. Very frequently the cause is attributed to lack of interest, but we think there must be many cases where pupils, having entered the belfry, have left it again because they do not feel themselves in a sympathetic atmosphere. It may not be entirely the fault of the older ringers, but there is sometimes that lack of encouragement which is sufficient to keep a beginner plodding along a rather difficult path in which he has largely to make his own interest. Patience with beginners may sometimes be sorely tried, but both master and pupil must possess this virtue if the best is to be made of raw material. We need youngsters in the belfry everywhere. The band that goes on year after year without recruiting new blood are doing a disservice to the cause which they believe they have at heart, for sooner or later there must come a time when the old hands will drop out. But youngsters will only be kept if they are encouraged and their interest fed. We would like to see the Rev. M. Paterson's words hung in every belfry where there are beginners — and that ought to be in every belfry in the land.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 6
JOHN THOMAS 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 7
DENIS R. MORRIS 3	REGINALD WOODYATT 8
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS 9
GEORGE E. LARGE 5	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Stedman.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

* T. DOUGLAS WHORTON Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN 6
JOHN GOODMAN 2	HERBERT SHEPPARD 7
WILLIAM GREEN 3	ALFRED ROWLEY 8
HENRY GOODMAN 4	RONALD GOODMAN 9
HARRY HUBBALL 5	GILBERT GUEST Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of
Mr. J. Goodman, father of the ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th, also as a
birthday compliment to Mr. H. Goodman, and to Mr. H. Sheppard
on the completion of 40 years as a Sunday service ringer.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM WENBAN Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
WILLIAM GORRINGE 2	LESLIE W. JARVIS 6
* GEORGE MASKELL 3	JAMES G. POWELL 7
† EDWARD BISHOP 4	† STANLEY ETHERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM GORRINGE.

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

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM J. COPPARD 2	FREDERICK H. DALLWAY 6
HAROLD S. HOEDEN 3	ALFRED C. PANKHURST 7
OLIVER WOOD 4	JAMES A. HART Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the
late Mr. R. J. Dawe, for 48 years a member of the band at this tower.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

* FREDERICK C. CASE Treble	JOHN A. GREEN 5
A. NONNELLY WOOD 2	HARRY SEAR 6
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 7
HERBERT C. EDWARDS 4	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* 50th peal. This composition has the full combination of 4.5.6 in
5.6. It is in two equal parts with two singles only and calls at 1.4.6;
see 'The Ringing World,' November 20th, 1931.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY Treble	ARNOLD BRUNTON 5
ROBERT WALLWORK 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
JOHN WILKINSON 3	LADRENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
THOMAS WALLWORK 4	HERBERT DAVENPORT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	HERBERT E. AODSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
MRS. GEO. H. CROSS 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen-and-a-Half Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER Treble	JAMES N. MILNER 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	LIONEL CLOUGH 6
*ALAN D. STEELE 3	WILLIAM FERNLEY 7
KENNETH LEWIS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method away from treble.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK ... Treble	FREDERICK BOREHAM 5
MAURICE T. SYMONDS 2	LEONARD OFFORD 6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS 7
*ROBERT J. STEED 4	LEONARD PRYKE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 21st birthday of the 7th ringer. R. J. Steed hails from Buxhall, the rest are local men.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' No. 1.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*THOMAS M. COX Treble	*BERNARD PYBUS 5
THOMAS LANCASTER 2	RALPH JACKSON 6
GEORGE P. KEMBALL 3	CYRIL POLLARD 7
JACK REED 4	WILLIAM WATSON Tenor

Conducted by J. REED.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the newly-inducted Vicar of Ormesby, the Rev. C. A. Budgen, who, after the peal, kindly entertained the ringers at the Vicarage.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

JOSEPH JENNINGS Treble	RONALD SOCKLING 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 2	*GEORGE SAUNDERS 6
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	H. WALTER SMITH Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal of Major.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT V. DIGBY Treble	DOUGLAS E. RUST 4
ARTHUR S. BROTHERS 2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE 5
ERIC DORRANT 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

Rung by the local band with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of their late Squire, Philip Edward Sewell, who was not only a member of the association, but a generous and friendly supporter of the church and every organisation connected with the parish. His remains were interred earlier in the day.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... Treble	FRANK VARTY 4
WILLIAM STRONG 2	JOHN GREASLEY 5
*DAVID HUGHES 3	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by T. ROGERS.

* First peal of Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Stanley Strong, who was a ringer for 40 years at the above church.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and 12 of Grandsire, 22 callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PATRICK A. HEWITT Treble	NORMAN STATBAM 4
HECTOR A. KNIGHTS 2	FRANCIS R. DEACON 5
E. HAROLD FARMER 3	JAMES PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by F. R. DEACON.

* First peal.

HAMPRESTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

R. C. HURST Treble	*A. E. HOARE 4
W. G. YOUNG 2	W. C. SHUTE 5
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 3	A. G. ROSE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

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LINCOLN, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*VICTOR BRIGGS Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON 4
†JACK VESSEY 2	JACK L. MILLER 5
‡G. LESLIE A. LUNN 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal and rung in 19 different towers and with 56 ringers. Quickest peal on the bells.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Guthlac,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Law James' Arrangement.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM OLDHAM Treble	HARRY GIBBARD 4
*HORACE M. DAY 2	†ALBERT E. SCOTT 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method.

SILKSTONE, NEAR BARNSELY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wath Delight, Pontefract Delight, Oswald Delight, Barham Delight, Killamarsh, Trinity Sunday and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*ROWLAND HILL Treble	ERNEST BROOKES 4
WILLIE GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
HAROLD CHANT 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

GEORGE BROOKER Treble	THOMAS MAY 4
CHARLES H. SONE 2	TOM SAUNDERS 5
THOMAS E. SONE 3	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

This peal was rung on the 22nd anniversary of the wedding of T. Saunders, also as a birthday compliment to his daughter, Annie, who was 19 on the same day.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising six six-scores each of Stedman Slow Course, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Chase, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS Treble	SIDNEY G. MUNTON 3
LEONARD G. TOSELAND 2	ARCHIBALD S. TOSELAND 4

BURLEY P. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. A. Toseland. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Toseland after the peal.

(Continued from next column.)

The actual work of the bells at a bob varies with the method. In Grandsire it is effected by an additional 3rd's place made at the handstroke lead of the treble, and causes all the bells above that place to alter the order of their work, although the actual transposition of coursing order only affects three bells.

FOR BEGINNERS.

SIMPLE METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

Last week we endeavoured to explain what is meant by 'hunting,' which enables a beginner to grasp the first principles of change ringing. Hunting will help him to acquire rope-sight, but it is not advisable to continue a plain hunting course for too long a time, because, after a while, one gets to know it by heart, and its usefulness, at any rate for the purpose of teaching rope-sight, is lost.

As soon as the beginner can pick out the bell he has next to follow, by using his eyes, he should go on to learn a 'method.' If he is in a five or six bell tower, Grandsire Doubles is the method he will probably turn to first.

There are a number of methods of 'Doubles,' but only a few of them are 'pure Doubles,' that is to say, changes produced *entirely* by moving two pairs of bells every time. There are some methods which are constructed by the use, once or oftener in a lead—a lead for this purpose meaning the changes from one lead of the treble to the next lead of that bell—of a change made by moving only one pair of bells.

If, for instance, you have one row of figures 13254, you can produce either 31524, or 31245, or 12345 by means of 'Doubles'—that is by changing two pairs of bells. But in some methods, in order to produce the extent of the changes on five bells, it is necessary periodically to move only one pair of bells, such as, after 13254, having 13524. This change is really a single change, and in some of the very old ringing books methods in which a number of such changes occurred were known as 'Singles and Doubles.'

If you are going to produce a method which does not consist solely of a plain hunting course, there must be, within each lead, one or more 'places' made.

A 'place' is made by a bell remaining two blows (a whole pull, either at handstroke and backstroke, or backstroke and handstroke) in the same position in the interior of the change.

Thus on five bells a 'place' can be made in 2nd's, 3rd's or 4th's, but *only* 3rd's place enables the succession of pure Doubles to be maintained. If you write out a few changes and introduce 2nd's or 4th's, you will soon discover why.

In the construction of Doubles the number of available 3rd's places is very limited, hence the limited number of possible methods. If we confine ourselves for the moment to methods in which the treble keeps to plain hunting, then there are only four possible 3rd's places in any one lead. The different methods depend upon the different positions in which these 3rd's places occur.

The formation of the Grandsire method is caused by making 3rd's place at the first available opportunity, that is at the very first change.

Now, no method of pure Doubles based upon a treble with a plain hunt will produce the extent of the changes in a plain course.

The use of 'bobs' and 'singles' is necessary. A bob is the introduction of an additional 3rd's place, and has to be signified by the conductor, who at the stated intervals calls out 'Bob.'

For a reason which we need not go into now, plain leads and bobs alone in a pure Doubles method will produce only half the possible changes; it needs a 'single' to produce the other half and a second 'single' before the bells can be brought round.

We have already indicated what a Single is—it is, in Doubles, the movement of only one pair of bells in the change.

Before we go on to the actual explanation of how to ring Grandsire, we would like our beginners to try and work out for themselves some of the methods which can be produced. Remember there are four places in which 3rd's can be used, let us call them a, b, c, d. These can be used singly, as 'a' in Grandsire, or in any combination as 'a' and 'c' in what is known as Double Grandsire. In 'skeleton' this is where the places can occur, the letters representing the places, 1 the treble and the dots the other bells:—

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1 . a . .
. 1 a . .
. . 1 . .
. . b 1 .
. . b . 1
. . c . 1
. . c 1 .
. . 1 . .
. 1 d . .
1 . d . .
1 . a . .

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While on this question we would like to answer an inquiry which we received the other day, 'What is a "bob" and "single"?'

A bob causes certain bells to alter the path of their regular work—that is, it transposes their coursing order. Usually only three bells are affected, but the work of any odd number of bells may be affected. The bob is 'called' by the conductor.

A 'single' effects the transposition of the work of two bells (instead of three) or some even number of bells. It, too, is called by the conductor.

(Continued in previous column.)

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTHAMPTON DISTRICT PROGRESS.

Satisfactory progress was reported at a meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, held at Southampton on Saturday, January 9th. During the afternoon and evening there was ringing on the ten bells of St. Mary's (which were half-muffled on account of the death of Col. Sir Edwin Perkins), St. Michael's and Holy Rood, and a variety of methods up to Cambridge Royal was rung.

The Guild service in St. Mary's Church was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon R. B. Jolly, who also gave an address.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Guild, presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. Evan Jones (hon. treasurer of the Guild), Mr. D. Cecil Williams, Mus.Bac. (University College, Southampton), Mr. J. W. Faithfull (secretary, St. Mary's Guild), Mr. George Pullinger (district secretary) and Mr. Wilfrid Andrews (captain of Winchester Cathedral band).

The towers represented were Southampton, Eastleigh, North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, Romsey, Dibden, Eling, Fawley, Netley, Lockerley, Mottisfont and Upham, and members were also present from Portsmouth Cathedral, Portsea, Wickham, Titchfield, Soberton, Fareham, Bournemouth, Poole and Winchester.

Mr. Wilfred Andrews announced that Winchester Cathedral bells, taken down for recasting, would be dedicated on March 20th, some weeks earlier than was expected.

The Master will celebrate his 80th birthday on May 7th, and the hope was expressed that attempts will be made for peals in a number of towers in celebration of the event.

The audited accounts showed a balance, and it was agreed to make the collection up to £1 ls. for the St. Mary's Restoration Fund.

The secretary reported on a successful year, and urged greater effort in ringing for the ordinary Sunday services, even at some personal sacrifice. A total of 16 honorary and 88 ringing members had paid subscriptions. The bells of Mottisfont were in a bad state, but in the other churches of the district they were in good order.

Several new members were elected, and the election of Messrs. G. H. King (of Breaston, Derby) and G. Parsons (of Blackfriars, London) prior to peals was confirmed.

General regret was expressed at Mr. Pullinger's request to be relieved of his office, and his valued services not only to the district, but also to the Central Committee were mentioned. He was warmly thanked for his work, and eventually was persuaded to carry on with Mr. A. J. Corrigan (North Stoneham) as joint hon. secretary.

The Rev. G. T. Tritton, who was unable to attend owing to illness, was re-elected chairman, and Messrs. J. W. Faithfull and W. T. Tucker, North Stoneham, were chosen as representatives on the committee. The re-election of Mr. G. Williams as Ringing Master was greeted with applause.

District meetings agreed to were: February 27th, Mottisfont and Romsey; May 8th, Dibden; July 17th, Lockerley and Tytherley; October 2nd, Netley.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

A special meeting of the Eastern District was held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, January 9th, the occasion being the unveiling of a peal board commemorating a peal of Grandsire Caters rung by Miss Stephenson, one of the local ringers, who was the first lady to ring a peal on ten bells in the County of Durham.

Ringers were present from Middlesbrough, Saltburn, Darlington, Sunderland, Penham, Chester-le-Street and the local ringers.

A short service was held, the Rev. T. H. Lilburn officiating, after which the ringers went to the belfry, where the Vicar dedicated the peal board, Miss Stephenson unveiling it.

Tea was held in the Mission Hall, after which there was a short meeting, Mr. R. L. Patterson presiding.

After the loyal toast the Chairman said it was a great pleasure to him to see each district of the association represented at the meeting, and heartily welcomed the visitors. He was pleased to see so many ringers present and specially mentioned the members of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. He hoped both associations would meet on other occasions.

Mr. T. Metcalf thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and also Miss Shepherd for her services at the organ.—The Vicar suitably replied, and said he was delighted again to have the ringers at West Hartlepool. They were always welcome.

Mr. Titt proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the splendid tea, and Mrs. Robson replied.

The Rev. J. P. Pelloe, of St. Columbia's, Sunderland, was elected a member.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held at Houghton-le-Spring, notice of which will be published in 'The Ringing World.'

The bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m., the methods rung being Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal and Double Norwich Major. It was a most successful meeting and all had a very happy time.

DEATH OF MR. B. JARMAN.

FORMER PRESIDENT OF HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The death took place in the London Hospital on Thursday of last week of Mr. Ben Jarman, of Harpenden, Herts. He was 62 years of age.

All his life Mr. Jarman was associated with Harpenden Parish Church, joining the choir as a boy and remaining a chorister during the incumbency of six Rectors.

He had been a ringer for over 37 years and was captain of the company. In 1926 he served in the office of president of the Hertford County Association. His death is keenly felt by a host of Harpenden friends, by whom he was much esteemed.

AN APPRECIATION.

Ben Jarman was a very capable change ringer, and had rung many peals in a variety of methods for the Hertford County Association, who in 1926 honoured him by electing him as their president. Possessed quite naturally of a genial and friendly disposition, he was greatly liked, for he was one to whom the ringers could always appeal, either to 'make one' to complete a team for a peal, or render any helpful service in connection with the County Association. He had the secret of living an unperturbed and unselfish life.

The earthly career of our friend has ended, and, whilst we deeply mourn his departure, we rejoice that the trumpets of welcome have sounded for him on the other side; but we shall ever cherish the memory of 'Ben' with true affection. 'Then I heard in my dream that all the bells in the city rang again for joy, and that it was said unto them, "Enter ye into the joy of the Lord."'

His body was laid to rest in the Parish Churchyard on Monday, amid many tokens of respect from a large congregation, the service being taken at the Parish Church in the absence of the Vicar by assistant clergy of the parish. The service was choral and included the 23rd Psalm and the hymns, 'Lead, kindly light' and 'Abide with me.' Besides the local company of ringers there were also present, representing the County Association, Mr. G. E. Debenham (treasurer), Mr. G. W. Debenham (assistant hon. secretary), Mr. Walter Ayre (district secretary, Western Division), Mr. A. King (Luton, Beds Association) and others.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung upon the handbells during the service in church by Messrs. H. Jarman 1-2, R. Newson 3-4, A. Day 5-6, W. Hill 7-8. Previous to the service a half-muffled touch was rung upon the tower bells. There were many wreaths, including one from the president, officers and members of the Hertford County Association.

On Monday evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the following: *Walter Hill 1, C. Shadbolt 2, A. Dockerill 3, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 4, *R. Eley 5, R. Newson 6, Arthur Day 7, G. Cull 8. * First quarter-peal.

G. W. C.

FIRST PEALS ON OLD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note with interest that a peal has been rung at Methwold 160 years after the ring was converted to six. At Redruth, Cornwall, the tower was built during the reign of Henry VII. (1485-1509), and a ring of six hung by Thomas Lester in 1744. These bells, however, were rehung when the church was restored in 1878, and again in the same frame and on the same headstocks in August, 1935. The first peal was then rung in September, 1935—one hundred and ninety-one years after the bells were placed in the tower. Two trebles were added in November, 1935.

I suppose the bells at Methwold have been rehung or reconditioned since 1778.

A. S. ROBERTS.

Truro.

PINNER RINGING SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Pinner Society, Middlesex, held on Wednesday, January 13th, was preceded by some excellent touches on the tower bells, conducted by Messrs. A. J. Harding and T. Collins. The meeting was held at the Conservative Club, the chair being occupied by the Vicar (the Rev. Eric Barnes), supported by the Rev. C. T. Chapman, the Vicar's warden (Mr. J. S. Hogg, J.P.) and the captain (Mr. A. J. Harding). The people's warden, Mr. A. Townsend, was unavoidably absent owing to a prior engagement.

The balance sheet was accepted, and the chairman distributed the annual grant of £1 ls. to each of the members. He also nominated the parish ringers for 1937.

On the proposition of Mr. J. S. Hogg, supported by the chairman, Mr. A. J. Harding was elected captain, hon. secretary and treasurer. Mr. Harding thanked the members for their support during the time he had been captain.

Mr. C. A. Kim was elected vice-captain.

The Chairman thanked the society for the work they had done during the past year and also said what pleasure it was to be with them that evening, it being his first meeting as Vicar. He looked forward to a happy time with them.

Mr. Harding thanked the Vicar for presiding and also Mr. J. S. Hogg for having engaged the room and provided refreshments.

DEATH OF MR. FRED WILFORD.

FORMER SECRETARY AND MASTER OF PETERBOROUGH
DIOCESAN GUILD.

Too much regret to record the death of Mr. Fred Wilford, formerly secretary and later Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who passed away at the age of 66 years on January 11th at Chapel Brampton, Northants, where he had been living since retiring from the service of the Northampton Corporation Water Department. For some time past Mr. Wilford had been in indifferent health. He leaves in bereavement a widow, with whom much sympathy will be felt.

Born at Ringstead, Northants, Mr. Wilford went to Northampton in 1887 and was appointed a water inspector under the Northampton Corporation in 1903. He began his ringing career at St. Giles', Northampton, in 1897, at the time when the bells, having been rehung, and increased from eight to ten, a new band was being formed. He was then already a member of the choir and superintendent of the Sunday School.

His first peal was rung in 1898, the first peal on the bells at St. Giles'. This peal, Grandsire Caters, he rang on the tenor, and his first peal on an 'inside' bell was also Grandsire Caters in the same tower in 1900. His first peal of Major was Treble Bob, rung in 1901, and in the same year he scored his first of Stedman. This and his first peal of Double Norwich in 1903 he rang in London. His first peal of Superlative was at Irthlingborough in 1904.

In 1901 he was made foreman of St. Giles' belfry and held the office until 1909. When, in 1905, the Central Northamptonshire Association was split up into districts, Mr. Wilford was appointed secretary of the Northampton District, and in the following year was elected general secretary of the association.

He was largely instrumental in the transformation of the Central Northants Association into the Peterborough Diocesan Guild in 1924, and was elected Master. He held the office until 1935. On his resignation he was succeeded by the Rev. E. S. Powell. In October of that year Mr. Wilford's services to the Guild were recognised at a special meeting at Northampton, when he was presented with a roll of notes and an album suitably inscribed, which contained the names of 438 subscribers.

Mr. Wilford's services to Northamptonshire were, indeed, great. He laboured ungrudgingly in the cause of the art, and his personal example was a great encouragement to all who had ringing at heart. For many years Mr. Wilford made a point of attending all the quarterly meetings throughout the district and often assisted, as a licensed lay reader, in conducting the services.

In 1904 he was elected a member of the Central Council, and remained a representative of his Guild up to the time of his death.

He had rung about two hundred peals, of which he had conducted a considerable number, and was a member of the following associations: Bedfordshire, Midland Counties, Yorkshire, Oxford, Kent, Middlesex and London County.

The funeral took place on Thursday of last week.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

RETIREMENT OF HON. SECRETARY.

The annual general meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at St. Mary's, Barnsley, on January 9th, the following towers being represented: Ackworth, Adwick-le-Street, Darfield, Eastwood, Felkirk, Hoylandswaine, Pontefract, Rotherham, Sandal, Shelly, South Kirkby, Sheffield (Cathedral and St. Marie's), Wath, Wragby and the local company. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and at 5 p.m. a short service was conducted by Canon Hone. Tea was served in the Station Restaurant, 40 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, the honorary president (Canon Hone) presiding. The balance sheet for 1936 was presented and carried unanimously. Four new members were elected.

The president and treasurer were re-elected. It was with deep regret that the resignation of the secretary had to be accepted, as he has not enjoyed good health for some months past. He had sent an apology for not being able to attend through illness.

There were two nominations for the post of secretary, namely, Mr. E. Brookes, of Hoylandswaine, and Mr. D. Smith, of Felkirk, and, on being put to the vote, the latter was elected.

In recognition of the services rendered by Mr. Panther, who has been in office either as treasurer or secretary since 1910, he was unanimously elected honorary vice-president, and everyone present wished him a speedy recovery so that he may long be able to fill his new office.

Canon Hone said, as he was leaving the district very soon, it would no doubt be the last time he would preside at the annual meeting, but he hoped the society would continue to prosper as it had done in the past.

Mr. C. D. Potter expressed the feelings of all when he said how sorry he was to lose Canon Hone, as he had always found him a real friend to ringers. He wished him success in his new home, which is at Godalming, Surrey.

Cawthorne was chosen for the next meeting on February 13th. Further ringing followed until 8.45 p.m. in Major, Triples and Minor, including both London Major and Minor. The bells were then lowered and a most enjoyable meeting concluded.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL NEW BELLS.

TO BE RUNG ON CORONATION DAY.

The new ring of 13 bells (12 and semi-tone) for Leicester Cathedral are now cast and the frame erected. They will be first dedicated on the floor of the church, and then erected and rung for the first time on Coronation Day.

Although the cost of the bells has been assured by the generosity of individual donors, there is a great expenditure on the tower and belfry, and an appeal was issued to all ringers and friends—especially in the Leicester Diocese—to defray this cost. Will all those who have the special appeal forms please return same as soon as convenient to Mr. Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LOST PEALS IN CORNWALL.

THE LADY WHO WROTE A POEM.

Peals are difficult to get in Cornwall at the best of times, but lately they have been particularly elusive. Three attempts have failed in the last two months, one through the light failing a quarter of an hour from the end, and one through sickness under the tower.

The third attempt was made on Boxing Day for Holt's Original at Camborne, by W. J. Sanders 1, C. E. Lanson (conductor) 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, F. Harris 4, E. Sanders 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, A. S. Roberts 7, P. R. C. Williams 8. The ringing was good for an hour and a half, when the sudden entrance of a woman behind the conductor caused a slight trip. This was put right, however, and the woman left the belfry, only to return a little later when she started to whisper to one of the ringers. She was politely but firmly asked to leave the belfry. This she did, but returned a quarter of an hour later with a note which she tried to fix so that one of the ringers could read it. It fluttered to the ground and her efforts to retrieve it took the attention of the ringers off the method so that the bells set up after two hours 10 minutes.

The woman could not then be found. The note read: 'I wanted to tell Camborne Church bellringers that I wrote a poem for them in this week's "Cornish Post." All Camborne has read it. I knew if I spoke it would upset the ringers. Tell them to read the Christmas Carol I wrote for them.'

A quarter-peal from the 'Original' was rung at Truro Cathedral for the last practice of the year on Tuesday, December 29th: Miss M. Penrose 1, W. H. Southard 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, W. E. Minors 4, A. S. Roberts 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, C. E. Lanson (conductor) 7, J. Jose (first quarter-peal) 8. Another attempt was to have been made for a peal on Saturday, January 9th, at Mawgan, the lightest peal in Cornwall. Unfortunately, two of the ringers were lost on the road and when they arrived at the church a peal was impossible. However, half of Parker's twelve-part was rung in 1 hour 26 minutes. The ringers were W. J. Sanders (longest length of Triples) 1, C. E. Lanson (conductor) 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, E. Sanders 4, A. S. Roberts 5, F. Harris 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, P. R. C. Williams 8. It is hoped that a peal will be safely brought round in the near future.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

REPORT FOR 1935 AND 1936 TO BE ISSUED.

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild on Saturday last at Nuneaton was very well attended, and an excellent start to the new year was made. The bells of the Parish Church were raised in peal soon after three o'clock, and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon J. L. White), a former president of the Guild. The presence of the choirboys was appreciated by all, and their singing helped greatly towards the beauty of the service.

Nearly forty ringers and their friends sat down to an excellent tea in the Parish Hall, prepared by Mrs. Argyle and other local ringers' wives. Canon White presided at the business meeting. Apologies were received from Messrs. J. W. Taylor, H. C. Burt and H. F. Ashley.

It was proposed that a subscription of one guinea should be sent to the Vicar of Wolvey for the Burton Hastings Bells Restoration Fund.

Meeting places for the next three months were decided as follows: Bulkington on February 20th, Exhall on March 20th, and the annual meeting at Rugby on April 17th.

Geoffrey Stoneley, Wilfred H. Argyle and Roy Hayne were elected members of the Guild.

It was decided to issue a report for the years 1935-36, and the secretary was instructed to proceed with the preparation of the same.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar, to the organist and choirboys, and to the ladies who had kindly prepared tea. This was proposed by Mr. White, Ringing Master, and carried with applause.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MAIDSTONE DISTRICT DISCUSSES STRIKING.**

A very enjoyable meeting of the Maidstone District of the Kent County Association was held at Wrotham on January 9th. The fine weather and the fine peal of bells brought many visitors of the useful kind, who can ring anything, so that the district experts were given a chance 'to clear the cobwebs from the attic.'

The association service was conducted by the Rector, Canon A. P. Pascoe, who is a change ringer. He illustrated his address in an interesting way by pointing out the lessons which were to be learned from the art.

After tea the business meeting was conducted. West Malling was chosen for the next quarterly meeting on April 10th, and Yalding for a by-meeting in February.

Mr. F. Leeson, district representative, gave a full account of the November committee meeting, and the position with regard to the amended rules.

A sharp discussion on the subject of 'striking' ensued, the secretary being criticised for being too outspoken in his remarks to the committee.

However, whether benefiting from the discussion or not, some good striking was obtained afterwards, courses of Cambridge and Superlative being rung. A feature of the meeting was the number of handbell enthusiasts present, the four standard methods being attempted and brought home.

Towers represented at the meeting were Wrotham, Egerton, Staplehurst, Maidstone, Ightham, West Malling, Linton, Sevenoaks, Bromley Common, East Peckham, Hayes, Crayford and St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

CORNWALL SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As I was the conductor of the peal of Cornwall Surprise, and sent the figures to 'The Ringing World' without the name of an author, I think that I owe Mr. Tipler just a word. I did not know that he had produced this method, nor did any of the band. Mr. Trollope sent the method to us and stated that it had been published by several people years ago, H. Dains being one of them, so it would be difficult to put anyone's name to it as the author. However, I congratulate Mr. Tipler upon producing it, as it is one of the most musical Surprise methods that I have had the pleasure of ringing.

G. WHITING.

Helmingham, Stowmarket.

KOMNEY MARSH GUILD.**ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Mayne), the annual meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 16th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m.; the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar; tea was held at the Swan Hotel, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.

The balance sheet was presented and passed and a few new members elected.

Before the election of officers took place the company stood for one minute in silence as a mark of respect to the late president, the Rev. G. Wright. Officers elected for the year were: President, the Rev. A. S. Mayne; vice-presidents, the Rev. G. S. Long and Dr. Cock, J.P.; Master, Mr. C. W. Everett; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. Page, who was also elected on the Central Council.

Mr. C. Tribe proposed a vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the year, and thanks were also accorded, on the motion of Mr. T. Conley, to the Vicar for giving permission to hold the meeting and for conducting the service, also to Mr. W. Capeling and his assistant for playing the organ.

The rest of the evening was spent in harmony. Those taking part in the programme were Mr. W. Capeling, Mr. W. Capeling, jun., Mr. and Mrs. P. Wood, Mr. R. Maile and Mr. Balcomb, Mrs. Wood and Miss French. The party broke up at 10 p.m. after a very enjoyable evening.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE IN THE BELFRY.

The bells at St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, Cheshire, were rung for service at 11.15 p.m. on New Year's Eve, after which the old year was rung out and the new year in.

It is the custom for the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Humphreys) to hold the first service of the year in the belfry. On this occasion he was accompanied by the chairman of the Hazel Grove and District Council (Mr. C. Allen), who had come specially to thank the ringers for ringing for the centenary of the village and other public functions during 1936.

The chairman wished the ringers 'a happy new year' and expressed the hope that it would not be the last time that a chairman of the Council would attend the service.

The Vicar moved a vote of thanks to Mr. C. Allen. The usual service was then held, conducted by the Vicar, after which a short touch of Bob Major was brought round: Mrs. J. Fernley 1, T. Entwistle 2, R. E. Jones 3, W. Fernley 4, F. Jones 5, J. Fernley 6, E. Bennett (conductor) 7, J. W. Hartley 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, have been entrusted with the contract for the restoration of the bells at Bickleigh Church, Roborough, South Devon.

The subject of 'Combined Practices' came in for serious discussion at the annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Wokingham on Saturday. A report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

Mr. W. E. Jelley, who has been a member of the Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, since 1900, has resigned. In recognition of his long and faithful service to the tower, his fellow-members have elected him a life honorary member. In recent years Mr. Jelley has been hon. secretary to the tower, and his successor in this office is Mr. T. W. White, Bingham, Stoke Road, Guildford.

Rumours from Bristol after the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' annual dinner on Saturday lead us to ask: Who locked one of the visitors in his bedroom at the Grosvenor Hotel and then lost the key?

Who purloined the trousers of two well-known King's Norton ringers?

Who found the establishment where they could get their 'shoes mended' on Sunday morning?

What business was transacted at the committee meeting that detained an important speaker so long that he 'missed the boat,' when it came to his turn to respond to a toast?

The restored peal of six bells at Lanchester Parish Church is to be rededicated to-morrow afternoon. This is short notice for ringers, but doubtless the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association will see to it that they are well represented. Further particulars will be found in our notice columns.

The number of 720's rung at Little Mundeu, Herts, during 1936 was 110 in 20 methods. The bells were rung for both services every Sunday throughout the year.

That is an excellent record of consistent service, but Little Mundeu has for long been conspicuous for the loyalty of its ringers, in spite of the fact that it is a small parish with less than 400 inhabitants.

For 34 years a band has been kept together and they have missed ringing for only one Sunday service during the whole of that time, except in the evenings during the war and whilst the bells went to the foundry.

In that period they have lost quite a number of ringers—two last year, and once in their career they lost in one year five who could ring Surprise Minor.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild has lost an old member by the death of Mr. Frank Boreham, who passed away after a brief illness on January 11th. He had been a member of the Guild for upwards of 40 years and formerly was associated with the Hughenden Society. In later years he was a member of the High Wycombe company. On Sunday a muffled peal of Stedman Caters was rung at High Wycombe as a last mark of respect.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with half-muffled bells at Southover, Lewes, on Wednesday week, in memory of Mr. R. J. Dawe, whose death we recorded in our last issue. At the first pull after the bells came into rounds the sixth rope broke!

We referred last week to the fact that all the band who rang with the Editor of 'The Ringing World' in his first peal, in 1893, had now 'crossed the bourn,' except one, Mr. A. E. Nye, who 'had long since given up ringing.' This paragraph has brought us the news that Mr. Nye, after an absence from the Exercise of over 20 years, has recently returned again to the 'fold,' and now rings with the Oxhey band. We are delighted to hear it.

LADIES' GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Whittington quotes woman 'as the last best work, the noblest gift of Heav'n.'

Woman was one of God's good gifts, but she was tempted and brought man into the temptation and fall. Not that man is to be excused for yielding to the temptation, but God gave to man and to woman a greater gift than either. He provided the Sabbath, a spiritual gift, a day that He specially blessed, a day prepared by Him for communion with Himself. Man is of 'the earth, earthy,' and this includes women. The Sabbath has for its special content God Himself. St. John, speaking of himself on the Christian Sabbath, saith, 'I was in the spirit on the Lord's Day.' Hence the Sabbath is a greater gift than either woman to man or man to woman.

W. W. LUCAS.

Drayton Parslow Rectory.

PARENTS RING FOR SON'S BAPTISM

At St. Laurence's Church, Reading, on Sunday, January 10th, Cyril Ernest, the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lewington, was baptised by the Rev. N. R. Raper. A 516 of Stedman Cinques was rung in honour of the event, the parents taking part: Mrs. (Pat) Lewington 1, Miss N. Belcher 2, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 3, S. Lodge 4, S. Davis 5, W. Lewington 6, W. Hibbert 7, H. G. Foxall 8, H. Smith 9, C. Pullen 10, O. J. Watts 11, E. G. Foster 12. The band afterwards drank to the health of the young ringer, with the hope that he will become a better ringer than any of the above band.

R. T. H.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.

LARGE GATHERING AT ANNUAL DINNER.

A New Toast.

Enthusiasm and success marked the sixteenth annual dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, held at the Cadenz Cafe, on Saturday. There was a representative company of over 200 present, and an interesting innovation was the introduction of a toast to 'Our Young Ringers.'

The arrangements made by the committee, of which Mr. Edgar Guise is the energetic hon. secretary, were much appreciated by the many visitors. Not only were the bells at many Bristol churches available on Saturday afternoon, but a special coach trip to Bitton was an attractive feature. Some 30 ringers took advantage of the excursion and enjoyed ringing on the recently restored eight bells. The old six were tuned and two trebles added, making a perfect octave. The bells in Bristol which were open to ringers included St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Stephen's (10), St. Philip's, Temple, and St. Thomas' (8). Tea was served in St. Thomas' Schoolroom.

Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, presided at the dinner, and the vice-chairman was Mr. D. Marsh. Among those present were the

Rev. E. C. Pritchard (Rector of St. Michael's, Gloucester), the Rev. M. Paterson (St. Thomas', Bristol), the Rev. E. Beddoe (St. Werburgh's, Bristol), the Rev. E. Bankes James (Fareham, Hants), Mr. S. Romans (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association) and Mrs. Romans, Mr. A. A. Hughes (London), Mrs. E. Wilkins, Mrs. V. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams (Newent), Mrs. Tindale (Gloucester), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. C. Read, Mr. and Mrs. Ford (St. Thomas'), Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), Mr. J. D. Johnson (hon. secretary, Worcestershire Association) and Miss A. Johnson, Messrs. G. E. Fearn, H. H. Fearn, G. Williams, V. Homan, H. Stanley (Birmingham), Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, Mr. R. C. and Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Belfield, Messrs. G. F. Swann and Williams (Erdington), S. Holt (Manchester), J. Holman (Sheffield), W. A. Stote (Coventry), J. S. Hawkins, P. E. Clark and E. Hancox (London), W. B. Kynaston, W. Bishop and party (Swindon), W. H. Harris (Lydney), W. J. Prescott (Bath), H. Knight and party (Wringtoun), J. E. Nailor and party (Chippenham), J. White (Weston-super-Mare), E. Griffiths (Gresford, North Wales), etc. Other towers represented were Mells, Churchill, Portishead and Clapton-in-Gordano, Somerset; Westbury-on-Trym, Henbury, Coalpit Heath, Mangotsfield and the following Bristol churches: St. Stephen's, St. James', St. Thomas', St. Ambrose's, St. Matthew's, St. Werburgh's, St. Philip's, Emmanuel and St. Mary-le-Port.

Among the regretted absences were those of Mr. E. J. Brown (the pro-vice-chairman) and Mr. S. Palmer (Sheffield) through bereavements. Many others were unable to attend through indisposition.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' spoke of what ringers owed to the Church for the facilities to practise their art. He compared the general condition of belfries, when he began ringing, 40 or 50 years ago, when they formed the receptacle for all the rubbish which could not be accommodated elsewhere in the Church, with the conditions of to-day, when most of the belfries were well cared for. Ringers, however, would like to see more of the clergy in the towers when ringing was going on, he said. Things in this direction were improving, but he wished more of the clergy were like the Rev. M. Paterson, of St. Thomas', Bristol, who showed a constant interest in the ringers. The clergy would be welcomed in the belfry, and ringers, especially the younger members, would like to have more of their encouragement.

The Rev. E. C. Pritchard, who responded, referred to the respect in which he and all the ringers in the West of England held Mr. John Austin. He was specially happy to be associated with him on that occasion in Bristol, as he was on other occasions in Gloucester.



MR. JOHN AUSTIN.

He referred to his own association with Bristol, where he was born, and said he congratulated himself upon being a Bristolian, because his father used to say that Bristol boys always slept with one eye open (laughter).

Continuing, he said he was deeply sensible of the debt the Church owed to ringers. Although he did not yet understand the art of ringing, he hoped one day to find time to learn to ring and take his part with the ringers of St. Michael's, Gloucester (applause). The Rev. E. B. James had often spoken to him of the great value of the clergy joining in with the ringers, and it would be his endeavour, during the next few years, to associate himself more closely with the ringers at his church. He thought the clergy of to-day were much more sociable people than they had the reputation of being in the past, and he hoped the wish expressed by Mr. Austin that they would mix more with the ringers would be realised. If any of them felt that the churches were not filled to-day as well as they might be, he asked the laymen to remember that they were as much a part of 'the church' as the clergy, and it was up to them, as much as to the clergy, to see that the churches were filled (applause).

BUILT ON FINE TRADITIONS AND HARD WORK.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, in proposing the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and Bristol United Ringing Guilds,' said it was always a pleasure to come to Bristol. Personally, he got a 'thrill' every time he came to Bristol, for he could picture those great men of the past, the merchant venturers and the sailors, who went out from that city and had a big share in laying the foundations of the British Empire. Bristol was famous for its sailors and beautiful women; perhaps some of their descendants were present that night.

The Gloucester and Bristol Association, continued Mr. Hughes, was founded 59 years ago, and was one of the first three diocesan or county associations formed. In that diocese they had seen a marvellous improvement in the belfries and status of the ringers in that time. The association had been built up very strongly on fine traditions and the hard work of its foundation members; he referred particularly to the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. G. H. Phillott, the Rev. A. H. Cockey, the wonderful performances put up by the Cheltenham band under Mr. Pates, and the work of the brothers Bankes James and Law James in Gloucester. It was up to the present members of the association to keep that great work going and to foster the social side of ringing. He remembered the passing of their old friend Jack Wilkins. He had a feeling then that the social side of ringing in Bristol might go out, but the introduction of the United Ringing Guilds' organisation had maintained the social aspect of the work. In conclusion, Mr. Hughes stressed the advice so often given by the president of the Central Council, that ringers should more and more strive for accurate striking, which was far more important than intricate method ringing, because, after all, the ringers in the tower were very few, while the people outside, who had to put up with bad ringing when it occurred, could be numbered by hundreds and sometimes by thousands. Their first consideration, therefore, should always be for good striking (applause).

Mr. S. Romans, who replied to the toast, mentioned the names of the stalwarts of the past, who built up the early fortunes of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. These men, he said, were the pioneers, and ringers of to-day were enjoying the benefit of their labours. It was for them, now, to uphold the tradition and do all they could for the furtherance of the association. They had in Mr. Guise a very able and hard working secretary (applause). He took a great interest both in the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and, in the social side of the work, in the Bristol United Ringing Guilds.

ENCOURAGING PROGRESS.

It had been his privilege, continued Mr. Romans, to visit many of the districts during the past year, and he could not speak too highly of the work of the assistant secretaries. The meetings had been most encouraging. He had found that where in some places in the previous year they were struggling to ring Grandsire, to-day they could ring all the standard methods (applause). That was progress in the right direction, but they needed more young members. He had appealed to the clergy from time to time to help them in this respect. If they could get young men from the church, the choir and the Bible class they were likely to keep them. He was very pleased to say that that appeal had not been in vain. During the last few months they had started a young band in Gloucester. They were now just able to ring their bells nicely, and ring rounds for the first time on New Year's Day (applause). He hoped by next year they would have three times the number; then he did not think they could complain.

Several restorations had taken place in the dioceses during the past year. At St. Michael's, Gloucester, where when the Rector first arrived they contemplated putting eight bells in order, they would now be able to get all ten restored, thanks to a handsome donation given to the fund by one of their past Masters, the Rev. E. B. James (applause).

Referring to the forthcoming Coronation, Mr. Romans said they wanted, if possible, to get all the bells in the two dioceses rung on that occasion. He particularly asked that they would try to ring

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WHAT THE YOUNG RINGER NEEDS.

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the methods they were most acquainted with, so as to get the best striking possible. He also made the suggestions that where there were towers with a surplus of ringers, they should try to transfer some of the men for the day to those towers where there was a shortage, so that all the rings of bells could be set going. At the Silver Jubilee of the late King George they adopted that principle at Gloucester and found that it worked very well. They rang at their own churches and afterwards split up into two parties and visited the parishes nearby. The festivities were at full swing, but they would have been incomplete without the pealing of the bells. The incumbents were very grateful to them and so were the villagers, because, in some places, the bells had not been rung for a considerable time (applause).

The Rev. M. Paterson next proposed 'Our Young Ringers.' He said he felt highly honoured that he was the first person to propose that toast, which appeared on their programme for the first time. A friend of his, a clergyman, who attended a ringers' dinner, came away with the confused notion that the world was created in order that towers might be built and bells rung (laughter). He felt surprised, on consulting the first chapter of the Book of Genesis, to find no mention of towers or bells (laughter). That, said the speaker, was obviously a rather exaggerated view, but they were all very much interested in bellringing. What he wanted to suggest was that it was the duty of the Guild not only to maintain a high standard of ringing, but it was equally their duty to gain recruits. A little while ago he saw in a paper a picture of a group of old men, he believed all over 70, who had rung together for over 50 years. Now those old gentlemen, he had no doubt, had won many disciples and had taught many young men to ring, but on the face of it, all that picture told them was that seven or eight old gentlemen had thoroughly enjoyed themselves for over 50 years (laughter), and the letterpress not only did not add to their information, it only told them that the career of those old men in the tower had been diversified by one terrific row with the Vicar about the mastication of a halfpenny bun (laughter).

'THOUGHTS' OF A YOUNG RINGER.

He (the speaker) wished to suggest another picture: one that had never been published; one that, perhaps, never would be published, of six or seven young fellows, all under 21, who all belonged to the same tower. That picture would speak for itself. It would show the Guild was doing at least one half, and a very important half, of its duty; that it was not only maintaining a high standard of ringing, perhaps, but was most certainly doing what should be the duty of bellringers—gaining recruits (applause).

There was, continued Mr. Paterson, to be a response to that toast, and he did not know what the responder would say, but sometimes they older men could enter into the minds of the boys perhaps even better than their friends and companions could. He wanted to put into words what he thought a young recruit would want to find in a tower.

I think, said Mr. Paterson, if he is of the right sort, the sort I have known for a good many years, he would say: 'I should like sometimes a little praise, for it encourages me, but I don't want to be flattered, it only makes me feel awkward. I should like to have an instructor who is patient, who remembers that he was a beginner once himself; who knows that boys are not always as they would wish to be, but they are as God made them, some are slow and some are quick. I think I would like to find good fellowship. I do not want to be admitted on sufferance, but to be welcome.'

I would underline this: My boy would say: 'I want you to make me feel that, in spite of my blunders and mistakes, I am of some real help to you.'

If, concluded the speaker, you will not give them that you will not get them, or if you get them you will not keep them (applause).

Master A. Tyler, aged 13, the youngest ringer present, had to reply to the toast. He said: 'Mr. Paterson, I thank you for toasting the young ringers. Ladies and gentlemen, I thank you for the way in which you received the toast. Mr. Paterson, I have been asked by the committee of the United Guilds to present to you these pipes and tobacco to remind you how much we appreciate your active interest in church bellringing at St. Thomas' (applause).

The Rev. M. Paterson expressed his thanks for the gift. Mr. D. Marsh proposed 'Kindred Guilds and Visitors,' and extended a hearty welcome to the visitors present. He referred to the good work done by the associations throughout the country, and, to the non-ringers present, he suggested they should take up ringing in this Coronation year. They would find it a nice hobby and one in which, on the social side, they would meet people of more diversified professions than in any other type of Guild they could find.

Mr. G. E. Fearn, who responded, congratulated the committee on the excellent arrangements they had made for the entertainment of the visitors and also for the wonderful hospitality extended to them. Of all the ringers' dinners held in this country, those of the Bristol United Guilds were second to none when it came to the arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CHANGE OF SECRETARY IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, Jan. 16th, at St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, and St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, Westminster, and was attended by some 35 members and friends. Ringing commenced at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, at 3 p.m., and Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge and London Surprise were rung until 4.10 p.m., when, to everybody's regret, illness nearby prevented further ringing. Members made their own arrangements for tea, and reassembled for the business meeting, which was held in the Vestry Hall at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row.

The District Master, Mr. H. Mance, took the chair, and was unanimously re-elected Master. Mr. R. Mackrill was re-elected treasurer, and Mr. W. Essery steward. The only change was in the office of hon. secretary, Mr. C. M. Meyer, the retiring secretary, intimated that he wished to resign, and forthwith proposed Mr. A. P. Cannon. This was seconded by Mr. E. J. King and carried.

St. Mary's, Lambeth, was chosen for the place of next meeting, and the date fixed for March 20th, subject to permission being granted.

Mr. T. H. Taffender proposed a vote of thanks to the district officers for their services in the past year, especially to the retiring secretary, Mr. C. M. Meyer.

Mr. Taffender also proposed and Mr. R. Mackrill seconded that the respective incumbents at the two churches be thanked for the use of the bells, and Messrs. P. Carter and C. Meyer, of Rochester Row, for their valuable help with the arrangements. Further ringing afterwards took place at St. Stephen's, the ringing including Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London, and a well-struck touch of Spliced Surprise in four methods. A broken rope at 8.15 p.m. put an end to a very successful meeting.

BOURNEMOUTH LADY RINGER WEDS.

MARRIAGE OF MISS MARCIA WHITE.

On Saturday, January 16th, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Bournemouth, the marriage was solemnised between Mr. Fredk. John Marshallsay and Miss Marcia White. The bride is a well-known ringer in the Bournemouth district and a member of the Ladies' Guild. Attired in a white broche satin gown with veil and head-dress of orange blossom and carrying a bouquet of red and white carnations, the bride was accompanied by two bridesmaids (her sisters), who were dressed in red ring velvet and carried bouquets of white carnations.

The bride was given away by her mother, and the best man was Mr. Frank Marshallsay (brother of the bridegroom). Organ music was rendered by Mr. E. Pilcher.

The reception was held at the home of the bride and was attended by 50 guests, including her fellow-ringers of St. John's, who rang the bells as Mr. and Mrs. Marshallsay left the church after the ceremony.

The ringers of St. John's presented the bride with a canteen of cutlery, and the staff of Messrs. Hendy Bros., with whom the bridegroom has been connected for several years, gave an oak electric clock.

The happy couple left by car for a honeymoon, which is being spent in touring Devon.

The future residence of Mr. and Mrs. Marshallsay will be 11, Exton Road, Boscombe East, Bournemouth.

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Mr. W. B. Kynaston gave the toast of 'The Ringing World,' to which the Editor (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) responded.

Mr. W. Rose thanked the artistes, and Mr. J. Nott replied on their behalf.

As usual, the entertainment was of a very diversified nature. Miss Marjorie Hall and Mr. Leonard Nott sang songs, Miss Anne Kelly gave amusing monologues, Mr. George Cooper and Mr. Clifford Hensley gave individual comedy turns. Handbell selections were given by St. Thomas' Guild and a course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Thomas, J. D. Johnson, G. F. Swann, R. C. Ingram and G. Fearn. Much appreciation was shown for all the items, but nothing raised greater enthusiasm than a 'turn' by Mr. John Austin (aged 74) and Mr. J. Williams (aged 84), who, seated back to back and with 'four in hand,' struck off a course of Grandsire Triples, which they followed with some tunes.

Many of the visitors stayed overnight and had the opportunity of ringing at Bristol and nearby churches during Sunday.

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HOBERT DEAN'S REPLY TO CENTRAL COUNCIL.**'ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOUNG RINGERS.'**

The president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) has received the following reply from Dean Rivers, of Hobart, Tasmania, to the congratulations and greetings sent by the Council on the occasion of the completion of the tower and bells of St. David's Cathedral: 'My best thanks for the kind and welcome congratulations of the English Bellringers on the occasion of the Dedication of the Tower and Bells of St. David's Cathedral. Your letter will give great pleasure and encouragement to our band of young ringers, whose privilege it will be to ring the first peal on Sunday, December 6th.'

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**ANNUAL VISIT TO PUDSEY.**

On Saturday, January 16th, Leeds and District Society once again enjoyed the hospitality of the Pudsey company. It needs no reiteration to say how much the society values this visit.

The bells were rung up at 3 p.m. and ringing continued until 9 p.m. except for a break for tea and the business meeting, which were held in the Park Hotel.

The president was delayed at work and the chair was taken by Mr. H. Davison (vice-president).

One new member was elected, viz., Mr. W. Hall, of Calverley.

Mr. George Barraclough proposed and Mr. G. Titterton seconded that the best thanks of the society be accorded the Vicar and churchwardens of Pudsey for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the other arrangements.—Mr. J. W. Baxendale replied for the Pudsey ringers.

Mr. P. J. Johnson moved that the best wishes of the society be conveyed to Mr. Pratt Cordingley, together with the hope that his health would improve and enable him to be amongst the ringers again.

Further ringing on the tower bells took place by some of the members, whilst others remained for handbell ringing, when, as a variation from changes, the Leeds Parish Company, assisted by one ringer from Armley, rang 'Caller Herrin.'

Members were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford, Birstall, Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Selby, Sherburn and the local company.

A MID-DEVON PRACTICE MEETING.

A number of Devon Guild members living in the Newton Abbot district visited Bickington, near Newton Abbot, on Thursday evening, January 14th. The bells are a ring of six with a 9 cwt. tenor, and are in good going order. Some excellent practice was obtained, and, in addition to a 360 of Double Court Minor, a couple of courses of Cambridge Surprise Minor were successfully brought round. Some plain courses of Grandsire Doubles were also rung to give the local ringers present some idea of half-pull ringing, and the evening was wound up with 468 of Minor in the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. All the methods were well struck, and it was generally agreed that the practice had been in every way successful. The rise and fall too, were worthy of mention.

CANON SOLLOWAY'S JUBILEE.**A POPULAR YORKSHIRE VICAR.**

The Vicar of Selby, the Rev. Canon J. Solloway, D.D., has just celebrated his golden jubilee in the ministry of the Church, having been ordained in York Minster on December 18th, 1886. Large congregations were present at the services in Selby Abbey on Sunday, December 20th, to take part in the thanksgiving to God for all Canon Solloway's work in the past half-century and particularly for the last 26 years as Vicar of Selby.

Before the morning service 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, and for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Rayner (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Fenton 2, F. W. Hinton 3, E. Storr 4, A. Cryer 5, T. H. Foster 6, H. S. Morley (conductor) 7, T. Strudwick 8.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.

The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 6d., at 5.30 p.m. Names please to Thomas B. Worsley, 32, Castle Street, Bolton. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The annual committee meeting will be held at Fulmer on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at 4 p.m. sharp. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m. Subscriptions now due.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (10) ready 5 p.m. Will all members who can make an effort to attend? All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and may be paid at the business meeting which follows tea.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (5.15 p.m.) at Rogers' Café, The Borough; business afterwards. Everybody welcome. C. W. Denyer, Dis. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Hall, Lesbourne Road, 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Important: Please send me numbers for tea not later than Friday, 22nd. All ringers heartily welcome.—Walter Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wroxton on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (5) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Shenington (5) and Banbury (10) also available during the evening.—E. Pearson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Adderbury West, Banbury.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Skelton-in-Cleveland (bells 8, tenor 23 cwt.) on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 5 p.m.; members 1s.; non-members 1s. 3d.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Service 4.30. Tea and business proceedings afterwards. A fine peal of 8. All welcome. Please send names for tea to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Northants.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Boston on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Blenkin Memorial Hall. Business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Peter's Hall 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—The annual general district meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. St. Giles', Cripplegate (12) from 3 to 5 p.m., and St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Service 5. Tea, by kind invitation, 5.30. Half rail fare to members, maximum 1s. 6d.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will take place at St. Barnabas', Shore, on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. A good 'turn up' requested. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting to be held at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due.—S. Lloyd Parry, Hon. Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, at 5 o'clock, at 1s. each.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The recently restored peal of six in Lanchester Parish Church (tenor 9 cwt.) will be rededicated on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at 3 p.m., by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Auckland. Tea at 5 p.m. All members are invited to attend.—Roland Park, Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, at Doncaster Parish Church. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Committee meeting in the Clergy House at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, in the Memorial Hall, at 1s. per head. General meeting at 6 o'clock. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting.—E. Cooper, Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.—Special service for the re-opening of the bells at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24th. Preacher, the Dean of Worcester. Ring of six rehung by John Taylor and Co.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m., St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec. Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The annual meeting of this district will be held at Streatham on Saturday, Jan. 30th. The bells of St. Leonard's will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock at St. Leonard's. Tea at The Manor, at 1s. per head, followed by meeting. The bells of Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, will be available immediately after the meeting till 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. J. W. Chapman, 36, Sunnyside Road, Streatham, London, S.W.16, not later than Thursday, Jan. 28th.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea in canteen at 5.30. Business meeting in the Vestry Hall at 6.30. St. Bride's, Fleet Street bells available from 2.30 to 3.45 p.m. Numbers for tea to be sent to me by Wednesday, 27th. This is most important, for the catering. Usual practice at Shoreditch, Thursday, Jan. 28th, at 6.30 p.m.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 2.30 to 7.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, 1s. each, at 5. Important business meeting to follow. Ringing at Willesden from 7 to 9 p.m. Special method, St. Clement's Bob Triples. The District Committee will meet at 3.30 p.m. Will all who require tea please advise me by Jan. 27th?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. — Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath, Som.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, January 30th, when the following bells will be available: Far Headingley (8) 12 noon to 9 p.m., St. Michael's, Headingley (8) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., St. Matthias', Burley (8) 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. Chad's at 4.15 p.m., the preacher being the Lord Bishop of Ripon. The President asks that on this special occasion all ringers should do their best to attend. Tea will be provided in the schools at 5 p.m. for all who send in their names to Miss L. K. Bowling, 19, Shaw Lane, Leeds 6, by Thursday, Jan. 28th, otherwise a charge of 1s. will be made. The general meeting will be held in the schools immediately after tea, and the presentation to Canon C. C. Marshall, who completes 25 years as President of the Association at this meeting, will be made by the Lord Bishop of Ripon on behalf of the members. The President and local company extend a very hearty welcome to all ringers. — J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells of St. Deny's Church (8) will be open 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 9d. each to those who notify undersigned by Thursday, Jan. 28th.—H. S. Hinkins, Hon. Sec., 41, The Drove, Sleaford, Lincs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, in Church Room. All ringers and friends given a hearty welcome. Subscriptions for 1937 now due. A p.c. for tea will be much appreciated by Wednesday, Jan. 27th.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tipton on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. A. L. Chapman (Vicar). Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 26th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Honiton Clyst on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service will be held at 4.30 p.m. The address will be given by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Keene). Tea will be provided in the Church Hall, price 1s. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Jan. 25th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Eight Bells Hotel, followed by the annual business meeting. All requiring tea please notify not later than Jan. 28th to H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice will be held at Shenley (bells 6) on Saturday, Jan. 30th, from 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Further particulars next week. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 2.30. 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. 26th Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Brede on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. All are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's (8), Chippenham, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 3 o'clock. Service 4.45. Tea after. St. Andrew's (8) also open. Visitors please notify early. — F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Saturday, Jan. 30th, annual meeting at Baldock. It is the duty of all Northern District members to attend. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service and tea to follow. Business meeting includes election of district secretary, district committee, election of two members to serve on General Committee, balance sheet of district and report. Book the date and don't be late.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Tibshelf on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 o'clock at a charge of 1s. Please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 27th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle and District Branch.—The 38th annual meeting will be held at Benefield, Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meat tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea, please write by Jan. 26th.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrook Rectory, Peterborough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Grimsby District will be held (D.V.) at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Preacher, the Vicar, the Rev. E. Lisle Marsden. Tea in Church House at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Please help with arrangements by sending me a p.c. by Wednesday, Jan. 27th. All subscriptions are now due. A hearty welcome is extended to all.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea. Practice meeting at St. Werburgh on Monday, Feb. 1st, at 7.15 p.m.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.—A. Whiting and K. Lewis, Joint Secs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Shildon on Jan. 30th. Bells of St. John's (8) available from 2 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 27th.—R. Jeff, 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Blaydon on Saturday, Jan. 30th. The bells (6) will be available at 3 p.m.—J. A. Brown, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's (8), Wells, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 32, Burcott Road, Wells.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Essendon on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Two bus services—Barnet to Hertford and St. Albans to Hertford—are suitable. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, N. Mimms, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Jan. 30th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Vicar. Tea after at the Green Dragon, 1s. per head. All ringing friends heartily welcomed. Buses 20s pass the church from Waltham Cross to Potter's Bar and vice versa.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at Cramlington on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Meeting at 3 p.m. Tea, in Parish Hall, 1s. each. Bells available from 3 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Guild Sec.

ALL SAINTS', HEREFORD.—You would be welcomed at our last 'open bell' practice before Easter, on Thursday, February 4th, at 7.29 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough (by kind permission of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.), on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. This meeting should not be confused with quarterly meeting of the M.C.A., which is being held at Loughborough on Feb. 6th.—H. Kerly, Hathern Road, Shepshed, Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) will be reserved only for those notifying me not later than Monday, Jan. 25th. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ide on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15 in the Institute. Please notify me for tea by Jan. 30th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

DEVON GUILD.—North Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Georgeham on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please advise me by Monday, Jan. 25th.—A. H. Hayward, Hon. Sec., Gas Office, Combe Martin, North Devon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at Bourne (owing to Edenham bells being unavailable). Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in Abbey Church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Brightman's Café. Outstanding subscriptions should now be paid. Notifications for tea by Wednesday previous, please. All welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Sleaford, Lincs.

LADIES' GUILD.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. John's, Leytonstone, on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Service at 8 p.m. Will all requiring tea notify me by Saturday, Jan. 30th?—E. K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burley Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—The annual meeting will be held at Kington on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please advise me by Tuesday, Jan. 26th.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available: Cathedral, 3 to 4 p.m.; S. Nicolas', 3.30 to 4.30. Shalford, after meeting, until 9 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and meeting at Ayres' Café 5.15. Please send me numbers for tea by Feb. 3rd.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. T. Egan, 10, Brookes Terrace, Liverpool 6, not later than previous Wednesday.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Cleeve (8) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Feb. 1st for tea.—G. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Sevenoaks is the place, and Saturday, Feb. 6th, the date, for the first meeting of the New Year. You come, please, and help start the year well. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South-West District. — The annual meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Old Isleworth, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 5.30, in Church Hall, South Street. Business meeting to follow. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. If you require tea, can you notify me by Feb. 1st, please?—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the year takes place at Wymondham on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells at 2.30. Service, conducted by the Rev. F. Jarvis, at 4. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 4.45 p.m. Methods for 'practice: Erin Triples and Duffield Major. Diagrams on receipt of postcard. Please notify your intention to be present at tea.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. A hearty welcome given to all ringers to attend.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting, Loughborough, Feb. 6th. Bells of All Saints' (10) and Bell Foundry Campanile (10) available 2 to 3.45 and after meeting. Committee meet 3 p.m. Special service 4 p.m., during which late Rector (Canon Briggs) will dedicate tablet to past Loughborough ringers. Tea at 4.30, followed by general meeting; both in the Fearon Hall. Tea will only be provided for those applying for and obtaining tickets before Feb. 4th from Mr. J. Grundy, Limehurst, Bridge Street, Loughborough.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting Feb. 13th. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C., 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Bow, Cheapside, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3.10 p.m. to 4.10 p.m., followed by service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, probably Lord Bishop of Stepney. Tea, 5 p.m., reserved only for those who notify me well beforehand. Meeting and handbell competition in Parish Room 7 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea supplied by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary Notice.—Annual dinner to be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C.1, on Saturday, March 13th. Ladies very welcome. Tickets (5s. 6d. each) now available from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, or from J. E. Bailey, 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 20th. Tickets 3s. each. Further details later.—W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney, Glos.

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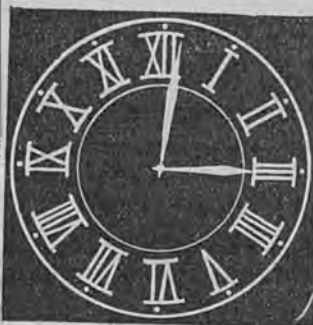
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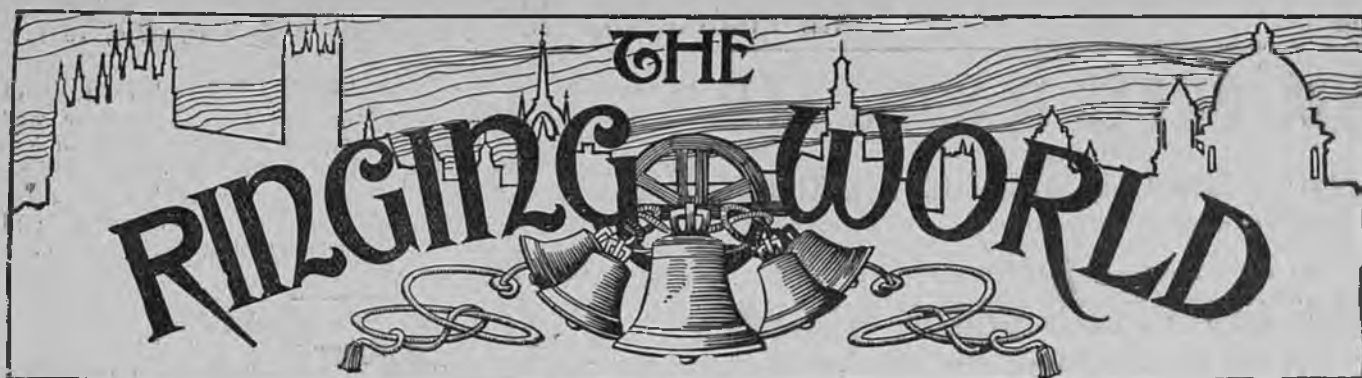
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In the great majority of cases, when fresh methods are once rung, one never hears of them again. Among them are methods good, bad and indifferent from the ringing point of view. The bad and indifferent can, of course, well be discarded, but we could wish that the 'good' methods would come into more general use. Ringers, for the most part, are very conservative in their practice. It was, for example, years before Bristol Surprise, musical though the method is, began to be treated as anything more than the freak which an earlier generation thought London, Cambridge or Superlative to be. Other Surprise methods equally as interesting as or more musical than the three historic ones have now been rung; but, from lack of knowledge on the part of ringers, or through the conservatism to which we have referred, have been cast aside and left untouched by the general body of the Exercise, when they are well worthy of general practice.

The same thing applies to the Plain methods. There are many as 'good' from the ringing point of view—that is interest and 'music'—as Double Norwich that deserve to be widely rung, but they remain unpractised. Along with the 'exploitation' of new methods, we would much like to see a movement to save the best from the limbo of forgotten things and an effort made to bring these best into general use. Hundreds of ringers in these days are able to ring Cambridge Surprise, yet great are the limitations of the method! Other methods there are, on the same principle, equally interesting to ring and lending themselves to far more musical compositions, which on their merits ought to oust Cambridge from its pride of place—and would do so if it were not that Cam-

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†MARIE R. CROSS 3	RALPH COLES 8
ROLAND BIGGS 4	F. DONALD BOREHAM ... 9
R. GORDON CROSS 5	EDWARD R. CROXFORD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on ten bells and in the method. † 50th peal. Rung with bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Frank Boreham (father of the ringer of the 9th), who passed peacefully away after a brief illness on January 11th. For upwards of 40 years he had been associated with the Oxford Diocesan Guild, for many years as a member of the Hughenden Society and later with High Wycombe company.

CARDIFF, SOUTH WALES.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*ROBERT E. COLES Treble	ERNEST COOMES 6
FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... 2	†GEORGE TALBOT 7
EVAN COLES 3	ERNEST STITCH 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
CHARLES H. PERRY 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. MILES. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. A birthday compliment to the sister of the ringer of the 8th.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6079 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	*HAROLD P. REED 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 2	REGINALD BROWN 7
*D. CECIL WILLIAMS 3	GEORGE ROBINSON 8
ERNEST J. TRIMMER 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 9
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 5	*REGINALD A. REED ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. Mr. G. Robinson hails from Leeds, Yorkshire. Rung in honour of the appointment of the Rev. F. H. Chambers (senior curate at this church) to the living of Billington, near Leighton Buzzard, in the Diocese of St. Albans.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HURST, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... Treble	† WILLIAM H. J. PARKER ... 5
* BERNARD C. CASTLE ... 2	REV. A. G. G. THURLOW ... 6
R. GORDON CROSS ... 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE ... 7
JOHN RANCE ... 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by R. GORDON CROSS.

* First peal on eight bells 'inside.' † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of this parish, the Rev. L. Whitmill.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 19, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* JAMES R. LAMBIN ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by JAMES E. BAILEY.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal of Major as conductor and first attempt.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

* G. HARRY MYERS ... Treble	* THOMAS G. MYERS ... 5
† AUBREY L. BENNETT ... 2	ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 6
JAMES E. LILLEY ... 3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 7
HENRY C. COLLYER ... 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method for the Guild by a band of members residing in the county of Devon. A birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd.

RAMSGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

* MISS LILY L. WICKENS ... Treble	† STANLEY J. GEE ... 5
JOSEPH WAGBORN ... 2	* HILDRED S. WICKENS ... 6
† THOMAS W. SCOTT ... 3	ALBERT E. JARMAN ... 7
LESLIE A. PORRITT ... 4	† FREDERICK H. PHILPOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. JARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Wickens.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALAN D. STEEL ... Treble	THOMAS HURD ... 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL ... 2	JAMES A. MILNER ... 6
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 7
KENNETH LEWIS ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung as a compliment to Alderman Sydney Myott, now serving his third term as Mayor of Newcastle, his previous years of office being 1908-9 and 1935-6. He is an honorary member of the association. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

THOMAS LAW ... Treble	* GEORGE TANNER ... 5
* GEORGE FREEMAN ... 2	* ROBERT EADY ... 6
† JACK DAVEY ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... 7
† PHILIP JONES ... 4	† EDGAR A. BILLINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman, also first peal on eight bells. † First peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, January 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CODDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. ARBON ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
GEORGE WHITING ... 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 4	ALBERT E. WHITING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

This is the first peal to be rung in the method and is No. 68 in Mr. G. Lindoff's collection. It was the 100th peal by the conductor in his own tower, rung in 46 methods. The peal was a birthday compliment to his daughter, Kathleen Last.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

* JACK R. HINDY ... Treble	† CHARLES E. COPEMAN ... 5
† WILLIAM COPEMAN ... 2	WILLIAM R. WRIST ... 6
BERTIE W. MARSH ... 3	FREDERICK R. WILBY ... 7
JOHN A. GODFREY ... 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

CHESWARDINE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... Treble	* REGINALD KYNASTON ... 5
THOMAS PRICE ... 2	G. LEONARD HEWITT ... 6
FREDERICK PRICE ... 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 7
REGINALD W. CHESTERS ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in the method.

DENHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2	ROLAND BIGGS ... 6
JESSE HARRISON ... 3	TONY PRICE ... 7
HARRY WINGROVE ... 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

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WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt, 2 qr. 11 lb.

JOSEPH CHARMAN Treble	JOHN COOK 5
* ERNEST TRAGUS 2	PETER CHARMAN 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	WALTER CHARMAN 7
THOMAS ADAMS 4	RAYMOND WOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Bob Major.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	GEORGE TALBOT 6
FREDRICK LASBURY 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
FRANK ROWSELL 4	* REGINALD WESTCOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by J. PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Stedman. The conductor's 100th peal. The ringer of the 2nd has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Cathedral.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 33 cwt.

PERCY SWINDLEY Treble	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
J. WILLIAM CLARKE 4	JOHN GRIFFITHS Tenor

Conducted by S. JONES, JUN.

A birthday compliment to the conductor and to Mr. R. D. Langford. The band, in company with the Cathedral ringers, was kindly entertained to tea by the Dean and Mrs. Bennett before the peal.

BARNSELY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM GREEN Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
ARTHUR FIRTH 2	HAROLD CHANT 6
TOM BROTHWELL 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
REGINALD PAYNE 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

First peal of Major on the bells since they were rehung by Gillett and Johnston, who have improved them wonderfully. Believed to be the first of Surprise ever rung on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to Canon Hone, Rector of Barnsley, who has accepted the living of Godalming, Surrey.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

T. LOCKE Treble	J. STEVENS 4
E. DABINETT 2	P. LOCKE 5
S. DABINETT 3	E. STEVENS Tenor

Conducted by T. LOCKE.

First peal by all except the conductor, and first as conductor.

CHILTON CANTELO, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

* DOUGLAS BRAKE Treble	WILLIAM A. OSBORNE ... 3
ARTHUR H. S. RAINEY 2	* CLEMENT C. VOWLES ... 4
PERCY N. G. RAINEY Tenor	

Conducted by PERCY N. G. RAINEY.

* First attempt for a peal and belongs to local band. † First peal in two methods.

THURNBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 2,400 Plain Bob, 1,440 Canterbury Pleasure and 1,200 Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH NORTON Treble	HENRY FAULKNER 3
RONALD RUSSELL 2	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
A. NORMAN GEARY Tenor	

Conducted by J. GEOFFREY GEARY.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

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) Kent Treble Bob; (5) St. Clement's; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS VESSEY Treble	JAMES RAITHEY 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 2	JACK MILLHOUSE 5
FRANK VERNON 3	CLIFFORD VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD VESSEY.

First peal in twelve methods by all but ringers of fifth and tenor.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks.)

On Tuesday, January 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

BRYAN O'NEIL Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER 4
JAMES D. TAYLOR 2	GEORGE H. LIMMER 5
JOHN E. TAYLOR 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

First peal in six methods by all and by the St. Peter's Society. Rung in lieu of Burnham practice.

BEENHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

FRED (Oxford) WIGMORE ... Treble	EDWARD RICHARDSON ... 4
* ALFRED CHURCHILL 2	* EDWIN WALACE 5
* WILLIAM GREETHAM 3	GEOFFREY FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by G. FOWLER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung at the request of the treble ringer, who is 73. All are members of the local band and regular service ringers.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten varied callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES HUNT Treble	WALTER E. PRIDDLE... .. 4
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	*FREDERICK ALDERMAN 5
*GEORGE W. ALDERMAN 3	*HAROLD BRISTOW Tenor

Conducted by J. HUNT.

* First peal and belongs to local band.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithun.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F sharp.

*JACK VESSEY Treble	FRANK VERNON 4
†THOMAS VESSEY... .. 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
G. LESLIE A. LUNN 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Fareham on Saturday, January 16th, when members attended from Alverstoke, Bishopstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, Hambledon, Netley, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Southampton, Soberton, Swanmore, Titchfield, Twyford, Winchester and Wickham.

The Guild service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. A. Cory) officiating and giving an address.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, after which the business meeting was held, the Master of the Guild, Mr. G. Williams, being voted to the chair in the absence of the Vicar. The report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The sum of £5 5s. was voted from the district funds towards the cost of restoring Soberton bells, subject to the order being placed with the bellfounder.

All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. Mrs. F. W. Lager and Mrs. M. Stansfield were elected honorary members of the Guild, and ringing members were elected from Fareham and Alverstoke.

The Cathedral, Portsmouth, was selected for the next annual meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 15th, 1938.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for officiating at the service and for granting the use of the Church Hall for tea.

The members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

YOUTHFUL HANDBELL RINGERS.

QUARTER-PEALS BY REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON'S DAUGHTERS.

At St. Nicholas' Rectory, Hereford, on handbells, during the Christmas holidays, three quarter-peals of Bob Major were rung—1,254, 1,280 and 1,296 changes, and (on December 31st) a date touch of 1,936 Bob Major—by Monica Richardson (age 12) 1-2, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 3-4, Brenda Richardson (age 14) 5-6, Dorothy Richardson (age 10) 7-8. And 720's of Double Bob Minor and Oxford Bob Minor (Monica Richardson 1-2, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 3-4, Brenda Richardson 5-6). Every member of the band has rung 720's of Bob Minor on every pair of bells, one of these being conducted by Brenda.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT SUPPER AND SOCIAL.

The fifth annual supper and social of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Heston on January 16th, was attended by about 70 members and friends and was an unqualified success. After ringing during the afternoon at Heston (8) and Norwood Green (6), the company assembled in the Village Hall at 6 p.m., under the chairmanship of the Rev. G. Craggs, Vicar of Heston, supported by the vice-president of the association (Mr. J. A. Trollope), all the district officers, and members from most of the towers in the district and some from the North and East District.

An excellent supper was quickly and efficiently served and disposed of as efficiently, if not quite so quickly.

After the toast of 'The King' had been honoured, the Chairman proposed the toast of 'The Association,' and assured the members of his pleasure in welcoming them to Heston. He evidenced the activity of the local band in a story of a man who went to Heston on Christmas Eve for a rest after a strenuous week's work. When he arrived the bells were ringing. When he woke up on Christmas morning the bells were still ringing. On Boxing Day he woke to find them still ringing and they went on for about three hours. On the following morning (Sunday) they were ringing again, so that the visitor was glad when Monday came and he was able to go back to work and get some peace and quietness.

After a touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells by Messrs. G. Kilby, E. O. S. Turner, J. Herbert and W. G. Wilson, the vice-president replied to the toast. He thanked the Vicar for his welcome and drew attention to the difference in the status of ringers at the present time compared to the early days of the association.

Mr. H. W. Lidbetter proposed a vote of thanks to the Supper Committee (Messrs. Chandler, Gladman and Goodfellow), and this was carried with acclamation.

By this time the tables had been cleared and removed in readiness for the social programme, for which Mr. Lidbetter was M.C. Community singing, led by Mr. Herbert, with Miss Bradford at the piano, gave a good start to a programme, consisting of games of the Christmas party type, violin solos by Mr. Leonard Townsend and dancing. The Rugby international held at Twickenham was quite overshadowed by what was called in the programme 'balloon handball.' Teams of seven were made up from four towers, and goals were scored by knocking a balloon over strings suspended about 10ft. high at each end of the hall. The Hillingdon team beat Heston by 2-0 after an exciting game, in which Mr. Corke's nose was mistaken for the balloon—at least it is hoped it was a mistake. Failing heat Islworth by 4-0, although the latter team, which included four ladies, put up a strong resistance.

After an interval for refreshments and more games, the final between Hillingdon and Heston was keenly contested, and Hillingdon gained the victory by 3-2 after extra time and a little bloodshed.

More community singing round a 'camp fire,' a dance and Auld Lang Syne ended a happy evening about 11.30 p.m., and the members who worked so hard to make the event a success are assured that they did so.

W. G. W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING AT BURGESS HILL.

On Saturday, January 23rd, a quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Burgess Hill, about 30 members being present from towers in the district.

The peal of eight bells was kept going from 2.30 to 8.30, except for an hour and a half break for tea and service, a variety of methods, ranging from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise, being rung.

Owing to the illness of the Vicar, the service was taken by the Rev. H. Birmingham, who gave a brief and interesting address on the subject of churchworkers as a great and united family.

At the business meeting, Mr. T. Holman, people's warden, presided, and, after the minutes of the last meeting had been signed, the ringers present stood for a moment in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of four members who had passed away since the last time the division met—Mr. R. J. Dawe, Lewes; Mr. H. Rann, St. Nicholas, Brighton; Mr. J. Welch, honorary member, Henfield; and Mr. G. W. Stokes, trustee and hon. treasurer of the association.

Three new members were elected, viz., Canon D. C. Dunlop, Henfield; Mr. H. S. James, Lewes; and Mr. H. Packham, Twinelham.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to all who had helped to make the day a success, including Mr. T. Holman, who very kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

FROM PAPER TO BELLS.

The 'pencil and paper' work, which we suggested last week beginners should do, will, we hope, have shown something of the construction of methods of pure Doubles in which the treble retains a plain hunting course. Those who worked out these courses will have found that wherever a 3rd's place is made, two bells (on the opposite side of the 'place' to the position of the treble) had to make a 'dodge'; that is each had to retrace its steps one place before going on again.

In Grandsire, which, as we explained, is the method with one 3rd's place in each 'lead,' made immediately the treble has led, the dodge takes place between the bells in 4-5. The bell that makes the 3rd's place has its course reversed, and, instead of continuing hunting up it has to turn round and hunt down to lead again. The bell that does this is often said to 'make 3rd's, and lead,' and you should remember this in case, at some time, you go astray and are suddenly given this injunction. Remember, too, that the 3rd's place is always made at backstroke and handstroke, which is sometimes called 'the wrong way,' or 'wrong,' as opposed to places made 'right,' which is at handstroke and backstroke.

The 'dodge' occurs immediately after one bell has laid its whole pull behind. This bell is said to dodge 'down,' because actually it is in its hunting course on its way down. The other bell is said to dodge 'up,' because it is in its upward hunting course, and does not lay its whole pull behind until after the dodge is completed. It is useful to know that the whole pulls behind in Grandsire are always at backstroke and handstroke.

The bells that have been dodging behind come down to lead in the same order that they hunted up, but the bell that made 3rd's place hunts down in front of them, instead of being behind them. It is by this transposition of work that the three leads forming the plain course are produced.

The 3rd's place puts the last one first. Suppose they are running in the order a, b, c; c makes 3rd's place; then the order is c, a, b. Next b makes 3rd's, and the order becomes b, c, a. In turn a makes 3rd's and the order is once more a, b, c.

Of the other two bells the treble, as you already know, is plain hunting. The other bell also keeps to plain hunting until a bob or single is called, and in simple Grandsire this bell continues to 'course' the treble; that is, it takes it off at lead, and turns it from behind, and there is never more than one other bell (a bell going in the opposite direction) between them at any time.

The three dodging and place-making bells follow a regular cycle of work—indeed, in all methods the 'working bells,' as they are called, follow a regular cycle, until a bob (or single) shunts them off into another part of the same cycle.

The cycle of work in Grandsire Doubles is:—

Make 3rd's, and lead.

Dodge 5-4 down.

Dodge 4-5 up.

In the plain course the bell in the hunt with the treble is the 2nd. In previous articles we have attempted to explain how to hunt, so all that it should be necessary now to elaborate is the differences in the work.

You will know when it is your turn to make 3rd's place by the fact that immediately before it the treble will have taken you off the lead; in other words, you will have 'passed the treble' in 1-2. At your backstroke lead the treble strikes over you, at your first blow in 2nd's you strike over the treble. That is 'passing the treble' in 1-2. Your next blow will be over the bell in the hunt, and that is your first blow in 3rd's. In these two blows you are hunting up—they require a little 'holding up' on your part, to keep the rhythm. Your next blow in 3rd's requires an interval in your pull equivalent to the space in rounds, and then you hunt down to lead by 'pulling in' just a little each time. The two bells you strike over in turn are the treble and the bell in the hunt—the same two in the same order that you met after leading.

Whichever way you are dodging you must 'pull in' a little to strike into 4th's and 'hold up' a little to go back into 5th's.

After making 3rd's and leading, you 'pass the treble' in 3-4 before dodging in 5-4 down, and in 2-3 before dodging in 4-5 up. This passing of the treble should be one of your main guides to your next work, and if you are to rely upon it you must count your places as you pass through them.

Here is a simple table which gives you the complete work in a plain course of Grandsire Doubles. Learn it:—

Lead.	Pass treble 1-2.	3rd's.
Lead.	Pass treble 3-4.	Lie. Dodge 5-4 down.
Lead.	Pass treble 2-3.	Dodge 4-5 up. Lie.
Lead.		

Write out your course of Grandsire Doubles, check over with the figures the work of the different bells as explained here and then endeavour to put it into practice in your tower, or, if your tower bells are not available, then on handbells, ringing the bells upward for the handstrokes and downward for the backstrokes.

LONDON RINGING SOCIETIES.

To the Editor

Sir,—Your reference to the relationship between the ringing societies in the London area, in your issue of January 15th, will, I hope, encourage some action to be taken. Too long have they gone on 'officially' trying to ignore each other's existence. As one who has mixed a good deal with those who ring in London, I have generally found them quite amiable and sociable individually, yet in their organised relationship they adopt towards each other a curiously, and altogether unnecessary, frigid attitude.

There is really no reason for this aloofness, or any need for airs of superiority. A cordial spirit of co-operation among the organisations covering London might, at this time, do much good in the interests of ringing. This Coronation year offers a great opportunity. Cannot the ringing societies bury their petty differences—if that is what is keeping them apart—and show the real spirit of brotherhood towards each other?

'SUBURBAN RINGER.'

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SHREWSBURY BELLS.

The annual meeting of the Shropshire Association was held in Shrewsbury on Saturday, January 16th. After ringing at St. Chad's Church, the members attended a service, conducted by the Rev. E. B. M. Close, Vicar of St. Chad's. Tea was served in the Parish Room.

The attendance was representative of the towers with which the association is in contact, and 47 members were present.

The Rev. E. C. Pigott presided at the business meeting which followed, there being an apology for absence, owing to illness, from Major E. R. T. Corbett, the Ringing Master.

The balance sheet was adopted, there being a slight increase in the balance carried forward.

The report of the committee was also received with approval, and recommendations that an annual report should be issued, and that three additional summer meetings should be arranged, were accepted.

The report of the committee also contained an announcement that the Vicar of St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, had been interviewed, and that he had agreed to provide new ropes for his bells, and expressed his wish that the bells should be rung occasionally. The committee is also to inspect St. Alkmund's bells and are in touch with St. Julian's authorities with a view to getting the bells in order for ringing.

Confidence in the officers was expressed by their re-election, together with the committee, Mr. J. Griffiths only receiving a new office, in connection with the peal books, for greater convenience.

The following meetings are to be arranged, if possible, during the year: Pontesbury, Clive, Oswestry, Wroxeter, Wem, Great Ness, Moreton Corbet, Church Stretton and Much Wenlock.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. R. B. M. Close and the Rev. E. C. Pigott.

During the day touches of Grandsire Caters, Triples and Cinques, Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain and Treble Bob Major and Royal were rung, and also an excellent course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT RINGING MASTER APPEALS FOR MORE BEGINNERS.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 16th, and was attended by a good company of ringers from Brigg, Lea, Upton, Willingham, Surfleet, Lincoln, Uleby, Retford, Warsop, North Wheatly, Treton and the local tower. The excellent ring of eight (tenor 19½ cwt.) at the Parish Church was made good use of in a large number of methods during the afternoon and evening.

Service was conducted by Canon Witworth. Before his address he extended a very hearty welcome to all to Gainsborough and said how pleased he was to meet the members of the Guild, it being the first opportunity he had had of doing so since he came to the town. In his interesting address he said that unfortunately the proverb, 'Out of sight out of mind,' was too often applicable to bands of ringers, but he assured them that the majority of people appreciated their services. Bellingring was one of those works of which no man could estimate the value.

After tea the business meeting was held. Owing to officers having left the district, three vacancies had occurred during the past year.

Canon Witworth was elected president, Mr. George L. A. Lunn Ringing Master and Mr. C. Hooton representative on the committee.

Miss K. M. Smith, of Lea, was elected a ringing member. Four meetings were agreed upon for the year, viz., at Lea, Bigby, Willingham and Haxey in April, June, August and October respectively, subject to the necessary arrangements being made.

In thanking members for the honour they had conferred upon him, the new Ringing Master drew attention to the declining number of ringers in the district and pointed out that several towers had barely as many ringers as bells. 'Let us make a special effort during 1937,' he said, 'to swell our ranks.' As a solution, he suggested that each member should try and introduce one new ringer to his tower.

This concluded the business meeting, and ringing was resumed until 8.30 p.m., bringing to a close a very enjoyable meeting.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. HUNTINGDON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Huntingdon Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Godmanchester on Saturday. Visitors were present from Coventry, Newmarket, Easing, Fulbourn, Sawston, Cambridge, Dersingham, Wisbech, Terrington St. John's, Chatteris and Trumpington.

Ringling commenced at 3 p.m., and the Vicar (the Rev. L. Douglas) conducted the usual service at 4.30 p.m. He also gave the ringers a warm welcome to Godmanchester and said how he loved to hear the bells rung each week, although he had a feeling of home sickness each time he heard them, for it reminded him of the hospital work he had just left near St. Paul's Cathedral, and how he used to love to listen to the bells of St. Paul's being rung while carrying out his duties at the hospital nearby.

Tea and business meeting were held at the Dorothy Cafe, arranged by Mr. Matson.

Mr. Harry Chapman presided over the business meeting, the Vicar being unable to attend.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: District secretary, Mr. H. Parker; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Fields; committee, Messrs. F. Lack, S. Peck, S. Coleman and E. Wakeling.

One new ringing member was elected and the usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

THOMAS OSBORN'S FIRST RING OF EIGHT.

The annual meeting of the Wisbech Branch was held at Hilgay on Saturday, January 16th, and, considering the weather, was well attended. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the excellent striking of the more advanced methods. The methods rung included Double Oxford Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The service was taken by the curate, the Rector (the Ven. Archdeacon Ward) being ill with influenza.

Archdeacon Ward was re-elected president of the branch, the Ringing Master (Mr. R. W. Crofts) and secretary (Mr. W. W. Cousins) being also re-elected. The committee was re-elected en bloc.

The members were kindly entertained to tea by the president, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

It is interesting to note that the ring of eight at Hilgay were the first complete peal to be cast by Thomas Osborn after he had commenced business on his own account at Downham Market (only three miles distant) in 1779. The tenor was recast by him in 1798, since when, apart from rehanging, the peal has not been touched, and their condition is still quite good.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. BENTLEY WIN THE WALKER CUP.

The annual meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday, and, in spite of the wet weather, was attended by upwards of 40 members and friends. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and at 4.30 a short service was held in the Forman Chapel, conducted by the president, Canon A. Ll. Davies, Vicar of Doncaster, who gave an inspiring address on unity and fellowship. One of the ringers officiated as organist.

Tea was provided in the Memorial Hall, to which 31 sat down. At the general meeting held afterwards, the Vicar presided, supported by the Ringing Master and the Vice-president.

The report was accepted, as was also the balance sheet, which was considered very satisfactory, a gain of £1 15s. being shown on the year's work.

Mr. G. Halksworth was again re-elected vice-president for a further period of three years. The auditors were re-elected and the committee re-elected en bloc to serve another year.

Adwick-le-Street was selected for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, February 27th.

Seven new members were elected, viz., the Rev. P. Chappell, A. K. Traylen, Tony Traylen and P. Jeffries, of Doncaster, J. Elm and V. Dimon, of Burghwallis, and H. S. Morley, of Selby.

Mr. G. Halksworth proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing the tea and to the Vicar for presiding at the committee and general meetings, also for the service and for his kindness and help generally.

The Vicar, in reply, thanked the members for their welcome to him, which he appreciated very much, and also for the help he had received from the secretary in arranging things.

The Walker Cup for the best average attendance at Sunday service ringing has left Doncaster for the second time in its history, Arksey having won it once several years ago. The president now presented it to Mr. J. E. Stephenson, the captain of St. Peter's, Bentley, company, who showed a return of practically 100 per cent. for 1936, only one service having been missed. Doncaster came second with 74 points out of 78.

The President congratulated Mr. Stephenson, and said although he was sorry Doncaster had lost the cup, it had been worthily won, and he hoped they would repeat their win many times in the future.

Mr. Stephenson thanked the Vicar and also the society for the help that had been given to St. Peter's, Bentley. When the bells had been stopped, several members travelled a long distance to ring for Sunday service.—This concluded the business and the tower bells and handbells were brought into use.

APPRECIATION

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January 17th, 1937.

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"I am sorry to close the Appeal for the bells. It has been received so enthusiastically, and responded to so generously, that it has been a real pleasure to launch it and to see it through.

Yours faithfully?

(Signed) NORMAN W. WATSON."

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ring of eight bells at Rishton, near Blackburn, Lancashire, is to be recast and hung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon.

Congratulations to Mr. Edward Clapshaw, Farnham's veteran ringer, who was 92 on Tuesday.

It is hoped that the bells of Willenhall, Staffs, which are to be recast and augmented to ten, will be completed in time for the Coronation. There is still £300 to be raised and another appeal is being made to the townspeople.

According to the 'Daily Sketch,' the Earl of Cranbrook, soldier, politician and explorer, has become a bellringer at Great Glenham Church, which is on his estate near Saxmundham, Suffolk. There are five bells at Great Glenham, but the ringers had dwindled to three in number. The Earl of Cranbrook and, it is hoped, the new Vicar will make up the band.

The death occurred on Friday last of Mrs. R. Bevan, widow of the late Mr. Dick Bevan, a former well-known member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and mother of Mr. Thomas Bevan. Mrs. Bevan was 78 years of age.

Somerset ringers are getting more 'musical.' According to the 'Somerset County Gazette,' a band at Barton St. David, to celebrate the return of Mr. and Mrs. Withers from their honeymoon, 'rang a quarter-peat in four movements.' The ringers were E. V. Barrington (captain), T. Marks and S. Rickett (Yeovil), G. W. Randell (Hardington) and P. Rainey (Somerton).

Mr. T. W. Last, of Helmingham, Suffolk, has rung 100 peals in his home tower. What adds to the interest of this performance is that these peals have been rung in no fewer than 46 methods.

At least three fresh towers were added to his record list by the president of the 'Tower Snatchers' Union' when he spent the weekend in the Bletchley district in order to be present at the dedication of a new treble at Cosgrove, Northants, which increased the ring to six.

If all's well, it will not be long before Mr. J. H. Shepherd has visited and rung in 3,000 towers! A truly amazing number. Ringers are sometimes inclined to joke about Mr. Shepherd's special hobby, but it is one full of interest.

Owing to the clashing of dates, the meeting of the Eastern Division of the Hertford County Association, which was to have been held at Cheshunt to-morrow, has been postponed for a fortnight.

The engagement is announced between Mr. E. T. Paul Field, of Stoke Wake, Dorset, Ringing Master of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and Miss Joan P. S. Davidson, of Thornford, Dorset, a member of the local company of ringers.

Littleton Church, near Winchester, is to have a peal of six bells. This is the generous gift of Mrs. Arthur Deane, of Littleton House, in memory of the late Mr. Arthur Deane, for many years churchwarden and treasurer to the city of Winchester. It is hoped the bells will be dedicated soon after Easter. Mrs. Deane is an honorary member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

THE LADIES

MR. WHITTINGTON'S REPLY.

We do not wish to appear frivolous on such a subject, but in admitting Mr. R. Whittington's letter in praise of ladies in the belfry in a recent issue we appear to have opened the door to a 'spot of bother' in our columns. With Mr. Whittington's letter below both sides will have expressed their views on the point at issue, and we must ask them to leave it at that.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am afraid I cannot agree at all with Mr. Lucas' expressed opinion, that the Sabbath is a greater gift from God to man than is woman; nor can I see what good any other gift whatever would have been to man if he had not had the gift of woman. God 'provided' the Sabbath certainly, but mankind could, if he had so desired, and of his own freewill, have made the seventh day (already 'provided') holy, in exactly the same way as many people now make Wednesday or Saturday recreative.

Man could not, however much he may have desired, have created woman. To observe the seventh day as the Sabbath was a commandment of how to use a day already 'provided,' whereas the gift of a woman to man, according to Genesis II., 21-22, was a creation. Mr. Lucas seems also to wish to belittle the woman's worth as the 'noblest gift of Heav'n,' 'because she was tempted and brought man into the temptation and fall'—but I read in Genesis I., 31, that 'God saw everything that he had made, and behold it was very good'—and, as I seem compelled to look at things, in that 'everything' that God had made must be included the agency which was used to tempt the woman, and, to my, perhaps ignorant, mind, it looks like God's scheme of things generally, and that the 'fall' had to happen.

However that may be, I shall still quote woman as 'the last best work, the noblest gift of Heav'n,' and I am, perhaps wickedly, inclined to look upon the 'fall' in the same way as the soldier looked upon his seven days' 'C.B.' for overstaying his leave. He said, 'Oh, well, it was worth it, anyway.'

ROBERT WHITTINGTON.

Cranleigh.

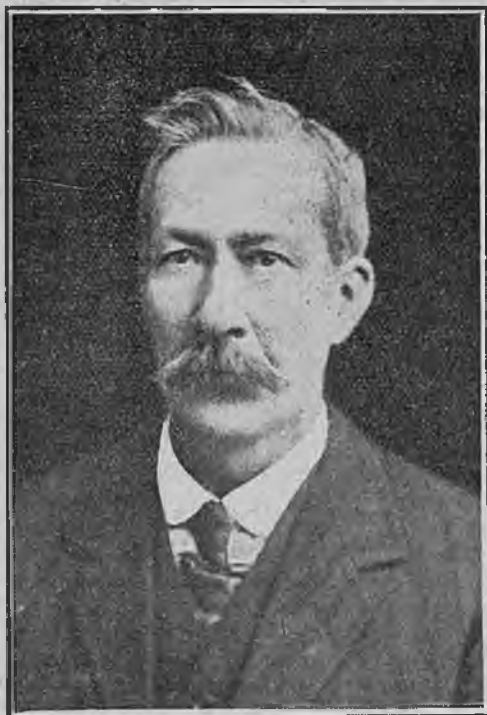
AN OLD BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. THOMAS RUSSAM.

Three weeks before reaching his 80th birthday, Thomas Russam died at Birmingham on Saturday. He passed away at his home, 267, Stratford Road, Sparkbrook, after having been in failing health for some years. He suffered chiefly from asthma, and his end was not unexpected.

For well over 60 years he had been a bellringer; one who had made his mark in Birmingham ringing circles, had been associated with several of the churches, notably Bishop Ryder's, Aston and St. Martin's, and had held an honoured place in the ranks of Midland ringers.

His death breaks another link with a receding generation of Birmingham ringing 'giants.' When he began to ring, men like Johnson, Chattell, Perks, Hallsworth, Biddlestone and others were at the peak of their careers, and as a young ringer Tom Russam used, as it were, to sit at the feet of the mighty and glean knowledge from their conversation.



THE LATE MR. T. RUSSAM,

As his old friends will best remember him.

Mr. Russam was born in Bishop Ryder's parish, was brought up almost under the shadow of the church tower, and became a member of the choir. As a lad, with others of his age, he used to climb to the belfry and watch with wondering eyes the old sexton, called 'Puffer' Malin, because he was also organ blower, pulling the single bell for service. The boys eventually almost used to fight to see who should have a pull.

When the peal of bells was put in in 1869, Tom Russam, then only 12 years old, became a regular ringer. J. Banister, of Woolwich, became the towerkeeper, and under him the boy became an apt pupil. He was also one of the privileged few who were allowed to go to Billy Chattell's bakery, where this worthy used to demonstrate the 'slow work' in Stedman by a novel method of his own.

Even in those early days handbell ringing commanded a lot of attention in Birmingham, and Mr. Russam had a great flair for this form of change ringing. Practices, it is said, used to commence on Monday and finish the following Sunday evening, usually at a place known as 'Old Joe Nixon's.' Certainly Mr. Russam became a very accomplished ringer on handbells. He had an exceptionally graceful style, and was very safe in a peal. He had rung everything from Triples to Cinques in Grandsire and Stedman, and put the coping stone to his performances when he rang a pair (1-2) to the one and only peal of Stedman Sextuples in 1922.

In his younger days Mr. Russam spent a lot of time teaching ringing and tuneplaying. For some time he was towerkeeper at Bishop Ryder's, and afterwards for many years at Aston, when that tower was St. Martin's Guild's 'other headquarters.'

(Continued in next column.)

DEATH OF MR. G. W. STOKES.

WORK IN MANY CAPACITIES FOR THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

Sussex ringing has suffered another severe loss by the death on Thursday of last week at Eastbourne of Mr. George W. Stokes. Mr. Stokes, who was 66 years of age and formerly held a responsible position in the P.O. Telephone Service, had recently undergone two operations, from which he never fully recovered.

He began his ringing career in Wiltshire and was afterwards at Crawley, Sussex, before going to Eastbourne, where he was associated with the band at St. Saviour's Church.

For some years he was the Eastern Divisional Hon. Secretary, served on the Association Committee and later became hon. treasurer and a trustee of the Sussex County Association. At the last annual meeting of the association, when it was decided that the association should be fully represented on the Central Council, he was elected one of the representatives, but, of course, had had no opportunity of attending a meeting.

In his various capacities he had done much excellent work for the Sussex Association, the members of which will greatly regret his death.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

That there is no want of interest in the Norwich Diocesan Association was apparent by the support which was given to the annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch, which took place at Saxlingham on Saturday last, when members from Acle, Alburgh, Dickleburgh, Diss, Garboldisham, Halvergate, Norwich, Pulham, Reedham, Shelfanger, Starston, Winfarthing, Wymondham and Yarmouth turned up in force and took part in touches from Grandsire Triples to Double Goslany Court, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major.

At the business meeting, which followed a short service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. S. Deuchar), all the officers of the branch were re-elected.

Herbert Howlett and Cecil Poynitz, a promising lad, both of Saxlingham, were elected members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting on April 24th at Redenhull, and to practise Bristol Surprise Major, which has been rung at infrequent intervals in Norfolk for many years.

The branch secretary (Mr. N. Golden) thanked the Rev. J. S. Deuchar for conducting the service; Mrs. Deuchar, the Misses Duffield and Mr. W. L. Duffield for so kindly providing tea for the company of fifty which sat down; Mr. C. D. Thornton, of Long Stanton, for officiating at the organ; and the contingent from Acle, Halvergate and Yarmouth.

This concluded the business of the meeting, when the members dispersed for handbell ringing and further touches on the tower bells.

NOTABLE PERFORMANCES

(Continued from previous column.)

Mr. Russam was a member of the old Birmingham and District Association and the Birmingham Amalgamated Society from their formation until they were disbanded. He was also a member of the Holt Society until it was absorbed by St. Martin's Guild. Previous to the amalgamation the Guild was known as St. Martin's Society. He conducted the first peal rung under the auspices of the Guild.

Although he kept no accurate record of his peals, Mr. Russam had rung something over a hundred and fifty. This is not a large number on the part of so competent a ringer for such a long period, but Mr. Russam was never anxious to ring a lot of peals. He preferred 'one good one now and again.' And they had to be good to please him. For, excellent striker himself, he had little patience for those who were careless over their ringing.

Among the notable performances in which he took part, in addition to the Stedman Sextuples, were the first peal of Grandsire Cinques on handbells and the first double-handed peal of Stedman Cinques out of London, this being the second ever rung. His handbell peals also included a 10,000 of Grandsire Major. On tower bells he took part in the first peal of Duffield Maximus.

Tom Russam's early ringing brought him into touch with some interesting characters, and when he was in reminiscent vein many were the good tales he could tell. Those who heard him propose the toast of 'The Memory of Henry Johnson' at the Johnson Commemoration Dinner a few years ago will remember the wealth of anecdote with which he adorned the toast. He was of a retiring disposition, but was held in high esteem in Birmingham ringing circles.

Ill-health had prevented him from much active participation in recent years in the art he loved so well, and of which he was so able an exponent, but he never lost his interest in ringing. From time to time a little note of comment, criticism or congratulation on a passing event would come into the office of 'The Ringing World' in his neat and perfectly formed writing, for he had been a jeweller's engraver by trade. He was a delightful and well-informed correspondent, and in all his communications as in all his contacts with others he proved himself ever one of Nature's gentlemen.

The funeral service took place at Yardley Wood Church on Wednesday, when several members attended to represent St. Martin's Guild and handbells were rung over the grave.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY DISCUSSES COMBINED PRACTICES.

The annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 16th. Ringing took place at the towers of St. Paul's and All Saints' Churches. Service was held in St. Paul's Church, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Master of the Guild and chairman of the branch, being the preacher. A collection for the Branch Restoration Fund was taken and realised £1 10s.

The Master took for his text Ezekiel, 40, v. 3, and, in the course of an inspiring address, brought out the following points, from the superman with a line of flax in his hand and a measuring reed. In the course of the preparation for rebuilding the temple seen in the vision, the line of flax and the reed were used and the smallest details were carefully taken. The line of flax would appeal to bellringers as their bell-rope. The narrative taught the need of preparation—not to leave all till they reached the belfry. The Master impressed the need for careful attention to punctuality and the full use of time, which should not be wasted. There was an art which required earnest application if the full value of it were to be realised in their work.

The ringers then adjourned to St. Paul's Parish Room, where a sumptuous tea was provided, and included the famed meat pies, also mince pies, and a fine Christmas cake, kindly presented by Mrs. P. O. Watson, of Cantley, Wokingham.

The Master, who presided, thanked the great number of good people for 'making this excellent provision for us.' He named Mr. Churchwarden Newbery and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eamer, and Mrs. Watson for her kind gift (applause).—Mr. Newbery briefly responded for all the helpers.

Canon Anderson (Rural Dean) thanked the churchwardens and authorities of St. Paul's for the use of their church and tower; the organist, Mr. F. A. Burgess; and last, but not least, Canon Coleridge for the sermon. No one, he said, was better qualified than Canon Coleridge to speak on such an occasion as that from the pulpit (applause).

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Master, as chairman of the branch, presided at the annual meeting, and there were also present the Rural Dean, the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master), the Rev. A. P. Carr, the Rev. L. R. Majendie, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Mr. A. D. Barker, of Slough (Guild treasurer), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary), Mr. W. J. Paice (deanery secretary), Mr. F. Dentry, Mr. J. Moth, other foremen and ringers, including several ladies.

The secretary, by permission, stated that he had received a letter from Tilehurst (not in their deanery) inviting assistance in re-conditioning their ring of eight bells before the Coronation. The cost would be £300.

The response to this appeal was immediate—the plate was passed round and £1 5s. subscribed at once.

Arising from the minutes, the hon. secretary said that Easthampstead Rector and churchwardens, as their appeal had been generously responded to, had returned the five guineas voted by the Sonning Deanery last year, with deep expressions of gratitude, feeling that by so doing they might help some other tower more in need than themselves (applause).

Apologies were announced from the Rev. R. W. Tuesday (curate in charge of St. Paul's), who was away on a short holiday, after a time of strenuous work; Canon E. J. and Miss Norris, Mr. R. Bagley (Easthampstead), Mr. J. White, Mr. E. Foster (St. Laurence's, Reading), and Mr. W. J. Fuller (Wargrave), who, although not now an active ringer, enclosed subscriptions for himself and wife. The secretary mentioned two deaths, not at the moment connected by membership with the branch, viz., Canon Parsons, who for 41 years was Rector of Sandhurst, and Viscount Mountmorres, late Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham.

FINANCIAL.

Mr. Paice then, as treasurer, reported a credit balance on the general fund of £9 7s. 7d., some £2 below that of last year, and £9 15s. 6d. in hand in the Branch Restoration Fund.—Mr. Owen Goddard, hon. auditor, was thanked for his services and the report was adopted. As secretary, Mr. Paice next reported a membership of 28 hon. members and 141 ringers, total 169. Three members—the Rev. J. C. F. Wimberley, of Hurst, Mr. G. Green (All Saints', Wokingham) and Mr. W. Penton (Binfield)—had died during the year. The branch had a good number of young ringers—keen to get on in learning methods to ring their first peal. The Sunday service ringing had been well maintained. The half-yearly meeting at Wargrave was quite a success. A cordial welcome was given by the Vicar and the local band. Peals, in which branch members took part, had been rung at Binfield, Easthampstead, Pinchampstead, Waltham St. Lawrence and Sandhurst (half-muffled in memory of Canon Parsons). The report also noted the rehanging of Easthampstead bells by Messrs. White. Fitted with ball bearings, they were now in excellent ringing order. The report closed with thanks to Rectors, officials and foremen of towers for their help and ready co-operation.—The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. Dentry, seconded by Mr. Houlton.

Elections then took place. The chairman (Canon G. F. Coleridge) was proposed for re-election by the Rural Dean, and seconded by Mr. W. Houlton. The proposer, amid applause, happily remarked of Canon Coleridge that 'though prevented from getting up the towers,

he is still a tower of strength to the Guild, his work being appreciated by all in the deanery. If anybody has the right to preach about what ringers should do, surely he has (applause). He has practised what he preached.' The resolution was endorsed by acclamation.

Canon Coleridge thanked the branch and said he was always glad to serve to the utmost. This year he hoped to reach 80; it was not his inability to get up the towers, but to get down, that was the trouble. He promised to do his best for the branch in any way.

The hon. treasurer and secretary (Mr. W. J. Paice) was re-elected, with cordial expressions of appreciation. Expressing thanks, he recalled that it was ten years ago that night, in that very room, they first elected him as secretary.

The Branch Committee, consisting of the foremen of the towers, was then re-elected, Mr. H. Goodey succeeding Mr. R. Bagley (retired) as foreman at Easthampstead. Branch representatives to the Guild Committee were next re-elected, viz., Messrs. F. Dentry, J. Moth, J. Rance and J. White.

The half-yearly meeting was fixed for early in June at Binfield and combined practices as before, both at the suggestion of the committee.

COMBINED PRACTICES.

The committee further invited suggestions for making combined practices more useful, stating that the matter had been brought up by a young ringer to the Branch Committee. The suggestion was that some of the combined practices be given up to learning a new method. Some objections, which might now be voiced, were raised at the committee.

Mr. R. G. Cross, the young member in question, then referred to late attendance, which impaired the usefulness of the practices by losing valuable time; also to time lost between touches, which themselves were sometimes too long. He advocated shorter touches and more of them, so as to avoid long pauses between the ringing.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow supported Mr. Cross, who, he said, 'practices what he preaches.'

Mr. Moth spoke of the local bands not attending these practices, and remarked that six-bell towers were not so good for the purpose as eight-bell towers.

The secretary stressed the necessity of looking up the method at home before going to combined practice, and agreed with the disadvantage of arriving late. So many ringers, too, were not able to ring their bell and ring rounds properly. That marred combined practices. He wanted to see young ringers at these practices. His advice was, 'Learn to ring in rounds in your own tower.'

The Guild Secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) said the art of handling the bell should come first, and referred to the valuable articles for beginners now running in 'The Ringing World,' which he advised young ringers to study. He referred humorously to the fine in some towers for late attendance. He hoped the virtue of punctuality would be seen among them in the coming year on all occasions. It was very nice to see young members in the branch who had the courage of their convictions. He was glad to see the young ringers and advised them to spend a couple of hours now and then at home with paper and pencil, learning the diagram of a bell so as to be able to put the bells just where it ought to be put (applause).

Mr. A. D. Barker, the Guild treasurer, congratulated the officers on their balance sheet. He did not know about combined practices, but suggested that to take away from the secretary the hardships of looking after the ringing would help him in carrying out his other duties. He suggested one or two who could relieve him in that respect.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

TOWCESTER BRANCH AND DEATH OF LATE MASTER.

The annual meeting of the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at Paulerspury, where there is a peal of five bells, lately rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., which require careful handling on account of long draught without guides.

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne (Rural Dean), who also gave an excellent address. Tea was partaken of in the Institute, amongst those present being Capt. and Miss Grant-Ives, the Rev. and Mrs. Kenworthy-Browne, the Rev. E. V. Fenn (hon. secretary), etc.

At the business meeting which followed regret was expressed at the death of Mr. F. Wilford, late Master of the Guild, and a vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs. Wilford. The late Master attended many meetings of the branch, and his presence and advice will be sadly missed.

All the officers were re-elected, and Mr. B. Smart, of Paulerspury, was added to the Branch Committee.

The usual votes of thanks were recorded.

THE LATE MR. F. WILFORD

At Woodford, Northants, on Wednesday, January 20th, a muffled quarter-peal was rung as a token of respect to the oldest ringer of the village, Mr. John Bunning, and to Mr. Fred Wilford, who for some years was Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. The quarter-peal consisted of 720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob: G. H. Roberts 1, J. M. Nickerson 2, O. Tincey 3, C. Allen 4, T. Jervis 5, C. Wilson (conductor) 6.

Mr. Wilford was born within two miles of this tower, although most of his life was spent at Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PROGRESS OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Rochester District of the Kent County Association held a quarterly meeting at Milton-next-Gravensend on Saturday last and over 70 members attended.

The tower was open from 3 o'clock till 9, and, throughout, the ringing was of the highest quality, both from the methods rung and the striking, which was a credit to all concerned.

Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. J. Powell, an honorary member of the association, and Mr. H. E. Champion, L.R.A.M., the organist, accompanied the singing, which was up to the usual Kent standard. The Rector gave a short and inspiring address, which was greatly appreciated.

A collection at the close for the Association Benevolent Fund realised 14s. 6d.

The company were afterwards entertained to tea in the Johnston Institute by the general hon. secretary and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, the Rector and Mr. Powell being among those to partake of the hospitality provided.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. The district secretary (Mr. S. J. T. Shellock) was unavoidably absent owing to a family bereavement, and the general hon. secretary deputised on his behalf. It was unanimously resolved that the sympathy of the members be extended to Mr. Shellock.

The business was conducted in a completely harmonious spirit. Three new members were elected, and Queenborough was chosen without opposition as the place of the next meeting.

Mr. Allen, the district representative, gave a full and comprehensive report of the committee meeting held at Maidstone in November. He stated that the committee decided, among other things: That the annual meeting should be held at Ashford on Easter Monday, when the association would entertain the members to lunch; another sub-committee had been appointed to discuss the various amendments to the new rules, and submit the new draft to the annual general meeting; at the Central Council meeting, which this year was being held at Canterbury, the County Association would offer hospitality to the visitors; and £22 had been paid to deserving members from the Benevolent Fund.

Mr. Allen was thanked for his report.

Mr. Allen proposed that hearty thanks be extended to the Rector for his many efforts on their behalf, and said how much they appreciated his helpful address.

The Rector responded and said they were always pleased to welcome the association to Milton. He was sure they would wish him to extend their best thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell for providing them with such an excellent tea.—Mr. W. Spice (Tunstall) associated himself with these remarks.

Needless to say the thanks were accorded in real Kentish style.

Mr. Mitchell said Mrs. Mitchell and he were very pleased to see such a large number present. He was doubtful if at their next meeting at Milton their hall would be large enough to hold the 100 he expected to attend. They contemplated building a new Parish Hall, and he wondered if the ringers would like to leave a memento of their visit in the form of a 'whip round.'

This met with a generous response, as £1 5s. was contributed to the fund.

Mr. Mitchell also gave some interesting figures of the association's Benevolent Fund. When he became the general secretary, he said, the balance stood at £142 13s. 8d. It had now reached £268 5s. 1d. During the past year £22 had been paid to aged and deserving members, and £17 10s. 4d. had been collected at meetings in the county.

Mrs. Mitchell also responded and said the gathering gave her the opportunity of repaying the many kindnesses that had been extended to her by the members of the association.

The handbells were brought into use, and the company were delighted to hear a course of Grandsire Cinques rung by three of the visitors ringing four bells each: Messrs. C. Hopper 1-2-3-4, D. Sharp 5-6-7-8, A. Hopper 9-10-11-12.

The tower was again visited and the bells kept 'on the go' until 9 o'clock, when a very enjoyable meeting terminated.

COSGROVE'S NEW BELL.

TREBLE ADDED IN NORTHANTS TOWER.

The dedication of a new treble bell at Cosgrove, Northants, by the Bishop of Peterborough, took place on Sunday week in the presence of a large congregation. After the dedication a short touch of Bob Minor was rung by J. H. Shepherd 1, A. J. Green 2, E. C. Lambert 3, J. Higgins 4, E. Hillyer 5, H. Ridgeway 6.

The Bishop gave an inspiring address. He spoke of the service ringers gave to the church and of the great and noble character of the late King George V., to commemorate whose Jubilee the new bell was installed.

In addition to the ringers of the district visitors were present from Hemel Hempstead, Woburn, Watford, Swindon, etc.

The opinion of the ringers present was that Cosgrove has now a pretty ring of six. The tenor is 10½ cwt. The work was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

CREWE BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING WELL ATTENDED.

The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild took place on January 16th at Christ Church, Crewe. There was a splendid attendance, 68 members being present, representing the following towers: Acton, Alsager, Barthomley, Crewe, Nantwich, Lawton, Marbury, Wistaston, Davenham, Wrenbury and the Potteries.

Ringling commenced about 3.30 p.m., under the guidance of Mr. G. Biddulph, the Ringing Master, and many enjoyable touches were rung on the 10 bells.

A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. T. Stevens), who is chairman of the branch. The preacher was the Rev. C. R. England, Vicar of Church Lawton, and the lesson was read by the Rev. C. G. Dickson, of Christ Church, Crewe. Mr. W. Dunning officiated at the organ.

Tea was afterwards partaken of in the Schoolroom, at the kind invitation of the Vicar and wardens, and was much appreciated. In addition to the members present there were the Rev. S. T. Stevens, the Rev. C. R. England, the Rev. C. G. Dickson, the Rev. C. Coomber (Wrenbury), Mr. W. Curtis and Mr. W. Thomason (churchwardens) and Mr. R. Owen (secretary, Parochial Church Council).

The business meeting followed, with the Vicar in the chair. The following elections of officers for 1937 took place: Chairman, the Rev. S. T. Stevens (Crewe); hon. secretary, Mr. R. D. Langford (Crewe); hon. treasurer, Mr. W. T. Holding (Crewe); instructor, Mr. A. Crawley (Wistaston); Ringing Master, Mr. G. Biddulph (Lawton); representative on General Committee, Mr. W. Sutton (Nantwich).

During the meeting a grant of £1 ls. was made to the Chester Cathedral Bell Fund from the branch, and a further collection was taken which realised £1 12s. 6d.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the branch officers for the work done during 1936; to the Vicar and wardens for the splendid tea; to those who officiated at the service; and to the ladies who catered.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept merrily going until nine o'clock, the methods rung being Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, Cambridge Major and Bob Royal.

THE BELLS OF BIRCH

YOUNG RINGERS' GIFT TO BISHOP.

On Saturday last the reconstructed ring of bells at Birch Church, Manchester, was reopened by Dr. Guy Warman, D.D., Lord Bishop of Manchester. The service was well attended by people from the parish and district, and, in addition, many bands of ringers renewed acquaintance with this well-known belfry, attending even from so far away as Greenfield, Todmorden and Loughton (Staffs.).

In his address the Bishop sketched what he considered was the ideal band of ringers, and from this proceeded to lead up to the pressing need of the present day—the duty of the individual to the team and the team's duty to the individual, that all should work together in harmony and with due regard to each other's idiosyncrasies.

A pleasing interlude occurred during the proceedings when the eight young ringers presented to the Bishop an illuminated booklet, written and actually printed by two of their number using founts of type belonging to the Rector, the Rev. A. E. Horner, L.Th., Hon. C.F., giving details of the Birch bells and their history, the art of bell-founding, and a short symposium on the mysteries of bellringing.

After the service various visiting bands of ringers celebrated the occasion with short touches. Altogether a memorable date in the annals of Birch.

PRESENTATION TO LINDFIELD RINGER.

MR. A. TOMSETT'S FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Lindfield (Sussex) Bellringers' Society took place at the Tiger House on Thursday, January 14th. After the usual business had been transacted, the chairman, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, hon. general secretary of the Sussex County Association, called upon Mr. G. W. O. Huddart, tower secretary and warden, to present a small token of the members' appreciation to Mr. A. Tomsett, the retiring captain.

Mr. Huddart mentioned that Mr. Tomsett had been connected with Lindfield Church for some 50 years in the capacity of ringer, and for more than forty as captain. Lately he had also represented the ringers on the Church Council, and this he was prepared to continue if re-elected. On behalf of the present band, Mr. Huddart then handed to Mr. Tomsett a silver inkstand, suitably inscribed, as a memento of his services.

In the course of his reply, Mr. Tomsett thanked the members for their gift, and recalled the great number of ringers who had passed through his hands during the time he had been in charge of the tower. Few of the old members now remained, some having left the district, and time had taken its toll of others.

Mr. Tomsett's resignation was received with regret, and despite a request to reconsider it, he handed over to his successor, Mr. E. Barnes.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Wednesday, January 20th, 720 of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, for the anniversary of the death of the late King George V: J. Mardell 1, J. Salisbury 2, T. Wilcox 3, L. Wootton 4, W. Branson (conductor) 5, W. Wilcox 6.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The meeting advertised for Cheshunt for tomorrow (Jan. 30th) is postponed until Feb. 13th. All previous arrangements stand for this date. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Streatham on Saturday, Jan. 30th. The bells of St. Leonard's will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock at St. Leonard's. Tea at The Manor, at 1s. per head, followed by meeting. The bells of Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, will be available immediately after the meeting till 8.30 p.m.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Tower open at 4 o'clock. Tea in canteen at 5.30. Business meeting in the Vestry Hall at 6.30. St. Bride's, Fleet Street bells available from 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.—G. A. Card, Hon. Sec., 7, Gilstead Road, Fulham, S.W.6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells from 2.30 to 7.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, 1s. each, at 5. Important business meeting to follow. Ringing at Willesden from 7 to 9 p.m. Special method, St. Clement's Bob Triples. The District Committee will meet at 3.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. — Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath, Som.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on Saturday, January 30th, when the following bells will be available: Far Headingley (8) 12 noon to 9 p.m., St. Michael's, Headingley (8) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., St. Matthias', Burley (8) 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service at St. Chad's at 4.15 p.m., the preacher being the Lord Bishop of Ripon. The President asks that on this special occasion all ringers should do their best to attend. The general meeting will be held in the schools immediately after tea, and the presentation to Canon C. C. Marshall, who completes 25 years as President of the Association at this meeting, will be made by the Lord Bishop of Ripon on behalf of the members. The President and local company extend a very hearty welcome to all ringers.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting, in Church Room. All ringers and friends given a hearty welcome. Subscriptions for 1937 now due.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — Saturday, Jan. 30th, annual meeting at Baldock. It is the duty of all Northern District members to attend. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service and tea to follow. Business meeting includes election of district secretary, district committee, election of two members to serve on General Committee, balance sheet of district and report. Book the date and don't be late.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fritton, Moormead Close, Hitchin.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the Grimsby District will be held (D.V.) at St. James', Grimsby, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Preacher, the Vicar, the Rev. E. Lisle Marsden. Tea in Church House at 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. All subscriptions are now due. A hearty welcome is extended to all.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Essendon on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Two bus services—Barnet to Hertford and St. Albans to Hertford—are suitable. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, N. Mimms, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough (by kind permission of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.), on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. This meeting should not be confused with quarterly meeting of the M.C.A., which is being held at Loughborough on Feb. 6th.—H. Kerly, Hathern Road, Shepshed, Loughborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at Bourne (owing to Edenham bells being unavailable). Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in Abbey Church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Brightman's Café. Outstanding subscriptions should now be paid. All welcome.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Sleaford, Lincs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Salisbury (6 bells), on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow. St. Martin's (8), St. Edmund's (8) also available.—F. W. Romaine, Hon. Sec., 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's (8), Chippenham, on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at 3 o'clock. Service 4.45. Tea after. St. Andrew's (8) also open. Visitors please notify early. — F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's (8), Wells, on Saturday, Jan. 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 32, Burcott Road, Wells.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Feb. 2nd; St. Magnus' on the 4th and 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 11th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 16th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's on the 25th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at Cramlington on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Meeting at 3 p.m. Tea, in Parish Hall, 1s. each. Bells available from 3 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Guild Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. John's, Leytonstone, on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Service at 8 p.m. Will all requiring tea notify me by Saturday, Jan. 30th?—E. K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

ALL SAINTS', HEREFORD.—You would be welcomed at our last 'open bell' practice before Easter, on Thursday, February 4th, at 7.29 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available: Cathedral, 3 to 4 p.m.; S. Nicolas', 3.30 to 4.30. Shalford, after meeting, until 9 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and meeting at Ayres' Café 5.15. Please send me numbers for tea by Feb. 3rd. —G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burley Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—The annual meeting will be held at Kington on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting for the election of officers for the year takes place at Wymondham on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells at 2.30. Service, conducted by the Rev. F. Jarvis, at 4. Tea, followed by business meeting, at 4.45 p.m. Methods for practice: Erin Triples and Duffield Major. Diagrams on receipt of postcard. Please notify your intention to be present at tea.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. T. Egan, 10, Brookes Terrace, Liverpool 6, not later than previous Wednesday. —H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Cleeve (8) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Feb. 1st for tea.—G. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Sevenoaks is the place, and Saturday, Feb. 6th, the date, for the first meeting of the New Year. You come, please, and help start the year well. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South-West District. — The annual meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Old Isleworth, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 5.30, in Church Hall, South Street. Business meeting to follow. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. If you require tea, can you notify me by Feb. 1st, please?—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. A hearty welcome given to all ringers to attend.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Loughborough, Feb. 6th. Bells of All Saints' (10) and Bell Foundry Campanile (10) available 2 to 3.45 and after meeting. Committee meet 3 p.m. Special service 4 p.m., during which late Rector (Canon Briggs) will dedicate tablet to past Loughborough ringers. Tea at 4.30, followed by general meeting; both in the Fearon Hall. Tea will only be provided for those applying for and obtaining tickets before Feb. 4th from Mr. J. Grundy, Limehurst, Bridge Street, Loughborough.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service in St. Crispin's Chapel at 5 p.m. Tea in Parish Room 5.30 p.m., to be followed by annual business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, Feb. 4th? All ringers welcome.—A. Jones, jun., Hon. Dis. Sec., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6), recently rehung and retuned by J. Taylor and Co., available 3 o'clock. All visitors welcomed.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at the two six-bell towers in Lytham on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 5.30. Members and non-members heartily welcomed.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Fenton on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge to all who notify Mr. S. Dutton, Gramerci, Grove Road, Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent, not later than February 3rd.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6th, at Bridgnorth. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify the undersigned.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poolstock (not Wigan Parish, as previously arranged) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, gratis, to all who notify Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley Street, Wigan, by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Please advise, if tea required.—D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Newnham-on-Severn on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Brightwalton on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mr. J. E. Hedges, Myrtle Cottage, Brightwalton, near Wantage, Berks, by Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, for tea. The 'Reliance' bus from Newbury Wharf at 2.30 for this meeting, returning 7.30 p.m. from Brightwalton.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Shrivenham on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Thursday, Feb. 4th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Balcombe (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. per head. Names for tea by Feb. 3rd. Half rail fare to members, maximum 1s. 6d.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

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

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Feb. 2nd?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. A. Brown, 7, Finchdale Terrace, Chester-le-Street, by Feb. 4th at the latest?—R. Park, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, number attending requiring tea.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ben-All, Henley Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Fakenham on Feb. 6th, to dedicate an oak peal board, recording a muffled peal rung as a tribute of respect to the late F. T. Cooke, a former ringer at Peterborough and Fakenham. Service at 3.30. Bells (8) available 2.30 till 8 p.m. Tea will be provided free to all who send a postcard before Feb. 4th to R. W. Cooke, Hempton Green, Fakenham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Short evensong 6. Please advise Mr. A. J. Abrams, number for tea. Very good train and bus services all ways.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting Feb. 13th. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C., 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; Bow, Cheapside, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Strand, 3.10 p.m. to 4.10 p.m., followed by service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, probably Lord Bishop of Stepney. Tea, 5 p.m., reserved only for those who notify me well beforehand. Meeting and handbell competition in Parish Room 7 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Boughton on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those who intend to be present please notify me not later than Thursday, Feb. 11th? Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea supplied by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea (1s.) and business meeting at the Duke's Head. Will those requiring tea please send numbers to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Feb. 10th and not go to the Institute from force of habit?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.

Annual meeting at Liverpool, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing: St. Francis Xavier's R.C. Church, Salisbury St. (8 bells) 10.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.; St. Nicholas' Church (12 bells) noon to 12.45 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Luncheon (2s. 6d.) 1 p.m. prompt. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Alderman Denton) will give a reception to the party at 3 p.m. at the Town Hall. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Social 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. All at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, 53, Lord Street. Members, please make special effort to attend. Hearty invitation to all ringers. Please notify Chief Inspector J. Meldrum, City Police, Prescott St. Station, Liverpool, by Feb. 10th. Subscription for 1937 now due.—Inspector H. J. Poole, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Narborough Road, Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Half rail fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Yalding (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 5. Tea at the Bull 5.30. Please send a postcard for tea to Mr. H. Mills, High Street, Yalding, by Wednesday, Feb. 10th. Every ringer welcome. Bourne Surprise, Double Court, or plain fare according to taste, but come and try it!—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Fryerning on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Ingatestone bells also available in the evening. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 10th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. If you intend being present, will you make a note that the tower is not open until 6 p.m.? Now, chaps, show your interest and please turn up.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

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It is not a bad thing when we find youth criticising youth for failing to take its fair share in the concerns of ringing. One of the characteristic, and interesting, features of 'reports' presented to members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild has been the frank comments of those responsible. There is never any attempt to make things look better than they are in the affairs of the Guild; on the contrary it is apparently felt that a little frank speaking is likely to shake into thought those who prefer to let others do the work while they sit back and grumble; or, if they are of the easy going type, imagine that all is for the best in best of all possible worlds. At different times the clergy and the lethargic or dissatisfied members have come under the lash. We are not sure that it has much effect, but it is better than leading the members either into further somnolence or to believe that all the grievances of those who have any are justified while they make no effort to remedy them. There are folks of this type in all associations—some who are content to let things drift; others who complain; but none of them apparently prepared to do anything by way of helping to improve matters. Probably if they did they would find that the task is not so easy as they imagine.

The criticism which was offered at the Guildford Guild meeting to which we refer was made by the Farnham District Secretary. He is himself among the 'youth' of the Guild, and as one who ungrudgingly puts more time and energy into ringing for the benefit of others than perhaps any other member of the Guild, is fully justified in offering criticism. He complains that some young ringers do not take advantage of the opportunities that are offered them, and points out that it is their duty to do everything they can to maintain the high standard reached by many older ringers and not to leave the latter to do all the irksome tasks necessary in running a belfry. If they have faults to find they should help to improve matters; not absent themselves from the belfry and grumble outside about what should be done.

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THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

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On Thursday, January 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM S. LANGDON... Treble	HENRY G. MILES... .. 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	JAMES H. RUMLEY 6
HENRY R. NEWTON 3	ALFRED B. PECK 7
HERBERT PASMORE 4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled in affectionate memory of Mr. Harry R. Pasmore, father of the ringer of the 4th and brother to the tenor ringer. The traditional 'whole pull and stand' was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral on January 5th. The peal was also rung as a tribute to Canon Douglas Tudor Craig, who passed away on January 7th, at the age of 70 years, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Earlsfield for 40 years, and Rural Dean of Wandsworth from 1925.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. BUTLER... Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
*EDWARD S. T. FARR 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
LEONARD STILWELL 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. E. S. T. Farr's 75th peal.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ARNOLD ARMITAGE ... Treble	JACK BRAY 5
ERNEST BRITAIN 2	†FRED LACEY 6
FRANK LORD 3	GEORGE DOBBS 7
*HAROLD JDD 4	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the second has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*WALTER NICHOLS ... Treble	EDWARD FOSTER 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
R. ALLEN HICKLIN 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT ... Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
*DEREK M. SHARP 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	*HARRY HOVERD 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN ... Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH 5
TOM BROTHWELL 2	HAROLD CHANT 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
REGINALD PAYNE... .. 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. NASH.

First peal of London by all except the 3rd ringer, and first in the method on the bells.

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BROWNEDGE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 2). Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES
This composition, a 6,240 reduced, was composed in 1883, and is now rung for the first time.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... Treble	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	FREDERICK J. TILLET 6
*WILLIAM S. KINSEY ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
*JAMES ROSE 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Charles Crapnell, the wife of a respected member of St. Margaret's Service band.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S SIX PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

*PERCIVAL A. OLDEHAM ... Treble	JOHN THOMPSON 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON 2	†ERNEST E. PICKERING 6
†ARTHUR D. OLDEHAM ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JOSEPH H. BEALE 4	†PERCY W. MOORE Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 100th M.C.A. peal. † First peal of Stedman. † First peal. Celebrates the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Stedman Morris, brother and sister-in-law of the conductor.

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

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
HENRY H. FEARN 4	FRED PRICE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES
First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

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

On Tuesday, January 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of York Surprise, Durham Surprise, London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM WELLING ... Treble	WILLIAM E. REDRUP 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL 5
EDWARD C. AYRES 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by W. E. REDRUP.

An eighteenth birthday compliment to Miss Beryl Holmes.

POULTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Canterbury Pleasure, three of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob.

RUFUS COWELL Treble	GEORGE MARIES 4
STEPHEN LAWRENSEN ... 2	BERNARD H. HALL 5
JOHN H. FOSTER 3	CHARLES SHARPLES Tenor

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

Ringers of treble and second are local ringers, and this is the first peal ever rung on the bells by local men. The bells have been in the tower since 1741.

ALGARKIRK, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH)

On Thursday, January 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS CARRIE NEAL ... Treble	†GEORGE W. BURRELL ... 4
†MISS LOIS M. NEAL ... 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	HAROLD BARSLEY Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD BARSLEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Cambridge.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

*GEORGE E. JENNINGS ... Treble	URBAN W. WILDBNEY ... 4
†MISS VIOLET FROST ... 2	*MAURICE J. LING 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal.

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

On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Single Court, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Treble	WALTER TOMLINSON ... 4
JOHN F. PEARSON 2	MOSES BILLINGS 5
*BETRIE BEE 3	JOHN WALDEN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal. A 70th birthday peal for Mr. Herbert Pearson (one of the local ringers), who kindly entertained the band to tea afterwards. Mr. Pearson had intended to take part in the peal but was unfortunately prevented through indisposition. The conductor called Mr. Pearson's first peal exactly 23 years ago.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*PERCY ENDERSEY ... Treble	EDMUND W. WAGSTAFF ... 4
†HUGH E. HARDING ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 3	REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by R. J. HOUGHTON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, and one extent of Oxford.

A. HIBBERT 1	Treble	A. BANCROFT 4
H. HAYTHORN 2		E. BENNETT 5
S. ARDERN 3		J. A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. T. Marsland, who was a ringer at the above tower for over 30 years.

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

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 1	Treble	MRS. DORICE KELLY 4
FREDERICK CARDWELL 2		ALFRED W. H. BOWLER ... 5
JOHN TURLEY 3		FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

Rung after meeting short for Major, owing to sudden illness.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT CATTERWALL 1	Treble	REGINALD G. SYMONDS ... 4
BERNARD W. PRITTI 2		RALPH BIRD 5
RONALD SICKLING 3		THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Conducted by A. CATTERWALL.

* First peal in seven methods.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT REIGATE.

The annual meeting of the Southern District, Surrey Association, was held at Reigate on Saturday, January 23rd. In spite of the very inclement weather, a gathering of 44 assembled, much to the delight of the secretary. Most of the district towers were represented, together with the motoring section of the Northern District and others from such far-flung outposts (campanologically speaking) as Uckfield (Sussex) and Oxhey (Herts). The fine peal of 10 bells, said to be one of the finest 10 in Southern England, were set going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Caters. Service was conducted by the Rev. R. Talbot, who heartily welcomed the ringers to Reigate, and preached an interesting sermon, the theme of which was 'Youth.' He was glad, he said, to see a few of the younger members present, and hoped they would continue and persuade other younger ones to take up ringing. He hoped they would also try and come to the service after calling others to church. When a small boy in the North of England he heard of a man who, every Sunday morning, went for a long walk so as to be able to be beyond the sound of church bells, as he hated them so much. He (the Vicar) felt very sorry for that man, and it left a lasting impression upon him. Only the other day, however, a parishioner stopped him in Reigate and said how he loved to hear their bells rung, and wished they could be rung oftener. On the other hand, some people complained very insistently and wanted to have the bells stopped altogether. The ringers, therefore, could see how difficult it was for him to steer a neutral course.

Alderman Temple-Newell sprang a delightful and pleasant surprise on the members by paying for the tea, which was served in the Church Hall. It was followed by the business meeting, at which the officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Master, Mr. R. Fuller; treasurer, Mr. M. Northover; secretary, Mr. W. Claydon; auditor, Mr. A. Gear; committee, Messrs. H. Wallis, A. Weller and A. Bull.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Horley, and meetings are also to be held at Mersham, Kingswood and Betchworth. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Temple-Newell and the ladies who served tea.

During tea-time a fine touch of Stedman Triples was rung on hand-bells by the Northern District motoring section. An adjournment was again made to the tower for further ringing.

FOR BEGINNERS.

HOW TO RING 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Last week we endeavoured to explain how the Grandsire method on five bells is rung. We showed that the 'work' of the method produced three leads, which is thirty changes, but that, of course, does not exhaust all the possible changes on five bells. As readers well know, the extent of changes on five bells is 120, or a 'six-score,' as old ringers were wont to call it.

To produce a 120 in any method of pure Doubles, as we explained a week or two ago, requires certain departures from the 'method,' and these departures are known as 'bobs' and 'singles.' The proper insertion of these 'calls'—because they are called by the conductor—makes it possible to extend our 30 changes to the full 120.

The 'bob' in Grandsire consists of the introduction of another 3rd's place. In the construction of the method itself, as we have seen, 3rd's place is made on every occasion immediately after the treble has led. The 3rd's place, to make a bob, is made when the treble leads its first blow—that is the two 3rd's places, when a bob is called, are consecutive, and they are made by the two bells hunting immediately in front of the treble.

The effect on the actual work of the bells is this: The bob (that is the 3rd's place before the treble completes its lead) is made by the bell that passed the treble in 2-3. Having made 3rd's, it strikes over the treble and then leads. It is then 'in the hunt,' where the 2nd is in the plain course, and all it has to do is to continue plain hunting until the next call is made.

The bell that makes the ordinary 3rd's place does not have its cycle of work disturbed, but the two other bells are detained in the 4-5 dodging place. One of them is the bell which has been 'in the hunt.' The call comes when he is completing his whole pull behind and he makes a double dodge in 5-4 (down).

A single dodge, which occurs in the plain lead, is just one step back in the hunting—into 5th's (from 4th's) if you dodge down; into 4th's (from 5th's) if you dodge up. When you 'double dodge' you step up, or down, twice, so that when you have to 'double dodge down' in Grandsire Doubles you first lay your whole pull behind, step down into 4th's, up into 5th's, down into 4th's, back into 5th's, and then go on down to lead.

Double dodging up is the reverse of this, and is done before lying the whole pull behind. This is done at a bob by the bell that passed the treble in 3-4; and the bell he follows to lead is the bell that dodges with him.

The dodging behind is the same at a single as at a bob, but the other two bells are reversed in their coursing order. Both 3rd's places are made by one and the same bell, the bell that passed the treble in 2-3. The other bell—that passed the treble in 1-2—lies a whole pull in 2nd's place over the treble, then leads again, and is 'in the hunt.' Now examine the difference in the working of the bells under these three sets of conditions. These figures show the essential work at the treble lead:—

Plain Lead.	Bob Lead.	Single Lead.
45312	45312	45312
54132	54132	54132
51423	51423	51423
15243	15432	15432
12534	14523	15423
21543	41532	51432
25134	45123	54123
52314	54213	45213

The proper place for the conductor to call the bob or single is when the treble strikes in 3rd's place on its way down. The dodging bells are then in the place where they have to dodge, the bell in front has sufficient notice to change its course. When you begin calling, however, you may not be able to 'see' the treble, although you want to cultivate the facility to do so as much as possible. It may, therefore, be necessary just at the start to 'call' your 120's by a fixed rule. If you ring the 3rd or 5th you make a call when your bell will have to stop and double dodge in 4-5 up.

In doing this, your only other work will be making 3rd's place at the alternate lead. As you hunt up and pass the treble in 3-4, make your call as you strike over the treble. Thus you have alternately one plain lead and one lead at which a call is made—that gives you in the 12 leads six calls in all. Two of these calls must be singles. You can put your first single at any one of the first three calling places, but the second single must come at the corresponding place in the next three.

If you call the first half P.B.P.B.P.S. (P standing for plain lead, B for bob lead and S for single lead), then the second half must be called in exactly the same way.

The 'calls' come at the 2nd, 4th and 6th leads if you use the 5th as the 'observation' bell, and at the 1st, 3rd and 5th leads if you use the 3rd as the 'observation' bell, and with these two forms of calling you can obtain six different 120's—different, that is, in the sequence of the changes.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SLOW PROGRESS OF CHANGE RINGING IN DORCHESTER BRANCH.

In his report to the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, at the annual meeting at Dorchester on Saturday week, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) expressed regret that no restoration or augmentations had taken place among the bells in the district during the year, although it was greatly needed in some of the towers.

Prior to the meeting ringing took place at St. Peter's Church, and the Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby), who also gave an appropriate address on the inscription, 'Te Deum Laudamus,' on the sixth bell at Portsmouth.

After tea, the business meeting, held in St. Peter's Institute, was presided over by the Rector, who was supported by the Rev. R. P. Farrow (vice-chairman) and Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary). There was a large and representative attendance from the towers in the branch.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings), in his annual report, stated that a steady year of good work had been accomplished. In addition to the quarterly and annual meetings, an excellent meeting for practice was held at Whitechurch Canoniscom and Bridport, with the co-operation of the West Dorset Branch, and there had been united practices at Abbotsbury and Wyke Regis. A great feature of the meetings had been the warm welcome extended by the incumbents and friends.

The membership remained about the same in regard to ringing members and associates, but there was a slight decrease in honorary members. Regret was expressed that no restoration or augmentation of existing peals had taken place, although it was greatly needed in some of the towers.

Six peals had been rung in the branch during the year. Change ringing was making on the whole rather slow progress, and it was hoped, with the assistance of the vice-chairman and Ringing Master, to hold still more practices for the instruction of members. An appeal was made for more members to fill the places of those who had left the district.

On the death of King George V. every tower in the branch rang with half-muffled bells.

The death was recorded with regret of the Rev. E. S. Field; Mr. Herbert Runyard (captain of the Wool Branch since its formation); Mr. William Bedford (who gave the treble bell and restored the present peal of six at Bere Regis); Mrs. Hunt, wife of Mr. J. Hunt, Buckland Newton; Mr. Alfred Rose (captain of the Wyke Regis band for about 25 years); Mrs. Moule, wife of the Ven. Archdeacon W. S. Moule, Vicar of Abbotsbury.

The Hon. Secretary concluded with an expression of thanks to many who had contributed to the success of the branch.

The financial statement showed a balance of £15 9s. 1d., as compared with £17 18s. 1d. at the beginning of the year.

It was decided to hold quarterly meetings at Buckland Newton, Wyke Regis, and Frampton, and the annual meeting at Dorchester St. Peter's.

APPEAL FOR MORE ADVANCED METHODS.

The following new members were elected: Ringing members, Mr. H. Emery (Bradford Peverell), Miss J. Chick and Mr. T. W. Chick (Stratton), Messrs. E. B. Randall and R. F. Cheeseman (Preston), Cornick and Swaffield (Wyke Regis), W. Mayo and C. E. New (Frampton), and Miss Barbara Baker (Upwey); associate member, Rev. R. C. Herring (Bere Regis); life members, Mr. Philip Henry Toccock, R.T.C., Bovington.

The Chairman extended a cordial welcome to the Rev. R. C. Herring, Mr. Martin Stewart (Wimborne), and ringers from Poole, Thornford and Stratton.

The officers were re-elected: Chairman, the Rev. A. W. Markby; vice-chairman, Rev. R. P. Farrow; Ringing Master, Mr. E. T. P. Field; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. C. Smart; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Jennings.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for granting the use of St. Peter's bells. He also made an appeal for more advanced methods of change ringing to be learnt. Ringers represented a strong body and a strong force in the church. As the Archbishop of Canterbury wished for a renewal of spiritual life, he thought that ringers could help a lot in this respect. Their position was very much higher and more honourable than it was many years ago.

The Rev. A. F. Godley seconded the vote of thanks.

Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Perham (St. Peter's organist), to the ladies for providing the tea, to the Revs. D. F. Slembeck (Charminster), A. S. Bryant (Upwey), and Gilbert Jessop (Fordington St. George) for permitting the use of the bells in their parishes, and to Mr. J. W. Smith for making the local arrangements.

GRANTS FOR RESTORATIONS.

The Chairman said that as the result of an inspection of St. Peter's tower and belfry the bells would have to be put on ball bearings during the year as the gudgeons were wearing. It was an expenditure that would have to be faced and would be something in the nature of £150. Like the Macedonians, he would say, 'Come over and help us,' and if they at St. Peter's could have anything more

than mere words of sympathy they would be delighted to receive it. He wanted the work to be proceeded with so that it might be completed before the Coronation. He did not think it was too much to ask the Dorchester rural deanery and Dorchester town to help them to foot the bill.

After discussion it was resolved that a donation of £5 be given from the branch funds, and in an expression of thanks the Chairman said that it would be an encouragement to the members of St. Peter's Church Council and congregation to do their bit.

Mr. Jennings mentioned that at Wyke Regis they had got to within £400 of the £1,500 appealed for on behalf of the church and tower, and it was unanimously resolved to make a grant of £2 2s. from the branch funds.

SALISBURY BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

PRACTICES FOR THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS.

In spite of the wintry weather, there was a very good attendance at the annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch, held at St. Paul's, Salisbury, on Saturday last. Ringers present represented the towers at Berwick St. John, Britford, Wyke, Wilton, the city churches of St. Paul, St. Thomas and St. Martin, the Diocesan Theological College, Amesbury, Dinton, Martin, Damerham, etc., and there were visitors from the Devizes and the North Dorset Branches.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. S. B. Wingfield-Digby, assistant curate at St. Paul's, the address being given by the Rev. H. L. Bowen, priest-in-charge of St. Michael's, Bemerton, while the Rector, Rev. N. E. W. Bradyll-Johnson, was at the organ.

Tea followed in St. Paul's Parish Rooms, after which the general meeting was presided over by the branch chairman (Mr. E. G. Caple), who was supported by Mr. F. W. Romaine (branch secretary and treasurer) and Rev. Bradyll-Johnson (hon. member).

Mr. Caple and Mr. Romaine were re-elected as chairman and secretary and treasurer respectively. Messrs. L. Harris, F. C. Smith and W. Roberts were re-elected Ringing Masters. The committee was re-elected with the addition of Mr. O. Haines (Wilton).

In thanking the members for re-electing him, Mr. Romaine remarked that he was now in his fourteenth year as secretary, and during that time the branch had more than doubled its membership. He hoped that in time the branch would be as strong as that at Devizes.

New members were admitted as follows: H. Hawker (Wilton), B. Safe (Sarum St. Thomas), Rev. S. B. Wingfield-Digby (St. Paul's), J. Beverstock, H. Scammell and J. Haines (St. Martin's), R. S. Jones and T. Gould (Salisbury Theological College); also the new band of ringers recently formed at Compton Chamberlain.

Mr. R. S. Jones (Theological College) stated that the college students were interesting themselves in change ringing, and were practising with the St. Martin's band, but in view of the difficulty they had in attending evening practices they would be glad to hear of any opportunities of ringing during afternoons of any day, or Saturday evenings.

Mr. Roberts (Berwick) and Rev. R. S. Smith (St. Martin's) both stated that they could arrange afternoon or Saturday evening practices, and would welcome the theological students at any time.

It was resolved that the next three meetings of the branch be held at Berwick St. John, Amesbury and Compton Chamberlain, and the secretary was asked to inquire whether Barford St. Martin bells would be available when the Compton Chamberlain meeting took place.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by the secretary, to the Rev. Bradyll-Johnson, for receiving the branch, and to the Rev. Wingfield Digby and Rev. Bowen for the part they had taken in the service.

In replying, the Rector reiterated his delight at again having the Guild with them at St. Paul's, where they knew they were always welcome. He was anxious that his bellringers should become efficient change ringers, and to this end he was contemplating making application for the appointment of an official instructor.

There was some confusion in the Rector's mind over Ringing Masters and ringing instructors, and Mr. E. F. White (chairman of the Devizes Branch and a ringing instructor) explained the position, stating that, subject to the Rector making application through the official channels and the general secretary's consent, he, Mr. White, would be willing to undertake the instruction of St. Paul's band under the rules of the Guild.

The Rector thanked Mr. White for his explanation, and stated he would go into the matter fully. He reminded the ringers of the opportunities the forthcoming Coronation would give to bellringing.

The Secretary announced that the date of the Guild Festival had been provisionally fixed for May 1st at Salisbury Cathedral, but there would be more information on this matter later.

Ringing was then resumed at St. Paul's, also at St. Edmund's and St. Martin's.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 10th, at St. George-in-the-Borough, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. Humphrey 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, Miss S. Thursfield (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, Miss E. Greenall 4, Mrs. J. E. Davis 5, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (conductor) 6, Norman Bagworth 7, Richard F. Deal 8.

MR. JOHN AUSTIN'S BEREAVEMENT.

Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, has sustained a severe and unexpected bereavement by the death of his wife, who passed away after only a few days' illness on January 21st.

On the previous Saturday Mr. Austin presided at the annual dinner of Bristol United Ringing Guilds, and Mrs. Austin was to have accompanied him. An apparently slight indisposition, however, prevented her from being present, but her illness later took on a serious turn.

The deepest sympathy will go out to Mr. Austin and his family in their great loss.

The funeral took place at St. Michael's Church, Gloucester, on January 25th, and was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Pritchard (Rector). The principal mourners were Mr. J. Austin (widower), Mr. Harold Austin (son), the daughters and son-in-law, ex-Sergeant J. Williams and Mrs. Tyndal. Among those present were Mr. S. E. Romans (representing the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Mr. H. Halford (the Cheltenham Branch of the association), and many old friends.

The service was of simple character. The 23rd Psalm was chanted and the hymns, 'Jesu, Lover of my soul,' and 'The King of Love my Shepherd is,' were sung.

The interment took place at the cemetery, and there were many floral tributes, among them one from the Gloucester ringers. A muffled touch was rung on the bells after the service by T. Baldwin, H. Case, J. Whiting, J. Gillet, W. H. Harris, S. E. Romans, G. Condict (conductor), and A. Martin.

LINK WITH THE 'QUEEN MARY.'**CUNARD CHAIRMAN GIVES BELL TO DEVON VILLAGE CHURCH.**

Sir Percy Elly Bates, Bt., director of the Cunard Steamship Company, has given a tenor bell to the Parish Church of Charles, in North Devon, as a thankoffering for the launching of the world's greatest and fastest ship afloat and for the winning of the Atlantic Blue Riband by the 'Queen Mary.'

The Rector and churchwardens of Charles have obtained a faculty for this reconstruction of the peal of bells, and it is hoped that the new bell will be dedicated, and started by Sir Percy in person, in time to be used for the Coronation in May.

The work is being carried out by John Taylor and Co., who cast the ship bells of the 'Queen Mary.' The inscription on the new bell mentions this latter fact.

The little village of Charles has been long distinguished for its Blackmore traditions of 'Lorna Doone' fame.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

About fifty ringers attended the annual meeting of the Wellingborough District of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, held at Higham Ferrers on January 23rd.

A service was held in the beautiful old church during the afternoon, conducted by the branch president (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw), whilst the Vicar read the lesson and took from it the subject for his very able and interesting address, 'Noise and sound.' He hoped that the ringers would realise their responsibility and see to it that the angel voices of the bells were never silent.

Ringers were present from a wide area, including Finedon, Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Irchester, Ecton, Stanwick, Earls Barton, and a number of the local band. The Kettering district and the Thrapston branch were also well represented. Three enthusiasts of the Bedford Association were present, and also Mr. W. A. Stote, of Coventry, and the Rev. E. S. Powell (the Guild Master) and Mrs. Powell, together with the Guild general secretary, Mr. R. G. Black.

After tea, the meeting opened with references to the deaths of Mr. W. H. Ette (Wellingborough) and the late Master, Mr. F. Wilford, the members standing in silent tribute. The Rev. E. S. Powell spoke very highly of Mr. Wilford's life.

The branch officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, M.A., R.D.; 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. W. Johnson; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. W. Perkins.

It was reported that the membership stood as follows: Three hon. life; 18 honorary and 148 ringing members.

The accounts showed an increased balance of £2 16s., and after a little discussion it was agreed to make a grant of £3 from the branch funds to the Wellingborough Restoration Bell Fund.

The secretary read a letter of good wishes from Mr. F. Barber (past secretary), who had hoped to be present, but was prevented through influenza.

Six new members were elected, two from Earls Barton, two from Mears Ashby, one from Irchester and one from Finedon.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Wollaston on April 17th.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to all concerned, and bells were again set ringing to various wishes of the visitors. During the afternoon and evening methods ranged from rounds to Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to pressure on our space we regret we have been compelled to hold over reports of the meetings of the Middlesex Association (North and East District), Surrey Association (North-Western District), and Worcestershire Association (Western District) and other contributions.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, have been entrusted with the contract for the restoration of the bells at Shepperton Church, Middlesex.

Chief Inspector William Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Police, retires this week after 29 years' service. Mr. Bottrill is president of the Metropolitan Police Guild of Ringers and vice-president of the National Police Guild. It was through his efforts that the Metropolitan Guild was established and became a recreative organisation recognised by the authorities.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major is being arranged at Edgbaston Parish Church, Birmingham, starting at 2 p.m. on February 27th, on the occasion of the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. Any visitors who would like to stand in should write as early as possible to the Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes, Northdene, 102, Vicarage Road, Smethwick.

Following in father's—and grandfather's—footsteps! Geoffrey Harrison, son of Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough Foundry, has rung his first peal—the treble to Grandsire Triples on the back eight of the Foundry bells. His father called the peal. What a pity his grandpa, a well-known Sheffield ringer, was not also in the band.

Another of Mr. Arthur Knights' old compositions has now been rung for the first time. A peal of Treble Bob, which he put on paper in 1883—fifty-four years ago—was called at Brownedge, Lancs, on Saturday. It isn't as if he is an unknown composer, either.

The death occurred on January 28th of Mr. Joseph Hands, who had been a member of St. Peter's Society, Caversham, for 53 years. He was 79 years of age. The funeral took place on Monday.

Will any person who may have found or taken a silk scarf in mistake at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Saturday last, please return it to R. Fenn, 118, St. Audrey's Road, Barking, Essex.

A REGISTER OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of the leading article in your issue of January 8th you may be interested to know that a register of Surprise Major methods, on much the same lines as those suggested therein, is already in course of preparation.

Obviously it is easy enough to make out a list of methods rung and to add each new one as it is published. The difficulty is to arrange them in such an order that any given method can be turned up from the figures in the shortest possible time.

I have been doing some work on this problem recently, and have now got out a method of indexing which overcomes this difficulty. I am at the moment applying it to the Surprise Major methods, and I hope by the time of the next Central Council meeting to have completed the indexing of all the methods of this class that have been rung.

They are arranged in such a way that if the figures of a half-lead of any given method are produced its correct position in the register can be found in a few moments; if it has already been rung it will be found there, together with its name and details of first performance, etc., and if it is not there then it has not previously been rung and can be inserted.

Although, so far, I have only applied it to the Surprise Major methods, the same system of indexing can be used for any class of method in any number of bells.

Bristol.

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

LANCHESTER BELLS RESTORED.

OPENING BY DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The renovated peal of bells at Lanchester Parish Church was rededicated on Saturday, January 23rd. In the absence of the Archdeacon of Auckland, who was unable to be present through family illness, the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Jenkin Jones, Vicar of Blackhill.

The bells were originally installed in the year 1810, and were very heavy going, but Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have now made them into a fine ring of six, the tenor being 8½ cwt. Three bells have been recast, the other three retuned, and all hung on ball bearings.

After the dedicatory prayers, the Rev. L. Heatherington, Vicar of Lanchester, tolled the fifth bell. At the close of the service the bells were raised in peal, and the first touch rung on them by L. Richardson 1, G. L. Routledge (conductor) 2, H. Tyson 3, W. Brown 4, J. A. Brown 5, S. Thompson 6.

The President of the association (Councillor A. Payne) afterwards proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for inviting the association to reopen the bells, and referred to the fine 'go' of the peal and the excellent way they had been rebung.

Ringers were present from Newcastle Cathedral, Chester-le-Street, Benfieldside, Tanfield, Blackhill, Whickham, Consett and the local tower.

After tea the belfry was again open, and touches in various Minor methods were rung.

PEALS IN 1936.

OVER ONE HUNDRED LESS THAN IN 1935.

The total number of peals rung in 1936 was 1,750, of which 1,675 were on tower bells and 75 on handbells. This is more than one hundred less than in the preceding year, when 1,863 were rung. In 1934 the total was 1,784; in 1933, 1,833; and in 1932, 2,202.

Here is a detailed comparison for the last three years:—

	1936.		1935.		1934.	
	Tower.	H'bells.	Tower.	H'bells.	Tower.	H'bells.
Maximus ...	9	—	9	1	12	—
Cinques ...	35	—	35	5	23	6
Royal ...	54	6	46	8	61	5
Caters ...	91	11	82	7	68	9
Major ...	619	37	669	41	724	47
Triples ...	305	7	376	12	324	7
Minor ...	412	10	381	5	355	7
Doubles ...	150	4	183	3	130	6
...	1,675	75	1,781	82	1,697	87
Totals ...	1,750		1,863		1,784	

A CONTRAST IN BELL BROADCASTS

To the Editor

Sir,—I wonder if any of your readers listened to both Romsey and Sherborne bells on Sunday evening, January 24th? I tuned in first to Sherborne and was at once struck by the extraordinary roar. The dominant notes of the bells were anything but clear, so that I was unable to spot the method being rung, except that it was Triples. I then cut across the dial to Romsey and was astonished at the difference. Here the bells sounded clear and musical, and one could follow the method easily. Back I went to Sherborne, and again that most unpleasant roar—so back to Romsey. I did this continuously as long as the broadcast lasted.

Sherborne bells are of recent casting, or was it only the tenor that was recast? Query: Are these bells Simpson tuned, and how are the Romsey bells tuned?

If the Sherborne are Simpson tuned and Romsey not, then I would consider the Simpson method a 'wash-out.'

We are getting increasing complaints about the ringing of bells, and this may account for it.

I shall be interested to hear if any other readers switched over from the one to the other, and, if so, what they thought about the comparison.

D. G. TAYLOR.

Ilminster.

THE EXPLANATION.

This contrast in the two broadcasts which, taking place simultaneously, enabled comparison to be made, is extremely interesting. Both Sherborne and Romsey have not so long since been through the same foundry, both restorations having been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Sherborne tenor only was recast; at Romsey three of the bells were recast. In each case the whole peal was subjected to modified 'harmonic' tuning, and not Simpson tuned. Both rings of bells are thus on approximately the same harmonic scale.

The explanation of the difference in the way the bells came over the ether is, therefore, due, not to the bells themselves, but to the relative positions of the microphones. We understand that at Sherborne the 'mike' was on the roof of the Abbey, not very far from the belfry windows, and apparently much too close for such a heavy peal of bells.

POPULARISE GOOD METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your leading article of January 29th has my fullest sympathy. May I say in the first place that there is not a method that I have rung with worse music than Cambridge!

In Ipswich we have a good ringer, who never goes inside a belfry now, but delights in listening to all ringing with a keen ear. He says, 'Why do you ring that method?' referring to Cambridge.

What is wanted is a composer to broadcast a few methods which extend from six or eight bells to 12 as well as Cambridge does, for this, in my opinion, is the only reason Cambridge is so popular. Superlative, London and Bristol all fail in this respect.

You are quite right to advise all bands to practise something new to keep their interest alive. The idea of Mr. Nolan Golden in his notice of the North Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association to practise something off the beaten track is to be highly commended.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

YOUNG RINGERS CRITICISED.

COMMENTS AT A GUILDFORD GUILD MEETING.

irksome Jobs Left to the 'Old Uns.'

A striking call to the younger ringers was made in the report presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. W. Denyer) to the annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday week. He said:—

'It has been noticed that the younger ringers in some towers do not attend meetings, although every opportunity is offered for their advancement. It is entirely the duty of we younger ringers to do everything possible to maintain the high standard reached by many of the older ringers. Surely it is unfair to leave the "old uns" to do all the irksome duties necessary for the running of a belfry. The modern generation is criticised in most things; let it not be so with our younger ringers. Too often we find fault with others who are doing their best to improve matters, and then, when asked to help, refuse to hold office or even make suggestions. If you are dissatisfied with your captain, vote for someone else or try taking the office yourself. Don't absent yourself from the belfry and grumble outside about what should be done or what you would do if you were in charge.'

The report further stated that, although 1936 did not show any outstanding improvement in the affairs of the district, neither could it be said that there had been any serious backsliding. Ringing members had increased by four and honorary members decreased by one. They had 125 ringing and 29 honorary members. The passing of the Hon. Mrs. Randal Parsons (Horley), Canon M. C. H. Collet (Frensham), and Mr. Walter Cleaves (Farnham) was recorded with regret. Altogether the district had subscribed this year towards the benevolent fund the sum of £5 18s. 8d. Tower collecting boxes brought in £4 1s. 2d., collections at meetings 17s., and subscriptions £1 10s. 8d.

Only two peals were successful in the district in 1936. On January 25th a local peal of Grandsire Triples, rung with fully muffled bells, was rung at Aldershot in memory of his late Majesty King George V. In this peal five ringers rang their first peal in the method, one his first peal in the method away from the treble, and the conductor his first of Triples as conductor. The other was a peal of Bob Major, rung at Farnham on November 21st, the conductor being the Ringing Master, Mr. Hasted. Several ringers from the district had rung peals outside the district. This year they hoped for many more successful peals. A good opportunity will be in May, when the Coronation celebrations are taking place. It was most important that the bells in every tower should be rung on Coronation Day.

The work of retuning and rehanging the bells at St. Michael's, Yorktown, had been completed, and the ring of eight was now in excellent order. Great satisfaction had been expressed at the way in which the bell hangers carried out the job. Crondall bells were at the foundry, and it was expected that they would be back in the tower by Coronation Day. Funds were still needed. Restoration work was necessary at St. Peter's, Ash, but nothing had been done. It was hoped that something would materialise in 1937.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

The report added: It is thought that the majority of towers showed no marked progress, although service ringing has been maintained generally. The greatest disappointment is at Seale, a belfry which has received more assistance than any other in the district, where, although subscriptions were received from 12 members, it has been practically impossible to ring the six bells on Sundays. At Farnham, too, eight ropes have not always been manned for service ringing. Any suggestions for improving these conditions will be welcomed by the officials.

The Rector of Farnham (Canon E. M. Girdling) presided over the meeting, supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. Hasted), Mr. A. J. Stedman (hon. member), Capt. H. J. Cann (Brookwood), Mr. J. Cobbett (general treasurer) and Mr. C. W. Denyer (district hon. secretary). Towers represented were Aldershot, Ash, Farnham, Bagshot, Bentley, Crondall, Seale, Yorktown, Guildford (Cathedral), Frensham and Clandon. Visitors were present from Wokingham, Rickmansworth and Watford.

Apologies were received from several hon. members and from Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Guild secretary, who was indisposed).

No other nominations having been received, the following were declared elected: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted; hon. secretary, Mr. C. W. Denyer; hon. auditor, Mr. P. L. Eldridge; executive committee representatives, ringing, Messrs. F. Nye and T. Upshall; honorary, Mr. W. A. Dollimore.

Nominations for Guild officers were made as follows: Major Hesse (Master), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer), Mr. Hasted (hon. auditor).

Towers selected for 1937 meetings were: Aldershot (eight bells), Bagshot (eight), Crondall (six), Frensham (six).

The balance sheet for 1936 showed receipts totalling £33 9s. 5d., and an expenditure of £17 19s. 5d., leaving a balance in hand of £15 10s. The statement was adopted.

Three new hon. members elected were Mr. H. Cole (Aldershot), the Rev. W. J. Blaikie (Ash), and the Rev. W. Towney (Yorktown).

Mr. Nye proposed a vote of thanks to Capt. Cann (Brookwood) for his donation of £1 to the district, and Mr. Ewens thanked the

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BELLRINGING REFLECTS LIFE.

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district for a donation of £1 to the Yorktown bell restoration fund. The hon. secretary was instructed to write to Mr. E. Clapshaw congratulating him on his 92nd birthday on January 26th. It was directed that a special vote of thanks to the hon. secretary for his work in the past should be recorded in the minutes.

Mr. W. Melville (Guildford) congratulated the five Aldershot ringers who rang their first peal of Superlative Surprise at Yorktown recently. It was, he said, a fine performance.

Mr. J. Corbett (Bagshot) proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Girling for the use of the bells, for his fine address and for taking the chair at the meeting; to Mr. G. C. Macklin, organist of the Parish Church, and members of the choir; to Mr. Hasted for arranging the meeting; and to the vergers and caterers.

Prior to the meeting, ringing had taken place at the Parish Church under the direction of Mr. R. Hasted, Ringing Master, and the service was conducted by Canon Girling, whose striking address is reported below. Tea and the meeting took place at Rogers' Cafe, after which there was further ringing, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

RINGERS' GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

In town and in village our church bells to-day
Cry 'Come, you good people, and put care away,'
For He who made blossom and sunlight and May,
Be certain rejoices in hearts that are gay.

The theme of the joy of ringing church bells in praise of God, running through the hymn, a verse of which is quoted above, was taken by Canon E. M. Girling as the subject of his address.

Canon Girling said it had been remarked about English people that they took their pleasures sadly. No doubt it was said by a foreigner when he had been looking at the crowds on Waterloo Station before a holiday. If that same foreigner had gone into a ringing chamber during a peal, and had watched people concentrated for all they were worth on the ringing of bells; if he had seen them at the end of three and a quarter hours' ringing, wet with their labour, quite unpaid, that same foreigner might have said, 'These English men, and possibly English women, do take their pleasures sadly.'

And yet, said Canon Girling, bellringing is intended to express the joy of life and the joy of religion. There are other people who express their joy in rather a similar way. The baby with his drum, the boy who whistles as he goes to school or comes back from school, the girl singing 'Miriam' with her tins, dancing in front of the people after a great deliverance, the violinist or the cornet player—they all belong to the same fellowship of those who try to express their joy in the most natural way of all by uttering songs of happiness and glee. Even that foreigner, when he had left the belfry and perhaps when he had come some way by the Castle, listening to the sound of our bells floating across the fields, could not help feeling elated or could not help thinking there was joy in these English after all. Perhaps he had made a mistake.

It is so natural, is it not, on all occasions of national rejoicings and so on, almost the first thing people say is, 'Oh, we must have the church bells.' Why? To express their joy. That surely is the main thing. It is true there is another side. I do not forget that life is not all joy all the time. There is the muffled bell that we ring on proper occasions; there are those nine tellers, as they call them, for the passing of the human soul. Bellringing reflects the whole of life.

But to-day there is a very great need to emphasise the joy of true religion, because so many people have got the idea that religion is a dull, gloomy thing, something that prevents you from enjoying life, and all that sort of nonsense. That is an entirely wrong conception of it. I know there have been times when perhaps the Puritan was in the ascendant, and Sunday was a day of gloom, when no bells were allowed because they were regarded as being evil in some way. But, speaking generally, bellringing is most typical of what religion should be, and that is a thing of joy.

SOUND OF BELLS TOUCHES PEOPLE'S CONSCIENCES.

And when the bells before a service are ringing it is not to remind people that they ought to perform a rather unpleasant duty. That is the idea some people seem to have; perhaps it is one of the reasons why some people object to bellringing altogether. I don't think it is altogether that they have got a headache and cannot stand a noise; perhaps sometimes it is because it touches their consciences—the bells remind them of it and they object very strongly to bellringing. Bellringing is not meant to call us to an unpleasant duty, but to remind us of one of the most splendid privileges we have, the privilege of worship in God's house. If one could only get young people to realise that it is not simply a duty but a very glad and high privilege!

If that be so, ringers can play a very important part in religion. I dare say you have all heard on the wireless the Archbishop's 'Recall to Religion.' It is something that I hope will be no mere stunt but that it will have a very great effect upon this nation.

There you ringers have your part. Naturally you must not only be skilful in the ringing of the bells—I know you are that and in—

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.

At a business meeting of the Cambridge University Guild, held on January 18th, the Rev. A. C. Blyth, M.A., fellow and tutor of Selwyn College, was unanimously elected president of the Guild in succession to the late Rev. A. H. F. Boughey.

Mr. Blyth was nominated by the Master (Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith, Selwyn), and seconded by the hon. secretary (Mr. M. B. Shaw, Peterhouse), and the Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Trinity) also spoke strongly in favour of the nomination.

As an undergraduate, Mr. Blyth filled the office of secretary in 1912, during the Mastership of Mr. E. M. Atkins, and for the past few years has, as vice-president, deputised for the late president when failing health prevented him from taking his former part in the activities of the Guild.

Mr. Blyth has rung a number of handbell peals for the Guild, including Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples.

BIG CLOCK FOR EGYPT.

FIVE AND A HALF TONS HOUR BELL.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, are carrying out an important clock and bell contract for Egypt. It consists of an all-electric clock and five bells, which are to be erected at the University of Giza, near Cairo.

The clock has 10ft. dials, and is provided with an auxiliary equipment which will ensure that the mechanism will continue to operate for 24 hours in case of failure of the electric current.

The hour bell weighs 5½ tons, and the Westminster quarter chimes will be struck on the other four bells.

On Tuesday afternoon the clock and bells were inspected by the Egyptian Charge d'Affaires, His Excellency A. B. Rahman Bey.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, Staffs, on Saturday, January 16th, the bells were 'fired' and touches of Bob Minor (with 7-8 covering) and Grandsire Triples were rung immediately after the wedding of Miss Mary Gwendoline Wallater (eldest daughter of the conductor of the local band) to Mr. Norman G. Ravenscroft, of Short Heath, Wolverhampton. The ringers were W. Edge, A. E. Reed, A. Evans, B. Munday, J. Luck, J. Picken, R. Sidebotham, E. Hortin, S. H. Coley, F. Magness and J. Pritchard.

DEATH OF A BOWDON RINGER.

MR. JOSEPH HOLT'S 47 YEARS' SERVICE.

A ringer at Bowdon Parish Church, Cheshire, for more than 47 years, Mr. Joseph Holt passed away recently after only a short illness.

Mr. Holt, who was a native of Bowdon, had been for 22 years a licensee of the Railway Inn, Ashley Road, Hale, and was well known in the district. In addition to having been a bellringer at Bowdon Parish Church, he was also at one time a chorister at the church, and was the first telegraph boy at Bowdon Post Office. The bells of the Parish Church were rung fully muffled on the day of Mr. Holt's death.

The funeral took place at Altrincham Cemetery, the Rev. W. H. Brind (curate at Bowdon Church) officiating.

In addition to the family mourners many friends gathered at the graveside, among them being Messrs. D. Vincent, S. Mottershead, G. Ollier and P. Cross (representing the ringers).

As a last token of respect the bells of Bowdon Parish Church were rung half-muffled in the evening. The touches included 360 of Minor, with 7-8 behind, by G. Ollier 1, D. Vincent (conductor) 2, H. McKinnell 3, A. Brown 4, J. Hassell 5, A. Elkins 6, P. Cross 7, S. Mottershead 8. This was followed by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by J. Hassell (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, H. McKinnell 2, J. Saunders (first quarter-peal) 3, C. Tomlinson 4, D. Vincent (conductor) 5, A. Brown 6, A. Elkins 7, S. Mottershead (first quarter-peal) 8.

This was the first quarter-peal rung on the bells by an entirely local company since the bells were augmented to eight in 1923.

After the 'whole pull and stand' had been rung a few times the bells were stopped one at a time, commencing from the treble.

Mr. Holt's age was then tolled on the tenor bell by S. Mottershead, who now has the longest service at this church as ringer.

A two minutes' silence was observed before the company dispersed.

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creasingly so—you must not only take an interest in the belfry, you must also find your place and fill this place in the church. You must have in you the spirit of true religion and the joy of religion. If you experience that for yourselves I am perfectly certain it will have an effect even upon the bellringing itself. There will be no more complaints about people getting slack, no difficulty in getting together the necessary eight or ten. On the contrary, all the members of the company will be there because they know that that is their place, because they are going to take part in the worship of God and because they know the true joy of religion. And if that can happen, if all of us are sincerely converted Christians, think what your bellringing can be. It can be a sacrament.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

REVIVING ACTIVITIES IN LONDON.

The revival of the annual dinner and a decision to arrange for Sunday service ringing at additional churches in London were matters of special interest before the annual meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday. Despite a very dismal day, over fifty members attended, many of them coming from far afield. In the afternoon there was ringing both at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, and St. Martin's, and tea was served in the crypt at the latter church, where for the entertainment of the ladies who served the meal a touch of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells belonging to Mr. C. E. Waters, of Watford.

The business meeting was held in St. Martin's Vestry Hall, the Vicar (Rev. Pat McCormack) presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. G. H. Cross), the hon. secretary (Mr. G. A. Card), and the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Steere).

The last-named presented the balance sheet, which showed receipts, including the subscriptions of thirty new members, of £13 16s. 6d. The expenditure amounted to £19 8s. 5d., and included £6 16s. for the memorial to the late Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews), £1 1s. to the Wm. Pye memorial, £1 Central Council subscription, and £2 2s. to the funds of the Central Council Entertainment Committee. The balance in hand at the end of the year was £9 15s. 1½d.—The accounts were adopted.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, said the year 1936 had been one of steady progress in the annals of ringing. During the year the society rang 12 peals, consisting of Stedman Cinques 2, Caters 1, Bristol Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 1, Superlative Surprise 1, Stedman Triples 1, Grandfire Triples 1, Minor in seven Surprise methods 1, Bob Minor 2, and one peal of Stedman Triples on handbells. One lady ringer rang her first peal of Stedman Cinques, and on behalf of the society he extended to her hearty congratulations. The peal of Stedman Triples on Boxing Day at St. Martin's was rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent. Information of the peal was forwarded to Belgrave Square, and a suitable reply was received. One encouraging feature last year was the steady increase in new members, 30 having been elected. The society owed a debt of gratitude to the Vicar and Church Council of St. Martin's for allowing them to place their safe and boxes in the choir vestry, thus bringing to an end a controversy as to the custody of the safe. Three quarterly meetings had been held, the most successful being at Gravesend. That at Beddington was held jointly with two other societies, but the one which should have been held at Walthamstow had to be transferred to Romford owing to a misunderstanding. As a result of this experience he advised more thought being given to the places selected for the quarterly meetings.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Mr. George Cross was re-elected Master, and in acknowledging the compliment said there was no need for pessimism with regard to the position of the society. In addition to the twelve peals rung, they attempted Cambridge Maximus, which was lost after two hours, two peals of Cambridge Royal, a peal of Spiced Surprise Major, and a peal of London. The influx of young members was very encouraging.

Mr. G. A. Card was re-elected hon. secretary, with Mr. N. Summerhayes as assistant secretary.

Mr. G. W. Steere was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Messrs. F. G. Symonds and A. Hardy trustees. Mr. T. Bevan was elected senior steward, and Mr. J. E. Bailey junior steward.

The election of four members prior to peal attempts was confirmed, and the following new members were elected: Mr. W. Stofe, Coventry; Mr. E. Bowman, Feltham; Miss D. E. Colegate, Sevenoaks; Mr. H. S. T. Willson and Mr. H. M. Mears, St. Olave's, Hart Street, London; Mr. B. W. May, Bobbing, Kent; Messrs. J. T. O'Dell, R. H. Harman, D. F. Harman and D. H. A. Pestall (Hampstead) and Mr. T. Collins (Ruislip).

It was decided to hold quarterly meetings at Hampstead, with Highgate and Gospel Oak, on March 6th; Pinner on July 10th; and St. George's, Southwark, in October.

In conformity with a motion passed at a quarterly meeting, it was announced that the annual dinner was to be revived and arrangements had been made to hold it at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, on March 13th. The hope was expressed that members and their friends (including ladies) would support the function.

The Master referred to the society's service held in December at St. Olave's, Hart Street. Some of the ringers from that church had joined the society, and the Vicar would like it very much if the society would ring there for services on Sunday evenings occasionally. St. Bride's tower had also been opened to them again, which they very much appreciated, and he suggested that the society should arrange to ring on Sunday evenings at each of the churches once every six weeks. They already rang at Shoreditch twice a month.

After some discussion the Master's suggestion was adopted, and it was decided to set up a voluntary rota of members for the purpose. All members of the society within reach of London were invited to put their names on the list, in order to take their turn as required. They should send their names and addresses to the assistant secretary (Mr. N. Summerhayes), 26, Wilnot Road, Dartford, Kent.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday last the annual meeting of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, when, in spite of exceedingly cold and wintry weather, some 45 members and friends were present at the service in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Owen, who also gave a very interesting address. He took as the basis of his remarks the text, 'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.' He stressed the necessity of attendance at practice if ringers were to make any real service of their ringing, and urged them not to look upon it as sacrifice but as a pleasant duty. He deplored the installation of 'canned' bells, and said that, while he agreed that the machine was the friend of man, he thought we might at least leave the arts free from this mechanisation. He reminded those present that they sent out Sunday after Sunday and at other times the call of the Christian faith. They should therefore see to it that this faith was shown in their daily lives and that they regarded their religion as a living thing and not merely a sort of insurance policy for the life to come.

After service, a bountiful tea was served in the schools. The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft (branch chairman), who apologised for the absence of the Vicar, who was just recovering from a bout of the fashionable complaint, influenza, and did not think it wise to stay out too long. He had, therefore, returned home after conducting the service. He extended a cordial welcome to the Guild, and hoped the members would approve of the restoration work done.

The sudden death of Mr. Adam T. Marsland, of Disley, was announced, and came as a shock to many present, as also did the deaths of Messrs. Holt and Dean, two of the older ringers at Bowdon. The meeting stood for a moment in silence, and then instructed the secretary to convey the sympathy of the branch to the relatives.

The annual report and statement of accounts were read and adopted, and the election of the officers for the ensuing year then took place.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and wardens, the local ringers and their ladies, the organist and to all who had in any way contributed to the success of the meeting.

A return was made to the tower, where good use was made of the bells, and there were many highly complimentary remarks made on the fine way in which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have restored this peal of eight through the generosity of the Barron Bell Trust.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SMALL MEETING BUT PLENTY OF RINGING.

The January meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Skelton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, January 23rd. The attendance was not quite all that could be desired, but the unfavourable weather and the influenza epidemic probably kept some away. An excellent tea was provided in the Church Room, presided over by the president of the association, Mr. J. C. Pollard.

There was no business to be discussed, and, after giving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and electing a new member (Mr. J. W. Moorhouse, of Saltburn), a return was made to the tower for more ringing. With the exception of the break for tea, the bells were going from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m., the following methods being rung: Grandfire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

Members attended from Ripon, Ormesby, Darlington (Holy Trinity), Guisborough, Saltburn, Middlesbrough and the local company.

The next meeting will be held at Whitby on April 24th.

LINCOLNSHIRE VICAR LEAVES MONEY FOR BELLS.

At Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, on Monday, January 25th, after failure of peal attempt, 720 changes of St. Clement's Minor: B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton 2, A. Tomlinson 3, J. Bray (conductor) 4, E. Brittain 5, B. Gillatt, jun., 6. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of esteem for Canon F. A. Jarvis, 39 years Vicar of the parish. Canon Jarvis was responsible for the three old bells being made into six in 1920, giving one of them himself. He has left, in his will, a sum toward the cost of adding two trebles.

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A vote of thanks to the Rev. Pat McCormack was proposed by Chief Inspector Bottrill, seconded by Mr. A. Pye, acknowledgment being made of the Vicar's interest in the society, of the use of the bells, of the tea in the crypt, and of his presiding at the meeting.

The Vicar said he was delighted to welcome the society, and wished them a successful year.

Thanks were accorded to the officers for their services during the past year, and to Mr. T. Bevan and Mrs. Cross for their activities in obtaining many new members. Mr. Bevan was also thanked for getting the bells of St. Bride's ready that day.

Mr. Bailey expressed appreciation of the attendance of the members who had come long distances to be present, and the Master appealed for a better attendance at the monthly meetings at Shoreditch.

Tribute was paid to the memory of members who had passed away during the year, and the meeting then terminated.

THE LATE MR. H. R. PASMORE'S PEALS. DISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCES.

Some reference has already been made in 'The Ringing World' to the peal performances of the late Mr. Harry R. Pasmore, who was a member of both St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey bands. He was a ringer and conductor of exceptional ability. In his first 12 months as a peal ringer he rang eight peals, which included Superlative and London Surprise, at the age of 17. Before he was 20 he had rung in the first three Surprise peals rung in one day, and also non-conducted peals of London and Cambridge Surprise. Later in the same year he conducted the first handbell peals of Superlative ever rung, and afterwards took part in that wonderful performance, Carter's Odd Bob One-Part peal of Stedman Triples non-conducted on handbells.

The following is the list of his peals:—

	Tower.	Cond.	Hand.	Cond.
Grandsire:				
Triples	3	—	3	1
Caters	3	—	2	1
Cinques	—	—	1	1
Stedman:				
Triples	18	2	9	3*
Caters	9	2	9	4
Cinques	12	4*	19	14
Plain Bob:				
Major	2	—	3	1
Royal	—	—	1	1
Maximus	1	1	1	1
Kent Treble Bob:				
Major	4	—	3	3
Royal	4	—	1	1
Maximus	6	—	1	1
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	1	—	—	—
Double Norwich:				
Major	2	1	—	—
Royal	4	1	—	—
Superlative Surprise Major	11	2	2	2
Cambridge Surprise:				
Minor	1	1	—	—
Major	12	4*	—	—
Royal	6	5	—	—
Maximus	7	2	—	—
London Surprise Major	42	21*	—	—
St. Stephen's Surprise Major	1	—	—	—
Bristol Surprise Major	4	3	—	—
Spliced Surprise Major	2	2	—	—
Total	156	51	55	34

* Silent peals in each.

FUNERAL OF MR. G. W. STOKES.

The funeral of the late Mr. George W. Stokes, of Eastbourne, who filled many offices in the Sussex County Association, including that of secretary of the Eastern Division from 1920 to 1922, took place on Monday, January 25th. The first part of the service was held in St. Philip's Church, and the interment took place at Langney Cemetery. The association was represented by Mr. A. C. Pankhurst (hon. secretary of the Eastern Division), Mr. F. Dallaway and Mr. H. Hobden (St. Saviour's) and Mr. G. Piper. The Vicar of St. Saviour's, where Mr. Stokes had been a member of the company for 16 years, was also present.

Among the many wreaths was one from the Sussex Association, one from St. Saviour's band and one from St. Mary's company.

At St. Saviour's Church on the previous day a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by G. Hobbs 1, H. G. Reynolds 2, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 3, E. Bray 4, F. H. Dallaway 5, E. Gover 6, A. C. Pankhurst 7, L. Faulkner 8.

Mr. Stokes, who was 61 years of age, will be particularly missed at Eastbourne, while the association also has sustained a great loss. In addition to his service as divisional secretary, he had served on the Committee of Advice, was a trustee for five years and hon. treasurer for two years. He had rung about a hundred peals.

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NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available: Cathedral, 3 to 4 p.m.; S. Nicolas', 3.30 to 4.30. Shalford, after meeting, until 9 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and meeting at Ayres' Café 5.15.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Burley Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—The annual meeting will be held at Kington on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Cleeve (8) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Sevenoaks is the place, and Saturday, Feb. 6th, the date, for the first meeting of the New Year. You come, please, and help start the year well. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South-West District. —The annual meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Old Isleworth, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 5.30, in Church Hall, South Street. Business meeting to follow. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after meeting.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. A hearty welcome given to all ringers to attend.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Loughborough, Feb. 6th. Bells of All Saints' (10) and Bell Foundry Campanile (10) available 2 to 3.45 and after meeting. Committee meet 3 p.m. Special service 4 p.m., during which late Rector (Canon Briggs) will dedicate tablet to past Loughborough ringers. Tea at 4.30, followed by general meeting; both in the Fearon Hall. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6), recently rehung and retuned by J. Taylor and Co., available 3 o'clock. All visitors welcomed.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at the two six-bell towers in Lytham on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 5.30. Members and non-members heartily welcomed.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poolstock (not Wigan Parish, as previously arranged) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Please advise, if tea required.—D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Brightwalton on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers welcome. The 'Reliance' bus from Newbury Wharf at 2.30 for this meeting, returning 7.30 p.m. from Brightwalton.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Short evensong 6. Please advise Mr. A. J. Abrams, number for tea. Very good train and bus services all ways.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Balcombe (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. per head. Half rail fare to members, maximum 1s. 6d.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 6th. 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.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—R. Park, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ben-All, Henley Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Fakenham on Feb. 6th, to dedicate an oak peal board, recording a muffled peal rung as a tribute of respect to the late F. T. Cooke, a former ringer at Peterborough and Fakenham. Service at 3.30. Bells (8) available 2.30 till 8 p.m.—R. W. Cooke, Hempton Green, Fakenham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Bournemouth, to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Also St. Peter's, available from 6.30 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Heversham, to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone (8 bells) to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 6th. For tea please notify Mr. A. Champion, 9, Shrewsbury Road, Penistone. All welcome. Bristol for practice.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Service ringing St. Clement Danes', Strand, Feb. 7th, 10 a.m.; Bow, Cheapside, Feb. 28th, at 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', Feb. 15th, and Mar. 1st, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary, Lambeth, Mar. 2nd, at 8 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles 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 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 11th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 16th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's on the 25th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The meeting advertised for Cheshunt is postponed until Feb. 13th. All previous arrangements stand for this date.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea supplied by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting at Liverpool, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing: St. Francis Xavier's R.C. Church, Salisbury St. (8 bells) 10.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.; St. Nicholas' Church (12 bells) noon to 12.45 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Luncheon (2s. 6d.) 1 p.m. prompt. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Alderman Denton) will give a reception to the party at 3 p.m. at the Town Hall. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Social 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. All at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, 53, Lord Street. Members, please make special effort to attend. Hearty invitation to all ringers. Please notify Chief Inspector J. Meldrum, City Police, Prescott St. Station, Liverpool, by Feb. 10th. Subscription for 1937 now due.—Inspector H. J. Poole, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Narborough Road, Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Half rail fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea (1s.) and business meeting at the Duke's Head. Will those requiring tea please send numbers to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Feb. 10th and not go to the Institute from force of habit?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakelowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Boughton on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those who intend to be present please notify me not later than Thursday, Feb. 11th? Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Yalding (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 5. Tea at the Bull 5.30. Please send a postcard for tea to Mr. H. Mills, High Street, Yalding, by Wednesday, Feb. 10th. Every ringer welcome. Bourne Surprise, Double Court, or plain fare according to taste, but come and try it!—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Fryerning on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Ingatestone bells also available in the evening. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 10th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. If you intend being present, will you make a note that the tower is not open until 6 p.m.? Now, chaps, show your interest and please turn up. — J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Feb. 13th. Ringing: Shoreditch, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Bow, Cheapside, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C., 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, Lord Bishop of Stepney. A good attendance is requested. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting and handbell competition 7.15 p.m. Latest time for reservation for tea Wednesday, Feb. 10th.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those who notify me not later than Wednesday next. Business meeting to follow.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8) 3 to 5 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 3.30 to 4.45 p.m.; St. Laurence's (12) 4 to 5 p.m. Service at St. Laurence's 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, 6 p.m., at St. Mary's Church House, followed by meeting at 7 p.m. Please let me know by Feb. 10th how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Light six. On bus route. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Trueman, 22a, St. Philip's Road, Upper Stratton, Swindon, Wilts. — W. B. Kynaston, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Ipplepen, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea should reach me not later than first post Tuesday, Feb. 9th. — A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch for Newport Pagnell Deanery. — A meeting at Stoke Goldington, Saturday, Feb. 13th, 2.30 begin; 4 service; 4.45 tea at the Rectory for those who send a p.c. to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Feb. 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, 9d. each, at 5 p.m. in schools.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec., Fosseway, Croft.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Earls Barton (8) on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Low Bentham on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open for ringing at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 13th. The bells will be ready at 2.45 p.m. Will as many as can attend this meeting?—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Broadhead, Church Street, Cawthorne, near Barnsley, not later than Thursday, Feb. 11th? A hearty welcome to all. — Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Bromham on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions due, please.—I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Sat., Feb. 13th, East Markham (8). Methods for practice: Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, etc. Please send a card for tea to R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

POUGHILL, near Bude, N. Cornwall.—On Saturday, Feb. 20th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Suffragan Bishop of Barking, followed by a ringing festival. The ring of six has been recast and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—First meeting of the year will be held at Wychbold, near Droitwich, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) recently rehung, available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Vicarage Room at 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Business meeting afterwards. Please send word by Tuesday, Feb. 16th.—Geo. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, Worcester.

LAUNCELLS, near Stratton, North Cornwall.—On Thursday, Feb. 25th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Ring of six rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 49th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 6 p.m. prompt, when the chair will be taken by Rev. H. McGowan, M.A., Vicar of Aston. 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 Aston Parish Church (12) will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance (latest date 25th inst.) should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. (limited number) must be applied for by Wednesday, Feb. 24th, latest.—H. Perkins, Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner to be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C.1, on Saturday, Mar. 13th. Ladies very welcome. Tickets (5s. 6d. each) now available from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, G. Radley, E. J. Butler or from J. E. Bailey, 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Preliminary Announcement.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, on Mar. 13th. Details later.—K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PROPOSED DINNER, Watford.—Time not allowing for the necessary arrangements, the committee have postponed the dinner till next year.—Committee, Watford District, Herts Association.

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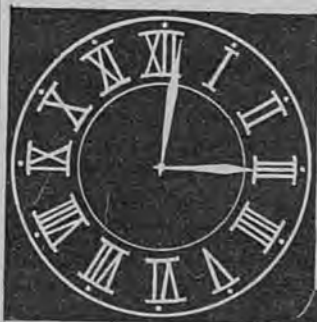
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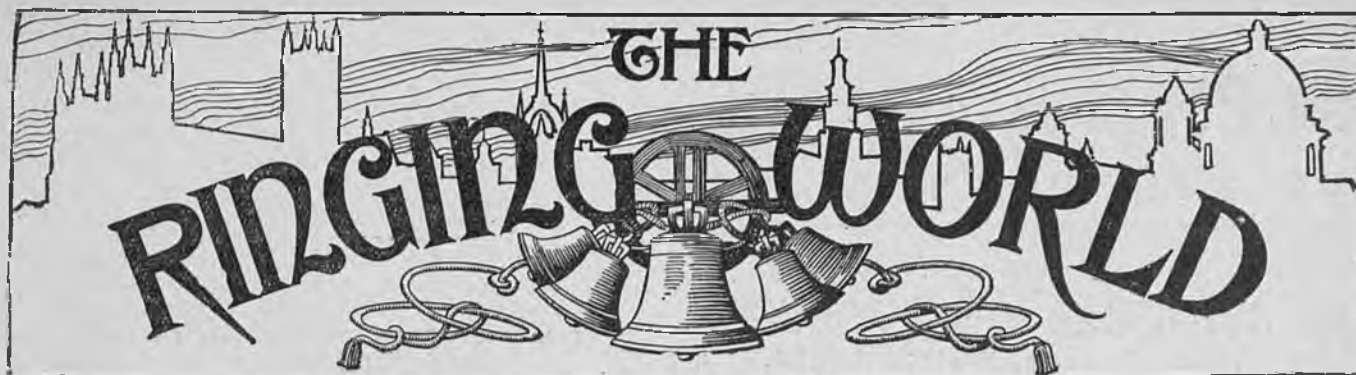
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The wider the attendance at meetings, the more are officials encouraged, and let it not be forgotten that officials need and deserve encouragement. They carry the burden of the day; they have to do the work; they are the people who are grumbled at if things go wrong, but members seldom think how disheartening it is when, after all the labour expended, those for whose benefit everything has been done fail to respond. The very idea behind district meetings is to bring these gatherings close home to the members; to give them facilities for meeting and ringing such as centralised management could not be expected to provide, particularly in big associations. There never was a time when ringers of all classes were given so many opportunities to get together for mutual practice and social intercourse, and yet many fail to grasp these occasions to expand their knowledge and make a growing circle of ringing friends. Those who miss the social side of ringing do not know the full pleasure of being a member of the Exercise, but even though they are content to miss this phase of it, they should at least feel it a duty to support their association's meetings. Sometimes ringers complain that they get nothing out of membership of a Guild; that is because they put nothing into it, except, perhaps, an annual subscription. They would get interest and pleasure in abundance if they would make the most of the facilities provided and join their fellows in district and

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TEN BELL PEAL.

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PERCY PAGE 4		STANLEY B. DOBBIE 9
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*HENRY J. RANZETTA 2	...Trebble	ROBERT W. GREEN 5
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Fletcher 3, G. Martin 4, R. Blaby (first quarter-peal in the method)
5, H. Wingrove (conductor) 6, R. Biggs 7, W. Henley 8. Rung after
a peal attempt had failed.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	*CLIFFORD BIRD 6
*GEORGE SAYER 3	HENRY TOORE 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON 4	CHARLES H. MOORE Tenor

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* First peal of Triples. Cecil V. Ebberson's two hundredth peal.

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On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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Tenor 14½ cwt.

SIDNEY BRIGGS Treble	BERNARD DITCHER 5
HAROLD KENT 2	STANLEY SLANEY 6
JESSE MOSS 3	GORDON GRAHAM 7
BEN COOPER 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

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On Sunday, January 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JACK R. HINDRY Treble	*WILLIAM R. WEST 5
BERTIE W. MARSH 2	WALTER J. FORD 6
*HERBERT LASKY 3	*FREDERICK R. WILLEY 7
JOHN A. GODFREY 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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HARRY HOSKINS 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

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On Wednesday, February 3, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

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PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (4th observation).

Tenor 16 cwt.

*TREVOR M. RODERICK ... Treble	FRANK ROWSBELL 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	†ALFRED W. WRIGHT 6
EDWARD T. BAILEY 3	ERNEST STITCH 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	ROBERT E. COLES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

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GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	NORMAN V. HARDING 5
EDWARD S. T. FARR 2	LEONARD STILWELL 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
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At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF KNEBORTH SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
WALTER G. PAUL 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	WALTER AYRE 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM CROSS Treble	†PERCY L. PARSLow 5
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
*WILLIAM SEELEY 4	†HENRY SOUTHALL Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* 100th peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

GEORGE H. ROBERTS Treble	ERNEST E. WHITMORE 5
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS 6
CHARLES W. BIRD 3	BERNARD G. SADDINGTON 7
GEORGE W. JEPES 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

BURLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

*HERBERT ASHTON Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGWAY 5
GEORGE W. SLACK 2	JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD 6
FRANK RAYMENT 3	JOSEPH THACKRAY 7
*KENNETH SIMPSON 4	LEONARD DRAKE Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.

* First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the Rev. F. J. Lindley, B.A., late curate, on his return as Vicar, also as a mark of appreciation of the services of Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A., on his completion of 25 years as president of the association.

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MILNROW, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*DENNIS HOLLOS Treble	JACK LER 5
JOHN MEADOWCROFT 2	VERNON SYKES 6
JOHN MEADOWCROFT, JUN. ... 3	IVAN KAY 7
OGDEN MODRES 4	ALWYN TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

* First peal at first attempt. Rung as a token of farewell to Ernest B. Sykes, brother of the conductor, late member of the Oldham Parish Church company, who has joined His Majesty's Navy.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	R. GORDON CROSS 5
RANCS E. TAYLOR 2	MISS MARIE R. CROSS 6
RICHARD A. POST 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	REV. ALFRED G. G. THURLOW Tenor

Unconducted.

Umpire—Mrs. Albert E. Lock.

First 'silent' peal by all the band.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, West Ham, E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
JOHN H. CRAMPION 2	ERNEST W. FORBANK 6
F. DONALD BOREHAM 3	JACK A. WAUGH 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

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

SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church, Prittlewell,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. PERRY Treble	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
STANLEY BAYBOTT 2	FRANK B. LUFKIN 6
ROBERT WATIS 3	ALBERT E. NORTH 7
WALTER D. TAYLOR 4	GORDON A. BACON Tenor

Composed by J. TUCKER.

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WHITWELL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, rung alternately, seven different callings.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK R. WILBY ... Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 4
WILLIAM COPEMAN 2	WILLIAM R. WEST 5
CHARLES E. COPEMAN 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

GREINTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with five different callings.

LEONARD PARTRIDGE ... Treble	REGINALD SPARKS 4
FREDERICK THOMPSON 2	CHARLES PARTRIDGE 5
ALBERT ARTHUR 3	RONALD POTICARY Tenor

Conducted by C. PARTRIDGE.

First peal by all the band.

FRAMPTON, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of Norfolk, Morning Star, College Bob IV., Old Oxford, Wath Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*HARRY JOHNSON Treble	CYRIL R. BURRELL 4
*JOHN R. YOUNG 2	*WILLIAM WILKINSON 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	*JOHN R. KEMP Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the tenor ringer's son.

WORSLEY, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... Treble	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 4
FRED GRONDY 2	ERIC YATES 5
CHARLES RIDYARD 3	KEITH WELSBY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

First peal of Kent Minor by all the band, also first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung on the front six.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble	JOHN P. FIDLER 4
LESLIE STEVENS 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS 5
CHARLES ALLSOP 3	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

HENLOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*LADRIE WILTON Treble	JOHN CHURCH 4
*STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ... 2	PERCY TOMPKINS 5
FRANCIS BEAUMONT 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.' All are of the local band.

ELSHAM, LINC'S.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*HAROLD JUDD Treble	*ERNEST BRITAIN 4
*FRANK LORD 2	*GEORGE DOBBS 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss K. Bowness, of Bigby

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven different extents. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ARCHIBALD T. C. O'BORNE Treble	WALTER H. POOLE 4
*FREDERICK FARRANT 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
DOUGLAS W. RANSON 3	GILBERT W. RENDALL Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

**BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. James.*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN E. STURMAN Treble	FRANK VERNON 4
HAROLD DENMAN 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
*RICHARD F. REECE 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal in seven methods.

SWANBOURNE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in 1½ Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithun.*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, combined 360's of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

HARRY WINGROVE 1 reble	WILLIAM WELLING 4
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

THORPE-LESOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER SOUTHGATE 1 reble	URBAN WILDNEY 4
*GEORGE JENNINGS 2	HORACE A. WRIGHT 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal on the bells since the new treble was added and believed to be the first peal in the tower. It was rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. William J. Nevard, who entertained the band to tea after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, February 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
In the Choir Vestry St. Margaret's Church.*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	FREDERICK E. WILSON 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Stedman Morris, and a granddaughter for 'Joe.'

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, February 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT.*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5041 CHANGES;

CARTER'S BROADSHEET, No. 5. Tenor size 17 in B flat.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8
PETER LARLIN 9-10	

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over)

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, on Sunday, January 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caterers: T. Grice 1, E. Spiller 2, F. Leeson 3, B. Baker 4, H. Springate 5, L. Head 6, H. Travers 7, C. Norris 8, W. Simmonds (conductor) 9, C. Gorham 10. The conductor thanks the local band for the invitation to conduct this quarter-peal, his longest length in the method as conductor.

FOR BEGINNERS.

TRY TREBLE BOB.

There are always a number of six-bell ringers who, either by lack of opportunity or want of initiative, seem to stick at Bob Minor. They seldom go to other towers, and if they do are not prepared to try anything beyond what they already know; indeed, it is often because their knowledge is so restricted that they will not go to other towers for fear of showing up their limitations.

Well, this inferiority complex is all wrong. It discourages effort to make progress. There are lots of things that Bob Minor ringers could ring, with very little difficulty, if they would put their minds to it, but steps in ringing seem to be standardised to some extent, and the next stage to Bob Minor, in six-bell ringing, is usually Treble Bob. The man who can ring an inside bell to Plain Minor should be able with very little study to ring Treble Bob. When ringing the plain method he knows how to dodge in 3-4 or 5-6 when he comes to the proper positions; he knows, also, how to lead and make 2nd's place.

If he wants to ring Treble Bob—and no one should stagnate on Bob Minor—this knowledge can be usefully applied, and can form the basis of the new work.

In Plain Bob the dodging comes once in every lead; in Treble Bob there is a continuous succession of dodges. In a sense, therefore, the dodging is easier, because instead of having to find the right position once every lead, in Treble Bob you just dodge in every dodging place as you come to it—what you really have to learn is when not to dodge.

A dodge in Treble Bob is exactly the same as a dodge in Plain Bob, that is you go back one step, when you reach 4th's or 6th's going up, and 5th's and 3rd's coming down. In certain circumstances, also, you dodge in 1-2, or 'on the front' as it is sometimes called.

If you are practising Treble Bob as a band of beginners it is not a bad thing to grasp the general idea by ringing a 'dodging lead.' You may, perhaps, have got your first ideas of Plain Bob by ringing a 'plain hunting course'; apply this to the Treble Bob principle. All the bells (treble included) dodge in every dodging place as they come to it. The treble, for example, begins by dodging in 1-2 up, then in 3-4 up, then in 5-6 up, before lying a whole pull behind; then in 6-5 down, 4-3 down and 2-1 down before leading a whole pull. The other bells do the same from their respective positions, the 'odd' bells (3 and 5) going up and 'even' bells (2, 4 and 6) down. This 'dodging' lead will give a repetition of changes, but for the purpose of practice it will not matter; it will teach you how to find your way from one dodge to the next.

The easiest of the Treble Bob methods to ring is Kent. It is produced by two deviations from the continuous dodging which you had in the 'dodging lead'; one is that a bell stays 'on the front,' alternately leading a whole pull and lying a whole pull in 2nd's place, from the time the treble goes away from its dodge in 1-2 until it returns to dodge in 2-1. The other deviation is that, while the treble is 'on the front' (dodging down in 2-1 and then, after leading, up in 1-2), the two pairs of bells which come together in 3-4 make places instead of dodging; the bells going up making 3rd's and 4th's, and the bells going down making corresponding places in 4th's and 3rd's.

To begin with it may be as well to remember that the places down are made after dodging 5-6 up with the treble, or passing the treble in 4-5. The places up are made after passing the treble in 2-3 or dodging with the treble in 1-2 up—this latter you do after you come out of the 'slow work,' as the alternate leading and 2nd's place-making is called.

And one other thing. The slow work prevents any dodging on the front except with the treble, so that after dodging in 4-3 each bell goes straight to lead and straight out to 3-4.

All this may seem rather a lot to remember, but we have gone into some detail with the explanation because we want you to understand how the method is made up. Try and write out a lead or two to see how it goes. Here is half a lead to give you a start:—

123456
213465
124356
214365
241635
426153
421635
246153
264513
625431
624513
265431

Briefly put, the rules for ringing the method are: When you dodge in 2-1 with the treble, stay in the 'slow' until the treble returns to you. Then, having dodged with the treble in 1-2, make 3rd's and 4th's going out.

In the next lead, pass the treble in 2-3, and again make 3rd's and 4th's. Except for this always dodge in 3-4 and 5-6 both up and down until you pass the treble in 4-5, then make 4th's and 3rd's coming in; and again in the next lead, having dodged in 5-6 up with the treble, make 4th's and 3rd's, which brings you to dodge on the front with the treble and so into the 'slow.'

There is no dodging in 1-2 except with the treble. The places in 3-4 are made the 'wrong way,' that is backstroke and handstroke.

A DISTRICT SECRETARY'S STRAIGHT TALK

GUILDFORD GUILD MEMBERS 'ENJOY' A CASTIGATION.

Suggested Cathedral Bell Fund Scheme.

Another of the district secretaries of the Guildford Diocesan Guild has 'unburdened his soul' in his annual report. This time it is the secretary of the Guildford District. Every year the members of the district attend their annual meeting with the sense of lively anticipation of 'things to come,' and they are never disappointed. Mr. G. L. Grover's habit of 'calling a spade a spade' leads to outspoken criticism. Last Saturday the members again enjoyed their 'castigation,' and at the close passed a genuinely sincere vote of thanks to their secretary for his labours and his report.

Here are some points from the report, and they will probably interest others than the members of the Guildford Guild, because there must be many other associations who suffer, more or less, from the same kind of apathy, which is the burden of this report.

Judged from the balance sheet and the number of members who paid subscriptions for last year, a casual observer would say that the district has jogged along satisfactorily during the last year. No special payment having been made in the past year, the balance in hand has increased to £25 6s. The number of ringing members paying for 1936 was 163, as against 171 who paid for 1935, not a great loss considering one tower fell out altogether. Our list of honorary members continues to shrink; only 11 paid for 1936, as against 17 in 1935. I do remind you all, and tower secretaries in particular, that local effort is almost the only possible means of obtaining and retaining honorary members.

Five district meetings were held and only on one occasion (that, unfortunately, the very occasion when we required an exceptionally good attendance) was the attendance of district members startlingly poor. Although, as I say, the position judged from the balance sheet, the list of members and the fact that no district meeting was an absolute "wash out" does not look too bad, but beauty, after all, is often only skin deep, and a closer analysis of the situation reveals a state of affairs not too encouraging to district officers.

We lately appear to have lost, at any rate for the time being, two towers from which in previous years we have always had a fair number of subscriptions. It is a great pity to lose towers like this and we really ought to make a great effort to avoid such things.

To my mind the district is not held together very securely. We are a long way as yet from having achieved that first object of the Guild, namely, "To unite in one organisation the separate companies of church bellringers within the district for the purpose of mutual support and encouragement."

There are now five towers in our district from which we have no members at all, and there are four further towers with less members than they have bells.

SUPPORT OF DISTRICT MEETINGS ANALYSED.

The report then went on to give an analysis of the manner in which the district towers supported their district meetings. By a process of awarding marks for attendances at meetings away from their own towers, the secretary had arrived at a schedule which must have surprised the members.

The best tower had 15 marks, which meant 15 attendances at meetings during the year, but the comment here was that four members from that tower earned all the marks. In practically every case the attendances were made by just a very few of the members, and in the case of ten towers who made no attendances the report said it was 'all a waste of postage stamps and the secretary's time so far as concerns district meetings.' The report proceeded: 'Five members made four attendances each, eight members three each and four two each, so that 17 members actually formed the backbone of district meetings—17 out of 163! Does it look as if the majority of our members are doing anything towards helping "to unite in one organisation the separate companies in the district"? How can you contribute to unity if you stand isolated? It seems that most of our members look upon the payment of a subscription as being their only duty to the Guild, and upon their own tower, not as being part of a district, but as an isolated self-contained centre.'

'I trust,' continued the secretary, 'that you will not go away tonight convinced that everything is going on smoothly without your help and that you can leave the district officers and those 17 members who saved our district meetings last year to keep things going during this coming year. I trust that all the district members will this year make a genuine and very determined effort towards attaining real unity and being a real source of encouragement and support to their fellow-ringers. I do not ask you even to hope that you will make every ringer in the district into a faultless producer of changes, but I do ask you to do quite a lot more towards making the district an organisation and not just a collection of towers, each filled with ringers who think that they, by their own unaided efforts, are better than their neighbours.'

Referring to the question of peal ringing, the secretary said: 'I will give you a few details and leave you to form your own opinion as to whether our efforts in peal ringing are any sign of progress as regards the district as a whole. Eighteen district members took part in peals during the year, and of that number only three rang in four or more peals. Only four towers are represented in the list of peal ringers. There was one first peal. The circle of towers for peal ringing was limited to five.'

The report referred to a scheme for the interchange of visits on practice nights by neighbouring towers which had been initiated, and the hope expressed that the scheme was being carried out, although no reports had been received as to its progress.

NEW CATHEDRAL BELLS FUND.

The secretary, in conclusion, drew attention to the New Cathedral Bell Fund, which the Guild inaugurated three years ago. That the Cathedral when completed shall have a peal of bells hung for ringing is, said the report, a matter which merits the earnest attention and efforts of the Guild, and I am not really sure that our New Cathedral Bell Fund is given enough prominence. For your very serious consideration I suggest that we recommend to the Guild that each tower in the Guild be invited to subscribe an annual minimum sum to the fund. The minimum could be the very modest sum of 1s. per tower. My proposition is, therefore, that the Guild be asked through its Executive Committee to consider the possibility of obtaining annual contributions to the Cathedral Bell Fund from towers in the diocese, and, if thought practical, to arrange accordingly.

The Ringing Master, in his report, stated that in the towers which he had been able to visit Sunday service ringing appeared to be maintained, even if practices were not so regular. The custom of some towers in dropping summer practices might be the cause, as he had found it was often difficult to revive them when autumn arrived. If practices were maintained during the summer even only to a limited extent, say once a fortnight or once a month, it would do much to help keep interest alive, especially among the younger members. A good deal had been mentioned lately about keeping the interest of learners. It appeared that some interest besides ringing was needed to keep them in the bellfries. Several boys or young men who were 'pals' were more likely to attend frequently than one who had no special 'chum' learning at the same time. He thought that if a learner was really interested in ringing he would do his best to become proficient by attending all the service ringing and practices in his own tower, and, what was more important, by going out to other towers on practice nights as often as possible. He would receive a hearty welcome wherever he went.

The report added that tower captains always emphasised that they were pleased to see visitors at all times, and sometimes they bemoaned the fact that no outside ringers went near them. Perhaps if they took the initiative and went out themselves, more interchange of visits would result. A large number of ringers never visited any other tower.

The report went on to refer to the five district meetings which were held, to the reopening of the recast bells at Chiddingfold and Shalford, and to the eleven tower-bell and two handbell peals rung during the year.

The meeting, which followed ringing and service at S. Nicolas' Church, was attended by about 50 ringers.

Thirty-three district members were present from eleven towers: Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Pirbright, Shalford, West Clondon, Woking, Wotton and Worplesdon. Other towers represented were Aldershot, Bagshot and Chertsey, and visitors included Miss Oakshott and Mr. F. Oakshott (Hayes) and Mr. J. Bennett (Catford).

Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild) presided over the meeting, at which the loss of members by death was first referred to, and regret marked by those present standing in silence.

The accounts, which showed £16 8s. from ringing members' subscriptions and £1 7s. 6d. from hon. members, revealed an increased balance of £4 14s.

In the discussion which followed the hon. secretary's report, members reported on the result of the interchange of visits between towers on practice nights, and in several cases this seemed to have worked satisfactorily, but in others lack of local interest had led to failure to establish successful working.

It was decided to adopt the hon. secretary's suggestion to extend the appeal for the New Cathedral Bell Fund, and also (subject to the approval of the general meeting of the Guild) to vote £5 from the district funds for the purpose.

The Secretary's and Ringing Master's reports were formally received.

All the district officers were re-elected, and the ringing members chosen for the Executive Committee were Messrs. W. Melville (Cathedral) and R. Cherrymman (Pirbright).

The eight-bell towers of Chiddingfold, Godalming, Shalford and West Clondon, and the six-bell tower of Albury, were chosen for meetings during the forthcoming year. The secretary caused amusement after the selection of Albury (19 votes) over Pirbright by asking those who voted for this tower for their names, so that he could check up their attendance when the meeting took place.

Messrs. E. and J. Denver (Ewhurst), W. Cone, J. Webb, J. West, A. W. Barley and G. Riddle (S. Nicolas', Guildford) were elected members of the Guild.

The Guild officers were renominated en bloc, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the district officers for their service.

The Rector of S. Nicolas' was thanked for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and the preacher, the Rector of West Clondon (the Rev. M. O. Boyd) for his address. Thanks were also accorded to the authorities at the Cathedral for the use of the bells during the afternoon. After the meeting there was further ringing at S. Nicolas' Church.

WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL. DISPOSAL OF THE BALANCE.

The receipts and expenditure account of the William Pye Memorial Fund is given below. It has been audited by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, hon. secretary to the Central Council.

The disposal of the balance of the fund, amounting to £8, was considered by the Memorial Committee at a recent meeting, and, after several suggestions had been discussed, it was unanimously agreed to record one of the late William Pye's greatest performances, viz., the 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, to which he rang the tenor, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on December 19th, 1925. It is hoped that the authorities at that church will agree to this, and permit an appropriate footnote to be placed on the tablet as a memorial to William Pye, from the Ringing Exercise.

The Memorial Committee take this opportunity of thanking all subscribers to the fund. The generous response made by the Exercise enabled them to carry out, without stint, all that they desired, and the results have given the utmost satisfaction. It is hoped to place a record of the work, a list of the subscribers and a copy of the accounts amongst the church records at St. John's, Leytonstone.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Donations, as acknowledged in 'The Ringing World' ...	222	10	0

EXPENDITURE.

Gillett and Johnston, two trebles, with inscriptions, retuning other bells, etc. (as per estimate) ...	179	0	0
Supplementary estimate, to comply with requirements of Diocesan Architect ...	6	0	0
Diocesan Architect, fees and expenses ...	3	18	0
C. Mee, memorial tablet ...	8	0	0
Faculty fees ...	5	5	0
Printing service forms, per Canon Brown ...	6	6	0
Acknowledgments and notices, 'The Ringing World' ...	2	12	0
Expenses, postage and stationery, hon. secretaries and treasurer ...	3	9	0
Balance remaining ...	8	0	0

Total £222 10 0

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RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At All Saints' for evensong on Sunday, January 17th, 1,264 Bob Major: Arthur White 1, E. W. Bugden (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, F. Taylor 3, W. Upton 4, P. Long 5, A. Jackson (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, A. Brading 7, A. R. Ward (conductor) 8. Ringers of 3 and 4 from Newport, remainder belong to the local band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Peals in two fresh Surprise methods are recorded this week, Lutterworth, by Mr. E. W. Tipler, at Old Windsor, and Knebworth, by Mr. H. G. Cashmore, at Aldenham.

Mr. Alfred E. Pitstow, one of Saffron Walden's veterans, took part in a peal at Shoreditch on Saturday. It was his first peal with the Royal Cumberlands for 45 years.

The handbells used at the meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths were brought by Mr. C. W. Taylor, of Watford, an hon. member of the Herts County Association. Although not a ringer himself, Mr. Taylor is keenly interested.

Congratulations to the Oxford Diocesan Guild band, which included one lady, who rang an unconduted peal of Stedman Triples at Goring-on-Thames on Saturday. We would like to see more such performances in other guilds and associations.

The North Staffs Association has already taken steps to organise peals in celebration of the King's Coronation. At a meeting last Saturday plans were laid, and it was suggested that any peals rung during May should be recognised as 'Coronation peals.'

A CONTRAST IN BELL BROADCASTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On reading the correspondence and explanation re the above in last week's issue, it struck me that, while you gave a brief explanation of the case in point, you did not go to the root of the matter raised by your correspondent, Mr. D. G. Taylor.

Bells are not fitted with dampers like a piano, and, therefore, will always be liable to produce the roar complained of, just the same as a piano would if forced to emit the 1812 Overture with the loud pedal fastened down.

Bells are apparently at the mercy of the engineer in charge of the broadcast. If he is resourceful enough or lucky enough to find a spot for the 'mike' where it can pick up just the necessary amount, and no more of the disturbance than is required, well and good; if otherwise, well, the roar will be there, Simpson or no tuning at all, and I would suggest to any listener seeking a fresh stick to beat Simpson tuning with, that he postpone any further correspondence until after March 7th next, when I believe there will be a good answer to this query if he will tune in to Droitwich at 9.25 a.m.

T. GROOMBRIDGE.

A MODEL PERFORMANCE.

Dear Sir,—Surrey, Lancashire and the B.B.C. all played their part nobly on Sunday. The Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were beautifully struck and came over the air to perfection. Also in the evening we were permitted to hear Bolton bells go off from rounds into changes and finish up with a few rounds at the end. Altogether a model performance.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

POPULARISE GOOD METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I associate myself with your excellent leading article of January 29th, with which I am fully in agreement? The number of Surprise methods worth ringing, rung and still to be rung is legion. In this corner of the country many Surprise Major methods have been rung, some 12 of them for the first time. Practically all of these are worth popularising. In order to become popular it seems to me that a method must fulfil the following conditions: (1) It must be easy to learn; (2) it must be musical, given the right composition; and (3) it must lend itself to the production of plenty of good compositions. Now Ashted Surprise Major stands out in the Surprise class, for it has a clean proof scale and all the before-mentioned attributes. Will all the 'Cambridge' ringers try it and see if they don't agree with me?

Mr. G. E. Symonds asks for a few methods which extend from six or eight to twelve as well as Cambridge does. May I refer him to the Rev. E. Bankes James' 'Painswick,' a most musical Surprise Major method. The extensions to ten and twelve have not yet been rung, and I am sure are well within the capabilities of the Ipswich band.

Let us now hear some recommendations from somebody for the Plain methods.

Windsor.

ALAN R. PINK.

VICAR SPOILS HIS 'FAREWELL PEAL'

On Sunday week, as a farewell to the Vicar, the local band at Christ Church, Eastbourne, attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples. The band consisted of all youngsters, and would have included three 'first pealers.'

All went well until after 3 hours 5 minutes, with only five calls to go, when the Vicar (who had obtained another key) walked into the centre of the tower and commenced a speech of thanks to the ringers. This was too much for the 'first pealers,' and 'stand' had to be called. Apologies followed, of course, but it was a very disappointed band that came down from the tower.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL BELLS. SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN AT RECASTING CEREMONY.

Distinguished Visitors at Croydon Foundry.

The first of the new bells for Birmingham Cathedral were cast at Croydon Bell Foundry on Tuesday morning in the presence of a distinguished company, including no fewer than six of Birmingham's Members of Parliament, headed by Sir Austen Chamberlain. The others were the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, Comdr. J. A. C. Wright, Sir Patrick Hannon, Mr. E. W. Salt and Mr. J. Smedley Crooke. They were received at the Foundry by Mr. Cyril Johnston and Mrs. Johnston, and the other guests included Mr. H. G. Williams, M.P. for Croydon, and Mrs. Williams, the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, Dr. Newnham (town clerk of Croydon) and Mrs. Newnham, Mr. H. Berney, D.L., J.P., Mrs. Berney, and others.

The visitors were first escorted on a tour of the works, where they saw the various processes of bell-making in operation. The massive frame for the Cathedral bells was under construction, and it is obvious that the founders are providing a structure which is going to 'do its job' perfectly. Another frame which was of great interest was that destined for Darlington. It is 'the bell frame of the future,' all the members being welded instead of bolted together. This is a comparatively new departure in bell-frame construction, but it has great possibilities.

Many bells and frames in process of preparation were on view, but the visitors found the new 5½ ton bourdon bell and the four quarter bells for the great clock at Giza, near Cairo, an 'exhibit' of great interest.

The visitors assembled in the foundry for the casting, and a considerable gathering watched the operations, silver coins being tossed into the molten metal, as it was poured, by Sir Austen Chamberlain and others. The bells cast were the 4th, 5th, 6th and 9th of the peal, and the coins had been specially provided by the principal donor of the bells, Sir Charles Hyde, those selected being of a 'purer vintage' than those in common use to-day.

MESSAGE TO PROVOST.

After the ceremony the interesting clock factory was inspected, and afterwards the M.P.'s with Mr. Cyril Johnston were entertained to lunch at Croydon Constitutional Club by Mr. Herbert Williams and Mr. Henry Berney.

The following telegram was sent to Bishop Hamilton Baynes, Provost of the Cathedral, before the company dispersed:—

'The undermentioned have authorised me to send the following message

CYRIL JOHNSTON,
Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon.

'Good luck to new peal of ten bells, some of which we saw cast successfully this morning.

(Signed) AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.
L. S. AMERY.
PATRICK HANNON.
SMEDLEY CROOKE.
E. W. THORPE.
J. A. C. WRIGHT.'

BELLS TO BE LOWER IN THE TOWER.

The bells are to be completed in time for the Coronation rejoicings, and the new tenor will be slightly heavier than the old one—about 31 cwt. They will be brought eight feet lower in the tower, thus adding strength to the building by the scientifically constructed frame and the reduced strain on the walls. There will be the further advantage, that the noise immediately outside the tower—an important factor in a busy city—will be substantially reduced.

The old inscriptions are to be reproduced, with the addition of 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1937.'

Treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 9th record that Thomas Lester, of London, cast them in 1750. The 3rd also bears the couplet:—

'At proper times my voice I'll raise,
And sound to my subscribers praise.'

Pack and Chapman cast the 5th and tenor in 1772, and Thomas Mears the 6th and 8th in 1796 and 1823 respectively.

The inscription on the new tenor is to be:—

Pack & Chapman, of London, Fecit 1772.

These bells were recast for the Coronation of King George VI. chiefly through the generosity of Sir Charles Hyde, Bart.

In wedlock band shall ye who join with hands yours hearts unite;
So shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

We announced last week the election of a new president of Cambridge University Guild. The office became vacant by the death of

the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, who had been the Guild's president from the first year of its existence.

The new president is the Rev. A. C. Blyth, M.A., fellow and tutor of Selwyn College, who was secretary and treasurer of the Guild in 1910. The Guild thus has the advantage of having at its head and in the one executive post that can retain continuity, another resident in Cambridge.

Cambridge University Guild was established in February, 1879, as the result of the efforts of Mr. W. C. Pearson, of Clare College. The society was at first called the 'Clare Association of Ringers,' but a few days later was changed to the University Guild of Change Ringers. In May the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey was elected president, and retained the office until his death a few months ago. The other offices, those of

Master, secretary and treasurer, have, perforce, to change holders almost every year, as they are held by undergraduates. The names of many men who have since become leading figures in the Exercise appear in these lists.



THE REV. A. C. BLYTH, M.A.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISPOSAL OF COLLECTIONS AT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on Saturday, January 30th, when some 50 members braved the inclement weather and put in an appearance. Good practice was obtained in various methods during the afternoon and evening by ringers from Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, St. John's (Deptford), Deptford, Dartford, Eltham, Erith, Lee, Lewisham, London and West Wickham.

Service was conducted by the Rev. V. S. Dodson, Th.L. (curate), and the organist and a small choir were in attendance. A collection for the Association's Benevolent Fund realised 12s.

After service the members were the guests at tea of the Vicar and churchwardens. The curate presided, and regretted the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pitman) through indisposition.

The business meeting was opened by the chairman (the Rev. V. S. Dodson) with prayer. Later he gave a short and much appreciated address (time not being allowed him to do so during the service) before proceeding with the ordinary business.

Six new ringing members were elected, and the election of two members previous to peal attempts was confirmed.

Mr. F. J. Cullum read a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Maidstone in November, and Mr. J. Wheadon expressed his entire agreement with the report, which was adopted with a vote of thanks to the representatives for preparing it.

Chelsfield was chosen as place for next meeting, to be held, if possible, on Saturday, April 17th.

The matter of the disposal of the proceeds of the collection at the meetings was discussed. Some members felt that such occasions put the church visited to quite considerable expenditure, and suggested that all or part of such offerings be allocated to the church expenses fund, to meet, in part, the expense so incurred.

The Chairman explained the legal standing of the churchwardens in the matter of church collections, and gave very useful advice as to method of procedure when it was desired by the subscribers that certain collections should be earmarked for special purposes.

It was agreed that the subject be placed before the Management Committee in order to get some standard practice in all the districts in the association.

The meeting congratulated Mr. E. Barnett on the completion, that day, of his fortieth year as a member of the association.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, curate, churchwardens and the ladies who had arranged the tea, for their generous hospitality; to the Vicar for the use of the bells; to the curate, organist and choir for the enjoyable service; to the curate for presiding at tea and meeting; and to Mr. J. Forwood, the local secretary, for the arrangements he had made, were carried with enthusiasm.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT'S 'SILVER JUBILEE.'

Presentation to Canon and Mrs. Marshall.

The sixty-first annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, held at Far Headingley on Saturday, January 30th, was made memorable as marking the Rev. Canon Marshall's 'silver jubilee' as president. The bells of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, St. Michael's, Headingley, and St. Matthias', Burley, were available for the use of the visitors, and ringers packed the ringing chambers until, at St. Chad's, they rivalled tinned sardines.

The annual service was held in St. Chad's Church at 4.15 p.m., when the association was honoured by the presence of the Lord Bishop of Ripon. The service was conducted by the president of the association (Canon C. C. Marshall), and members of the choir were also present.



CANON C. C. MARSHALL.

The sermon was delivered by the Bishop of Ripon, who brought with him greetings from the ringers of St. Mary's, Portsea, his former parish, who had written to him saying that they would be thinking of him and the gathering at Far Headingley that afternoon. This kindly thought of the Portsea ringers was much appreciated. His Lordship spoke of the special significance of that gathering, at which Canon Marshall completed 25 years as president of the Yorkshire Association, and of the innumerable ways in which God throughout the ages had tried to speak to man.

Tea was generously provided in the schools by Canon and Mrs. Marshall, a real ringers' tea, and, despite the weather, snow and slush, well over 200 ringers and friends sat down. Among those present were the president (Canon C. C. Marshall) and Mrs. Marshall, the Bishop of Ripon, Mr. S. F. Palmer (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Barton (peal secretary), Mr. G. Lewis (vice-president, Southern Division), Mr. F. Cryer (vice-president, Eastern Division), Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president, Western Division), Mr. G. Barracough, of Leeds, who was present at the foundation meeting of the association in 1875, and a welcome visitor in Mr. H. C. Bond, formerly of Cirencester and now of Hull.

As the Bishop had to leave soon after tea, it had been arranged that the presentation to the president in appreciation of his 25 years of untiring work for the association should be made immediately after tea instead of at the business meeting.

PRESIDENT'S SERVICES TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said it was his privilege to voice the appreciation and gratitude of the members that day for the 25 years' devoted service which Canon Marshall had given to the association. It was his privilege to have known some of the earliest officers of the association, and at the last presentation of that kind, in 1912, they had present some of the officers who had been original officers of the association. He was pleased to say that day they had at least one member present who was present at the foundation meeting of the association in 1875, Mr. G. Barracough (applause). They of the Yorkshire Association took pride in the fact that with the exception of the Devon Guild theirs was the senior county association in England. Their first president, J. W. Snowden, in his short 11 years as president, was remembered for the principles of change ringing laid down in his books, which to-day were still recognised as the standard text books in the Exorcise. To follow men like him and his brother, William Snowden, was no easy task.

He had known Canon Marshall to be invited to all parts of the county to advise on bell restoration, and it was anything but a profitable speculation when he became president. Much of the work he did was unseen, and the good feeling between the association and the district societies was mainly due to the president (applause). Special commendation was due to him for his efforts to come to an understanding with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

They would like him to know, proceeded Mr. Johnson, that the interest in this presentation was very widespread, not for the intrinsic value of the presents, but as an expression of goodwill and thanks for all Canon Marshall had done during his presidency.

The only person who knew how long a ringer was away from home was the ringer's wife (laughter). They had bought a small present for Mrs. Marshall for lending out the Canon on so many occasions in the past and in anticipation of further favours to come (laughter and applause).

CANON MARSHALL THANKS THE MEMBERS.

(Continued from previous column.)

Turning to the Lord Bishop of Ripon, Mr. Johnson said, 'May I ask you, my lord, to present these to Canon Marshall from the members, and we do hope whenever he sees them they will remind him of his many happy associations with us and our appreciation of his many kindnesses to us.'

The Bishop then handed a clock and a pair of binoculars to Canon Marshall and a leather bag to Mrs. Marshall, at the same time expressing his own appreciation of what Canon Marshall had done.

Amidst applause Canon Marshall accepted the gifts, and expressed his grateful thanks for them, saying they would always remind him of the many happy times he had spent with the bellringers of Yorkshire. When he accepted office he did so in fear, but he had received such uniform kindness from the officers and members that he was proud of the extraordinary goodwill which existed among them. He would ever be grateful to those ringers at Birstall who first persuaded him to take up ringing.

Three things stood out with regard to his ringing career. First, he was brought into contact with a wonderful number of people whom he was proud to call his friends; second, his office as president of the association which had taken him all over the county; thirdly, it had enabled him to do a piece of church work which someone had to do and which it seemed he was called upon to do. There were many personal memories of which he would like to speak, but he would conclude by saying, 'Thank you very, very much.' He was proud of that day and of all that it meant (applause).

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At the business meeting which followed, a vote of thanks to the respective incumbents and churchwardens for the use of the bells that day was carried, as was also the hearty thanks of the company to Canon and Mrs. Marshall for the generous tea provided that day, and to the ladies who had so kindly helped at the tea tables.

In presenting the annual report, Canon Marshall alluded to the debt of gratitude they owed to Mr. W. Barton, the peal secretary, for the vast amount of work he did in compiling his report. A pleasing feature of the report was the number of peals rung by entirely local bands and also the peals rung in towers and districts which had been 'dead' to the association for many years. There had been a net gain of 31 members during the year.

The report was accepted, as was also the auditors' report, and the auditors (Mrs. Cotterill and Mr. P. G. Sherwood) thanked for the work they had so kindly and thoroughly done.

Mr. S. F. Palmer was re-elected hon. treasurer for a further term of three years.

Eleven new ringing members and one honorary life member were elected.

After discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting on May 1st jointly with the Sheffield and District Society.

It was agreed that a copy of the proposed alterations of rules should be sent to each tower, and any unattached member who required a copy could have one by applying to the general secretary.

Mr. Sherwood suggested that an attempt should be made to visit towers where at present the association had no members.

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs. T. Latimer and J. Ewhank.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought to a close a memorable and happy gathering.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Western District of the Hertford County Association recently held at Apsley, although the annual one for the district, was very poorly attended.

Mr. A. V. Good was appointed chairman, in the absence of the Vicar. The secretary (Mr. W. Ayre), being willing to carry on, was re-elected. The Ringing Master and District Committee were also re-elected. Messrs. H. L. Waite and W. C. Hughes were elected to serve on the General Committee.

The next meetings were arranged as follows: February 20th, Hemel Hempstead; March 20th, Redbourn.

The secretary was asked to write a letter of congratulation to Mr. F. Norris, of Berkhamstead, on ringing the old year out and new year in for the 62nd time.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc., to Mr. F. Tompkins for the tea arrangements, and to the two Wendover visitors.

The secretary reported a very successful year of ringing, though mainly done by the Apsley band. Tower-bell peals: 12 methods of Minor (Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise); seven Surprise Minor (both half-muffled for H.M. King George V.); Little Oxford Major (first peal in the method); Bob Minor: 14 methods spliced (first in county and by the band); nine Surprise Minor; Double Norwich; three Minor methods; seven Surprise Minor; Oxford Treble Bob Major. On handbells: Bob Minor (in a charabanc), three, five and seven methods of Minor, and Double Bob Major. The Apsley band had also rung touches or 720's in 44 methods, 30 of which were Surprise, for Sunday services and practices.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting, after which further ringing took place in a variety of methods.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE RECONSIDERED.

The North and East District members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting on Saturday week at St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, and the first touch of winter did not encourage the 'fine weather' ringers to turn out. Consequently the attendance was below the average. However, nearly 50 braved the elements and enjoyed some good ringing on the light peal of eight bells.

The usual meeting of the District Committee was held in the afternoon, and was followed by a short service, at which the Rev. B. F. Shepherd preached on the text 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do; do it with all thy might,' which he applied to our religion, our daily work, and our ringing. The lessons which the preacher drew from his text might, so far as ringers are concerned, be thought of seriously by many who take their ringing in a lackadaisical way.

After tea, the business meeting was held, with Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president) in the chair. He was supported by several officers of the association, including the Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), his fellow-vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope), Mr. T. J. Lock (District Master), Mr. C. P. Coles (hon. secretary), Mr. W. H. Oram (hon. treasurer) and Mr. G. R. Goodship (assistant secretary).

The hon. treasurer submitted a satisfactory balance sheet, showing excess of receipts over expenditure amounting to £5 12s. 10d., and assets to the value of £108 16s. 1d.—This was adopted.

Two honorary and fourteen ringing members were elected, the latter including the members of a newly-formed band at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, who were receiving tuition. Two elections made prior to ringing a peal were confirmed, making a total of eighteen.

To show respect for members deceased since the last meeting of the district, all present stood in silence for a few moments.

The whole of the district officers were re-elected, as well as the three representatives to serve on the Central Committee, the auditor and the trustees of stock.

The Chairman moved a resolution requesting the Central Committee to examine the existing rules of the association, particularly those governing finance, with a view to revision, the committee to report at the annual general meeting. In doing so, he asked members to consider whether the finances of the association could not be used to better advantage. At present one district of the association and the Central Fund were hard pressed, whilst another district was fairly well off.

This point of view was supported by the hon. secretary and Mr. G. R. Goodship, and the proposal was carried.

APPEALS FOR VOLUNTEER HELPERS.

In connection with Coronation ringing, the hon. secretary said he thought it difficult to arrange much special ringing, as local bands would no doubt be anxious to ring at their own towers. He urged that the members of each band should do their utmost to get their bells rung on that occasion; at the same time it was possible that many unattached ringers would be glad to know where they might ring. To these he appealed, asking them to let him know, and he would do his best to see that they helped to make up a band for that great occasion.

Mr. Coles also asked ringers who were free on Sundays to assist the band at St. Giles-in-the-Fields for morning ringing at 10.20, and to help at their practices on Mondays at 7.30.

Mr. W. E. Troke supported this.

Mr. E. M. Atkins asked for similar help at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Sundays at 10.15 a.m., and on Thursdays at 8 p.m.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the district at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. The arrangements for the next meeting were left in the hands of the hon. secretary, with a preference for St. Ann's, Stamford Hill. Should the meeting be held at that tower, the special method for the occasion to be Double Stedman Slow Course.

The Chairman proposed votes of thanks to Father Atkinson (Vicar) for the use of the bells; to Father Moncrieff for assistance at the organ; to the Rev. B. F. Shepherd for preaching; and to Mr. E. M. Atkins for arranging the meeting. Mrs. Atkins and friends were also cordially thanked for arranging an excellent tea. The votes were carried in the usual way, and were replied to in turn by Father Moncrieff, on behalf of the Vicar; by the Rev. B. F. Shepherd, who, as a ringer, expressed his great pleasure at being present; and by Mr. E. M. Atkins, on behalf of the Kilburn ringers.

The hon. secretary appealed to tower secretaries to send him, as early as possible, particulars of ringing times, and of quarter-peals rung during 1936 for the annual report.

During the meeting Mr. Fletcher asked that members should volunteer for instruction work, and appealed to any willing to do this to send in their names to the hon. secretary.

After the meeting several members took part in some handbell ringing, whilst the bells at Kilburn and Willesden were used for some excellent practice, the special method for the day, St. Clement's Bob Triples, being in great demand.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO CHANGE PLACES.

The North-Western District of the Surrey Association had a successful day on Saturday, January 30th, when they held their annual meeting at Streatham. The attendance totalled 65 members, representing most of the towers in the district, with visitors from the Southern District and from Hillingdon, Middlesox and Uckfield, Sussex. This attendance rather overtaxed the available accommodation, both in the belfry of St. Leonard's Church (a chamber about 10ft. square) and at the Manor Arms, where tea was served, and where the members, having once sat down, had to 'stay put' until the meal was over, it being impossible to move or pass between the tables. However, these were regarded as just temporary inconveniences which ringers know best how to get over, and were made the subject for much joking and 'leg-pulling.'

The association was welcomed to St. Leonard's by the Rev. P. R. Wansey, M.A., himself a ringer, who, in the absence of the Vicar, conducted the service. In the course of a short address he said that bellringing was not only a great art, but also a great religious service in itself. As ringers they could never know the extent of that service, for he liked to believe that, in addition to calling faithful Christians to worship Sunday by Sunday, the ringing of the bells served to revive in the breasts of those who now seldom attend a place of worship the remembrance of former Christian teaching, and, perhaps, in some mysterious way, rekindle a desire to return to the old church. Religion was a harmonising thing. Bells, when they were properly rung, were also harmonious, for all the bells worked together in an ordered purpose, and what we wanted more than anything else to-day was religion and harmony amongst men. He wished the association 'good luck' in its work.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea at the Manor Arms, presided over by Mr. D. Cooper, the District Ringing Master. Eight new members were elected.

The treasurer's balance sheet, showing a small balance of £10 10s. in hand for district expenses, was approved.

The committee's annual report was read and adopted, and the following places of meeting were chosen for the ensuing year: Easter Monday, March 29th, Croydon Parish Church; Saturday, June 5th, Epsom (Christ Church); July 24th, Ramore (joint meeting with Leatherhead District of Guildford Diocesan Guild); September 25th, Lambeth and St. John's, Waterloo Road; November 27th, Mitcham Parish Church; January 29th, 1938, Kingston-on-Thames (annual).

The following were elected as district officers: Master, Mr. D. Cooper; treasurer, Mr. H. W. Simmons; hon. secretary, Mr. F. G. Woodiss; auditor, Mr. R. A. Simmons; three representatives on District Committee, Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. H. V. Young and Mr. W. H. Hewett.

The question of nominating general officers was next on the agenda, and in this connection a letter was read from the Master, Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt, to the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin) informing the meeting that he was much better in health and that he would be pleased to carry on as Master of the association for another year. This was received with general satisfaction, and the meeting was told that Mr. Birt had been nominated for re-election at the Southern District meeting on the previous Saturday at Reigate.

The names of Mr. A. T. Shelton and Mr. D. Cooper were also submitted for election to the position of Master of the association.

Mr. Shelton was also nominated for election as general treasurer.

Mr. C. H. Kippin informed the meeting that he did not wish to seek re-election as general secretary. After 10 years in that position he was of the opinion that, in the interest of the association, a change should be made, and he forthwith nominated Mr. E. G. Talbot, the present assistant secretary, for the post. This was seconded and carried.

Mr. Kippin said that he was willing to act as assistant secretary for one year. His nomination for that position was immediately made.—Mr. G. W. Steere was nominated for re-election as auditor.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, a special reference being made to Mr. J. W. Chapman, of St. Leonards, who had carried through all the arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

After more ringing at Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, the remaining company adjourned to The Pied Bull, where handbell ringing and community singing was enjoyed until 10.30 p.m.

LADIES' GUILD.

MID-WEEK MEETING AT LEYTONSTONE.

A most enjoyable mid-week meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on Wednesday, February 3rd, at St. John's Church, Leytonstone. About 20 members and friends attended, and methods ranging from Grandfire Triples to London Surprise were rung. The Vicar (Canon Brown), who had kindly made all arrangements for the tea, welcomed the members and conducted them to a local tea shop, where their wants were amply satisfied.

After the evening ringing a service was held at which Canon Brown gave a short address. This was much enjoyed by those present, and was a fitting conclusion to a very happy time.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his interest and help and to the local ringers who met the visitors.

RETIREMENT OF MR. W. T. PATES.**RELINQUISHES LEADERSHIP OF CHELTENHAM BAND AFTER 36 YEARS.**

Mr. William T. Pates, the Cheltenham veteran, has retired from the leadership of the Parish Church bellringers, of whom he has been captain since 1891.

He will be 84 years of age on the 28th of this month, and has been a ringer for over 60 years. Throughout his long career Mr. Pates has been one of the great enthusiasts for ringing, and among his big performances have been the 13,054 of Stedman Caters at Cheltenham in 1888, and the 15,227 Grandsire Caters in the same tower in 9 hours 43 minutes on April 22nd, 1889, which he conducted. At that time it was the longest peal of Caters ever rung. There was a friendly rivalry between Appleton and Cheltenham, and in the previous December the Oxford men, with J. W. Washbrook as conductor, had rung 15,041 Stedman Caters.

Mr. Pates was one of the band who set up the 'old age' record at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, in October, 1933, when a company, all College Youths, rang a peal of Stedman Triples at the average age of over 76 years.

Mr. W. Dyer, of 69, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Pates as captain of the Cheltenham company.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**RINGING MASTER'S FIFTIETH ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.**

The Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held their January meeting at St. James' Church, Wollaston, near Stourbridge. There were about 45 members present, including visitors from the Western Branch of the association. A short service was held with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Bamber), whose remarks made clear the fact that he had more than a passing knowledge of ringers and ringing. Tea was partaken of in the schools nearby, after which the usual business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar.

It was decided to hold the next branch meeting at Netherton, or at Kinver should Netherton not be available.

Mr. William Short, Association Ringing Master, proposed that the quarterly peal be attempted at Wollaston and that the arrangements be in the hands of Mr. J. Bass.

Ten new members were elected, there being nine performing and one life member.

The tea was provided by the Church Council, and a vote of thanks was passed to them for their hospitality and to the Vicar for permitting the meeting to be held at Wollaston.

Before the meeting closed, Mr. William Short paid to the secretary his 50th subscription to the association. He also exhibited the receipt which he received for his first subscription.

Upon the proposition of the chairman, the congratulations of the meeting were given to Mr. Short, to which he suitably replied.

A number of the ringers then went to the tower for further ringing in a variety of Doubles and Minor methods, while several others remained behind for handbell ringing.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The North Norfolk Branch met for the annual election of its officers at Wymondham on Saturday. Members were present from Buxton, Halvergate, Hethersett, North Walsham, Norwich, Reedham, Saxlingham and Great Yarmouth, and included Mr. A. L. Coleman, general secretary and treasurer; Mr. W. L. Duffield, chairman of the South Norfolk Branch, and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood, hon. secretary of the East Norfolk Branch.

The Rev. F. Jarvis, Vicar of Wymondham, conducted a shortened form of evensong, and gave a most inspiring address on the service of ringing and the needs of man.

At the business meeting, the Rev. H. W. Benson, Vicar of Buxton, was unanimously re-elected chairman of the branch and thanked for his past services. Mr. N. Golden, branch secretary, and Messrs. H. F. Carter, G. Bailey, W. J. Clover, W. C. Duffield and G. Mayers, members of the committee, were all re-elected, while Messrs. Bailey and Duffield were asked to serve again on the Central Committee of the association.

Mr. W. C. Duffield moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the members the use of the bells. Mr. N. Golden, in seconding the motion, expressed the gratitude of the ringers of the diocese to the Rev. Jarvis for the welcome he had always given them and for so kindly arranging a service, which he (the speaker) felt sure everybody had enjoyed.

In reply, the Vicar said he appreciated the words spoken, but he had considered it a duty to give permission for the use of the bells, and remarked that the members rang bells better than they sang hymns.

During the afternoon and evening a number of 'touches' in a variety of methods were brought round, and several members took part in their first 'touches' of Erin Triples and Duffield Major.

It is hoped that the South Norfolk Branch will attend the meeting on April 24th at Redenhall, the Rector, the Rev. B. M. Pickering, having kindly consented to conduct a service at 4 p.m. The methods selected for practice are Bristol Surprise and Cambridge Court.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NEW RECORDS IN NORTHERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held in the City of London and proved very successful, with some very good ringing achieved during the day.

The ringing took place during the afternoon at the twelve-bell tower of St. Giles', Cripplegate. Rounds on ten, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Stedman Cinques and Kent Treble Bob Maximus were rung. Several members rang their first touches on twelve bells.

At the business meeting the district officials were able to report on the most successful year's work in the history of the district. Five Saturday meetings were held, with an average attendance of 32, a record for the district, the previous best being an average of 27 in 1933.

The Stepney meeting created a record for the district, some 50 members as well as several visitors being present. Five mid-week practices were held, with an average attendance of 26.

For the fourth year in succession the cash statement showed a record balance.

The secretary, in presenting the report, said he thought it could be said that the district was now in a strong position, and that the improvement which started four years ago, after a long period of semi-stagnation, had steadily increased. It was hoped that this improvement would continue.

In his report, the Master said the striking at the meetings, although far from the desired perfection, had greatly improved. A district outing, arranged as an experiment, was held in September. Several Essex towers were visited, and the venture proved a great success. Friendly relations with neighbouring associations had been maintained and it was hoped to arrange some joint meetings in the near future. Regular monthly ringing for Sunday evening services had taken place at Cripplegate and St. Mary-le-Bow on the second and fourth Sundays respectively.

The Master thanked all those who had assisted to make the year's work so successful.

The election of the district officials resulted as follows: Master, Mr. J. A. Waugh; hon. secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior; treasurer, Mr. R. G. Cousins; steward, Mr. E. Holman; committee, Messrs. C. A. Hughes and G. W. Cecil.

An invitation from the secretary of the Holloway hand to hold the April meeting at that tower was accepted.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the incumbents and steeplekeepers at Cripplegate and Holborn for permission to ring and for the arrangements made.

The members then went to St. Andrew's, Holborn, where they were met by the popular and genial steeplekeeper, Mr. J. S. Hawkins. Various methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major were rung on the fine-toned ring until 8 p.m., when the meeting concluded.

During the day favourable comments were made about the broadcast from St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on a recent Sunday, by members of the association, including eight of the district members, six of whom were members of the young local band.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**COMBINED PRACTICES AND DISTRICT PEALS.**

In order to encourage combined practices in the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association the vice-president and secretary are to draw up a list of towers and submit a scheme to the members.

District peals are also to be attempted, the first of these being Grandsire Triples at Gateshead on February 13th.

These steps were decided upon at a district meeting, attended by nearly 30 members, at Benfield, when among the methods practised were Double Oxford Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The next meeting of the district is to be held at All Saints', Newcastle, when Erin Triples is to be the method for special practice.

LOSS TO THE DISLEY BELFRY.

The death took place suddenly on Wednesday, January 27th, of Mr. A. T. Marsland, secretary of the Disley (Cheshire) ringers. He had been a ringer at the above tower for over 30 years, and was also a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

The late Mr. A. T. Marsland was possessed of a quiet, unassuming manner, but had a ready smile for all comers. He will be greatly missed by his fellow-ringers.

The funeral took place on Saturday, January 30th, at St. Mary's Church, Disley. The bells were rung fully muffled while the cortege was proceeding from deceased's home to the church. Afterwards his fellow-ringers rang a peal of Treble Bob Minor with the bells fully muffled.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, on Wednesday, January 20th, a quarter-peal of Doubles in four methods (1,260 changes), comprising one six-score of Stedman, two of April Day, four of Plain Bob and 3½ of Grandsire, all six-scores being called differently: J. Page-Wood 1, P. S. Davis (first quarter-peal away from the treble) 2, W. Hollamby (first quarter-peal of Doubles) 3, H. Mackinder 4, A. S. Richards (conductor) 5.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — A combined practice will be held at SS. James and Basil, Fenham, on Friday, Feb. 12th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The meeting advertised for Cheshunt will be held on Feb. 13th. All previous arrangements stand for this date.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea (1s.) and business meeting at the Duke's Head.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Boughton on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Yalding (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 5. Tea at the Bull 5.30. Every ringer welcome. Bourne Surprise, Double Court, or plain fare according to taste, but come and try it!—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Fryerning on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Ingatestone bells also available in the evening.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 6, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. If you intend being present, will you make a note that the tower is not open until 6 p.m.? Now, chaps, show your interest and please turn up. — J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Feb. 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, 9d. each, at 5 p.m. in schools.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8) 3 to 5 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 3.30 to 4.45 p.m.; St. Laurence's (12) 4 to 5 p.m. Service at St. Laurence's 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, 6 p.m., at St. Mary's Church House, followed by meeting at 7 p.m.—E. G. Foster, Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Ipplepen, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. — A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Low Bentham on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open for ringing at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 13th. The bells will be ready at 2.45 p.m. Will as many as can attend this meeting?—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Bromham on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Annual meeting at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions due, please. — I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Sat., Feb. 13th, East Markham (8). Methods for practice: Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, etc. Please send a card for tea to R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Usual arrangements. All welcome. — J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Combined practices, all at 6 p.m.: Waltham, Saturday, Feb. 13th, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise; Barton-on-Humber, Mar. 6th, Superlative Surprise and Little Bob; Elsham, Mar. 13th, Single Court, London Surprise and Carlisle Surprise. Look up the methods and come and ring them.—H. Mingay, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles 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 18th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 16th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's on the 25th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The Langford Memorial Meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher: Rev. C. A. C. Streatfeild. Tea at 5.15, followed by meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. Please advise for tea by Thursday, Feb. 18th.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Malmaison, Middle Street, Bradpole.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by *the previous Thursday* if you require tea. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch and also the 50th anniversary of St. Mary's bells will be held at Peterborough on Saturday, Feb. 20th. The bells of St. Mary's (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The bells will be available for a good practice at Porthury from 4 o'clock and also at Easton-in-Gordano from 6 o'clock. Please make a note of the date—Saturday, Feb. 20th.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Usual arrangements. Any who have corrections or suggestions for the 1935-6 report should send them without delay to M. Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 17th?—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Creton (5 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 20th. 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.—Nottingham District.—The monthly meeting of the district will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) ready 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West District.—A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 20th, 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, Bishops Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Great Glen on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 17th?—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Audlem (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 17th inst.?—Rich. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

POUGHILL, near Bude, N. Cornwall.—On Saturday, Feb. 20th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Suffragan Bishop of Barking, followed by a ringing festival. The ring of six has been recast and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—First meeting of the year will be held at Wychbold, near Droitwich, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) recently rehung, available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Vicarage Room at 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Business meeting afterwards. Please send word by Tuesday, Feb. 16th.—Geo. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, Worcester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please make an effort to be present. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James St., Milnrow, Rochdale.

LAUNCELLS, near Stratton, North Cornwall.—On Thursday, Feb. 25th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Ring of six rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting is to be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. All ringers welcome. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for same by Wednesday, 24th.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 171, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 49th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 6 p.m. prompt, when the chair will be taken by Rev. H. McGowan, M.A., Vicar of Aston. 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 Aston Parish Church (12) will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance (latest date 25th inst.) should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. (limited number) must be applied for by Wednesday, Feb. 24th, latest. — H. Perkins, Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at St. Nicholas' House. Business meeting after tea. Send names or numbers for tea. All ringers welcome.—J. G. W. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Rusholme, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Arrangements to follow later.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —Annual dinner to be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C.1, on Saturday, Mar. 13th. Ladies very welcome. Tickets (5s. 6d. each) now available from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, G. Radley, E. J. Butler or from J. E. Bailey, 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford, Kent.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Mar. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. per head) at the Institute 5.45. Meeting 6.30. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. Arthur Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Thursday, Mar. 4th. All nominations for general officers and notices of motion must be in writing and received by me not later than first post on Saturday, Feb. 20th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH, YORKSHIRE.—Mr. H. Smith, of 4, Abbott Place, Armley, Leeds 12, has been appointed ringers' secretary, and all communications should be addressed to him.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. C. R. Burrell is now Benner's Farm, Beck Bank, Gosberton Clough, near Spalding, Lincs.

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RECTOR'S BIRTHDAY TOUCH.

At the Parish Church of Lady St. Mary, Wareham, Dorset, on Saturday, January 2nd, for the birthday of the Rev. R. L. B. Howe, Rector of Wareham, 720 Bob Minor: Rev. C. A. Phillips 1, C. Forfitt 2, E. B. Hampton 3, E. Hoare 4, F. G. Blako 5, F. Cole (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor for ringers of 3 and 4.

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A FAREWELL.

At Aldershot, on Sunday, January 31st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss Doris Viggers 1, Eric Symonds 2, Thomas Denyer 3, Ronald Kenward 4, George Challen 5, William Denyer 6, Charles Denyer (conductor) 7, Will H. Viggers 8. Rang as a farewell to Canon H. Le Fleming (Vicar of Aldershot) on his departure to become Rector of Bentley, Hants. Also as a farewell to Mr. E. Gower, a local ringer, who is taking up residence at Wheatley, Oxon. First quarter by R. Kenward and first quarter in the method by E. Symonds and W. Denyer.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH HANDS.

AN OLD MEMBER OF CAVERSHAM BAND.

As we briefly recorded last week, St. Peter's Society, Caversham, have suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. Joseph Hands, who passed away on January 28th, at the age of 79 years.

He had been a member of the band for 53 years, and rang in most of the peals in any of the standard methods with the old Caversham society. He rang his last peal three years ago to commemorate his ringing for fifty years with his old friend, George Essex.

Mr. Hands was a most regular attendant, and was ringing up till Christmas week, when he was taken ill and never recovered, despite every care.

A fine striker, circumstances never allowed him to travel far in pursuit of ringing, but he gave of his best to his own tower. He attended the last annual dinner of the College Youths and was full of delight at meeting so many old friends. He was a most lovable man and respected by all with whom he was brought into contact.

He leaves a widow and eight children to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place on Monday week, the first part of the service being held in the Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Wood) officiating. The lesson was read by Mr. Hands' old ringing friend, Canon Coleridge, who also took the committal.

The 'whole pull and stand' was rung 79 times by deceased's friends immediately after the service. Many and beautiful were the floral tributes. 'Joe,' as he was affectionately known, has passed, and will always be remembered by his friends as one of 'nature's gentlemen.'

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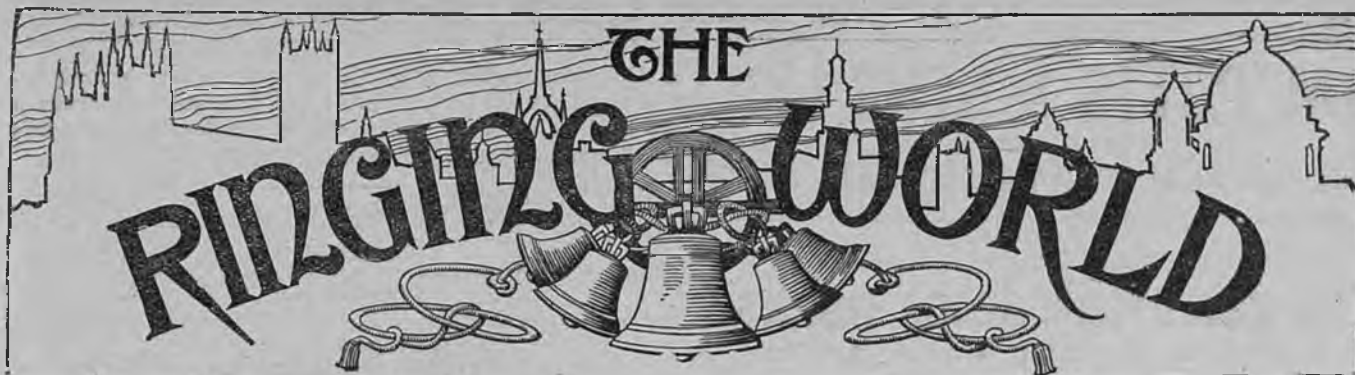
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We have been asked the question whether the Central Council recognises as a peal 5040's of-Grandsire Doubles, in which Pitman and Morris' 'arrangements' and Lindoff's 'spliced' extents are rung? The simple answer is 'Yes,' inasmuch as hitherto such peals have been included in the yearly analysis and the analysis has been accepted. But, strictly speaking, the two former are against the spirit of the rule which the Council laid down at Hereford in 1928, and, in the opinion of many ringers, Lindoff's spliced extents are also ruled out by the Council's definition. There has since been a fight (or should it be fights?) over the similarly worded rule regarding Minor, and while in this the Council's ruling is accepted, the definition of a peal of Doubles is honoured in the breach as well as in the observance. If we were asked why it is that ringers choose their own course in regard to Doubles, we would say, frankly, it is because the large majority of the Exercise have little or no interest in peals of Doubles, and therefore do not care what happens. If the rules regarding peals on higher numbers were broken as frequently and claim laid to the performances as peals there would be a great outcry. Because these peals are rung on only five bells no one bothers about what is done.

The Council's rule, laid down at Hereford, provides that 'Peals of Doubles shall consist of at least 42 true and complete 120's rung without interval and without rounds or any other rows being included or rung more than once in any 120. A peal may be lengthened by the addition of any number of 120's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 120.' That wording is very definite, and conforms to the views of those ringers who think that peals rung on less than seven bells should be made up of true 'extents,' whether on six or five bells. There is a school of thought, however, that takes another view—that as long as no change is rung more than 42 times in a 5040 of Doubles, no matter in what order the changes occur, so long as they conform to a recognised method, that performance should rank as a peal. But without going here into the argument as to what should constitute a peal of Doubles, we feel that the ruling of the Council should be accepted and acted upon, as much by ringers of Doubles as by those who ring peals of Minor. If the rules are wrong they should be altered, but they cannot with justice be altered to suit one section of the Exercise alone. Whatever latitude is given in Doubles must be given in Minor. The plea that one is more limited in its scope than the other really carries little weight now that the possibilities

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Tenor 37 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN... .. 2	Treble	THOMAS W. MILLER 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 2		MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
GEORGE E. FEARN 3		ERNEST MANSELL 9
FRANK E. HAYNES 4		WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 10
ALBERT WALKER 5		ARTHUR E. PEGLER 11
MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE 6		JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

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(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FREDERICK J. TILLET 2	Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 7
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2		*HARRY D. LISTER 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY... .. 3		J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 9
GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 4		WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10
HARRY R. ROPER... .. 5		GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6		FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN
* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. Arranged for Mr. J. Frank
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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*ALBERT M. TYLER 2	Treble	†RALPH HARRIS 7
JOHN THOMAS 2		FRED HAWKES 8
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 3		THOMAS W. LEWIS 9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON... .. 4		CHARLES CAMM 10
†SYDNEY E. ROMANS 5		SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 11
JOHN AUSTIN 6		†JOSEPH E. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a birthday
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compliment to Mr. C. Cannon. It was also a special compliment to
Master Albert Tyler, four days before his 14th birthday. The greatest
possible credit is due to him for the way in which he rang, and to
his tutors, the St. Stephen's (Bristol) Guild.

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Tenor 41 cwt.

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WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 2		JACK M. CRIPPS 8
RONALD A. TUFFIN 3		JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 9
HENRY G. MILES... .. 4		RICHARD F. DEAL 10
HERBERT LANGDON 5		ALFRED B. PECK 11
MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 6		JAMES H. RUMLEY Tenor

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At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND ... Treble	* JAMES W. MELDRUM ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 7
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... 8
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 9
CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 5	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN DEARLOVE ... Treble	RAYMOND OVERY ... 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 2	STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 8
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 9
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5	FREDERICK PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY, Ringing Master, Western Division ... Treble	
HORACE MORLEY, Secretary, Eastern Division ... 2	
JOE HARDCASTLE, Central Council Representative ... 3	
HARRY C. WALTERS, Ringing Master Eastern Division ... 4	
* THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY, General Committee ... 5	
FREDERICK W. DIXON, General Committee ... 6	
SIDNEY F. PALMER, Hon. Treasurer ... 7	
WILLIAM BARTON, Hon. Peal Secretary ... 8	
JOHN AMBLER, General Committee ... 9	
PERCY J. JOHNSON, Vice-President ... Tenor	

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY, a former Vice-president.

Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* 100th peal. Specially arranged and rung by officers of the association to commemorate the silver jubilee of the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, in that office.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter, Leckhampton,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... Treble	MARR HICKS ... 5
MISS AMY JOHNSON ... 2	WILLIAM HUNT ... 6
JOHN THOMAS ... 3	JOHN F. BALLINGER ... 7
GEORGE WALTERS ... 4	THOMAS BOREHAM ... Tenor

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 3	CECIL NICE ... 7
JACK M. CRIPPS ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

* A. E. COLE ... Treble	J. W. DAVIS ... 5
OLIVER THOMAS ... 2	A. H. CARTER ... 6
W. HARRIS ... 3	* J. HILL ... 7
N. REES ... 4	H. CHRISTIE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. CARTER.

* First peal of Grandsire. First peal by the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to O. Thomas and Supt. Shellswell.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

* MISS W. DITCHAM ... Treble	C. CURSON ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... 2	GEORGE SAYER ... 6
MISS D. DITCHAM ... 3	CLIFFE BIRD ... 7
MISS G. TUNNADINE ... 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BERTIE J. HOWCHIN

* First peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Laurence.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

RALPH G. LEY ... Treble	CHARLES C. RAWDING ... 5
CYRIL DOBNEY ... 2	ERNEST T. KING ... 6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3	* NORMAN T. KING ... 7
FRANK RICHARDSON ... 4	JOHN W. CARTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOHN W. CARTER.

* First peal with an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

* GEOFFREY HARRISON ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... 5
JOHN SADDINGTON ... 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
LESLIE STEVENS ... 3	ROBERT HARRISON ... 7
G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Bob Major. Three generations took part in this peal, the ringers of the tenor and treble being son and grandson respectively of the ringer of the seventh; Geoffrey Harrison was 13 years of age on January 28th and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) the previous day.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY ... Treble	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 5
JOSEPH LITTLER ... 2	STANLEY J. HARRISON ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	FRANK VARTY ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	CECIL RADDON ... Tenor

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On Thursday, February 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.		Tenor 24 cwt.	
*HARRY GRUNDY	Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE	5
JOHN WILKINSON	2	LESTER L. GRAY	6
ALFRED W. HEATH	3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	†FRANK VARTY	Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Triples. Rung, after meeting short for Caters, as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Tiarks, M.A., who was inducted two days previously.

MOULTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

TOM, TEBBUTT	Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE	2	BURLEY P. MORRIS	6
MISS EVELYN STEEL	3	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	GEORGE TANNER	Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN.	Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
FREDERICK WHITE	2	ALFRED W. DURHAM	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	HERBERT MARKWELL	7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT	4	STAFFORD H. GREEN	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

TITUS BARLOW	Treble	*RICHARD BALDERSTONE	5
HAROLD WALMSLEY	2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	6
FREDERICK HINDLE	3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	4	WILLIAM DICKENSON	Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. L. J. Williams' 200th peal. Rung to commemorate the 70th birthday of Mrs. Williams, mother of the 4th ringer.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWARD CHEADLE	Treble	ALAN D. STEEL	5
HAROLD HOUSON	2	EDWARD STEELE	6
†WILLIAM H. BLOOR	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
HAROLD ROSE	4	†FREDERICK SHEELLY	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight bells. This peal was arranged, and rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Beatrice Steele, wife of the ringer of the 6th, the esteemed leader of the local band, and to the late Mr. R. G. Lewis, leader of Uttoxeter band, who was interred on the above date.

CAMBERWELL. — At St. Giles' Church for evening service, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss B. M. Mills 1, Miss H. Mills 2, Miss O. L. Ashbrook 3, T. H. Taffender 4, E. J. King 5, G. W. Rendell 6, R. K. Mowforth (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, H. H. Pether 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the ringer of the sixth, who is from Yeovil.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

ERNEST WHITING	Treble	*ALBERT G. HARRISON	5
*WALTER ELSEY	2	†FREDERICK C. GUNTON	6
*FREDERICK C. ROPER	3	CHARLES LOOME	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	FREDERICK ROOPE	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

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

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARV,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	Treble	CYRIL CROSTHWAITE	5
FRED RIGBY	2	FRANCIS MCCARTHY	6
KENNETH HALL	3	ALFRED BLOGG	7
JOHN JACKSON	4	WILLIAM SHARPLES	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 3). Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.

This composition, a 6,560 reduced, composed August, 1883, is now rung for the first time.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE	Treble	RONALD SUCKLING	5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS	2	*PHILIP A. CORBY	6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
FRANK CLAYDON	4	WALTER ARNOLD	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First Surprise peal.

MATLOCK, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HAROLD E. AUSTIN	Treble	*J. CLIFFORD BRADSHAW	5
J. HARRY PAULSON	2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	6
GEORGE H. PAULSON	3	VICTOR E. TAYLOR	7
EDWIN HOPKINSON	4	ERNEST PAULSON	Tenor

Conducted by VICTOR E. TAYLOR.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Taylor's in 1936. A birthday peal for H. E. Taylor. The ringers of 2, 3 and 8 are three generations.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JAMES WILLIAMS	Treble	H. VICTOR WILLIAMS	5
HAROLD W. EMMOTT	2	FRED KENDALL	6
STEPHEN SLATER	3	JACK BRACEWELL	7
GEORGE BROWN	4	HOWORTH HOLT	Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRACEWELL.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late William Ashworth, an old St. Saviour's ringer. All the ringers are St. Saviour's service ringers, with the exception of Mr. George Brown, from Christ Church, Bacup.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Wells, Cambridge, York, Durham, Stamford, Rossendale and London. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIE GREEN 1 Treble	* ERNEST B. COLES 4
HAROLD CHANT 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First Surprise peal.

BIGBY, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Double Oxford, Double Court, College, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE BLANCHARD 1 Treble	MARTIN WALKER 4
RONALD BOWNESS 2	GEORGE DOBBS 5
GEORGE L. HALL 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

Rung as a compliment to the Ven. Archdeacon H. T. Parry on completing 40 years as Rector of Bigby.

LITTLE COMBERTON, WORCS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 13½ cwt.

SAMUEL MOORE 1 Treble	JOHN HALL 4
RALPH HARRIS 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 5
ROBERT CORBETT 3	ARTHUR RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

This peal was originally attempted on January 14th as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lowndes, wife of the Rector.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 240 and 20 six-scores of Grandsire and 20 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

HUGH E. HARDING 1 Treble	FRANK W. HOLL 3
C. HENRY HARDING 2	REGINALD HOUGHTON 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor	

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

First peal on this five toned ring of five. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and to Mr. F. C. Tysoe.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 6½ cwt.

R. THOMAS VESSEY 1 Treble	JAMES W. RAITHBY 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 2	FRANK VERNON 5
RICHARD M. HARVEY 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

First peal in the method by all the band. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the first peal (Bob Minor) by all the band, which was rung in this tower a year ago.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN E. BLOXHAM 1 Treble	ERNEST STITCH 4
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE POPPELL 5
EDWARD PHILLIPS 3	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

First peal in four methods for all except 5th ringer. The first time Cambridge Surprise has been rung in a peal of Minor for the association. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor, also a birthday compliment to the wife of the 4th ringer.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

KENNETH G. CARLTON 1 Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH 4
*RAYMOND J. CARLTON 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 3	EDWARD S. ROCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. ROCK.

* First peal 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of 2 and 4.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Court, three 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 9 cwt. 22 lb. in G.

*BASIL BUTTON 1 Treble	HARRY J. MILLAT 4
CHARLES A. ANDREWS 2	AMOS R. GARDINER 5
GEORGE A. ANDREWS 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISBECH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

ALFRED E. BACON 1 Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM 4
*JOHN CLARKE 2	REGINALD GEDNEY 5
FREDERICK MATTHEWS, SEN. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

* First peal and first attempt. Birthday peal for the ringer of the fourth.

HAWORTH, YOKES.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob, three of Oxford, and three of Kent Treble Bob (seven different callings). Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ABRAM PARKER 1 Treble	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 4
*DENNIS MAUDE 2	ALLAN RUSHWORTH 5
HERBERT HELLIWELL 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW Tenor

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung in honour of the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. G. Roper, also as a compliment to Mr. J. Nicholson, who has been a ringer 38 years. Both are of the local company.

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AMPTHILL, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.

*ANDREW C. SINFIELD ... Treble	JOHN CHURCH 4
EDMUND W. WAGSTAFFE ... 2	PERCY TOMPKINS 5
ARTHUR W. DILLEY 3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

In the Choir Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
PERCY L. HARRISON 3-4	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 9-10
HAROLD J. POOLE 5-5	JOSEPH MORRIS 11-12

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Nine-and-a-Half Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry, WHITECHAPEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN H. LEWIS 1-2	MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 3-4	*MISS DORIS E. COLGATE ... 7-8

Composed by J. CARTER (adapted). Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS

* First peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At 28, FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, BRISTOL AND EALING 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—John E. Rootes.

The peal consisted of 2,112 London, 572 Cambridge and 768 each Superlative, Bristol and Ealing, with 120 changes of method. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, February 6th. The bells of the ancient Collegiate Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major and on the whole the ringing was good.

A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. J. Wilkinson), who gave an interesting address—not about bells and ringers. He was assisted by the Rev. J. P. Pellie, a ringer, who was recently ordained.

At tea, provided by the local ladies, the Rector welcomed the association to Chester-le-Street, in a humorous reply to the vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. John Anderson, of Newcastle.

A vote of thanks to the lady helpers at tea, proposed by Mr. W. N. Park, of Darlington, concluded the proceedings, and an adjournment was made to the tower for more ringing.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Parish Church on December 20th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): A. Edgerton, jun. (aged 13) 1, A. Short 2, F. Price 3, W. Whiston 4, G. Williams 5, W. Pettigrew 6, W. Best 7, E. Evans 8, W. Davies (conductor) 9, A. Edgerton 10. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 4. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters by ringer of 2nd. First quarter-peal on ten bells by ringers of 6, 7 and 8. All are Sunday service ringers at this church.

FOR BEGINNERS.

BOBS IN KENT TREBLE BOB.

Having had explained to him how Kent Treble Bob is rung, the next thing the beginner will want to know is, how to make a bob.

In Minor, when a bob is called, only three bells are affected. The bell that comes out of the 'slow,' and makes places in 3rd's and 4th's, and the bell that makes 4th's and 3rd's and goes into the 'slow' (that is, the bell that dodged in 5-6 up with the treble) are not concerned in the bob making. They pursue their work as if no call had been made.

The bell that passes the treble in 2-3 and then makes 3rd's and 4th's, when a bob is called makes an additional 4th's and 3rd's and goes down to lead. Actually he lies two consecutive whole pulls in 4th's place, each made at backstroke and handstroke. (For those who know how to ring Grandsire Doubles it is like the 'long 3rd's' made at a single in that method.) The bell that 'makes the bob' at one lead in Kent Treble Bob will go into the 'slow' at the following treble lead.

The bells 'behind,' that is the pair that are dodging together in 5-6, have an additional double dodge; that is, having stepped back in their path once, they have to step back twice more before they finally continue their course.

If the bob is called at the right moment they will find they have already begun dodging together, and they must be careful that they complete three dodges in all before the bell going down passes on to dodge in 4-3 with the treble and the bell dodging up lies its whole pull behind.

You can make a check on the number of dodges. Each bell in the course of its operations strikes four times in 5th's. Suppose the other bells were known by letters instead of numbers, the bells behind strike over them like this: a, b, b, c, so that as soon as they have struck over the third bell (there having been two blows, with a backward step between over the second of the bells) they know that the dodge is completed. The bell dodging up has then to lie its whole pull behind, and the one dodging down to pass on immediately to the 4-3 dodge.

It is sufficient, of course, to count the dodges, if they are counted correctly, but everyone is liable to make a slip, and these additional aids to memory always come in useful—as the young ringer will find if he goes on to more complicated methods.

In case there are any bands of ringers who are trying Treble Bob without outside help, perhaps a word or two about the bob calling may be useful. The actual call should be made in the change when the treble has its 'snapping' blow at lead—that is its blow at lead in its dodge in 2-1 down. Some conductors leave it just a fraction later—to the beginning of the following change—but it makes very little difference.

The effect of a bob is that the bells above 4th's place are thrown back a lead in the course and after their dodging do exactly the same work as in the previous lead—they meet the treble in the same places. The bobs are thus said to cause 'repeating leads,' and the effect is that only the three front bells—whichever are in 2nd's, 3rd's and 4th's at the lead end—are really affected in coursing order, and bobs at three consecutive leads bring the bells back to where they were before the first bob was called.

Beginners can, therefore, if they wish, begin their bob practice with a short touch of 72 changes produced by bobs at each of the three leads.

When they go on to ring extents of the method, they will probably want at first to use one of the 'standard' callings. The best known of these is that which corresponds to the 'Wrong,' 'Right' and 'Wrong' in Bob Minor. But as in Treble Bob, the bob is made on the three back bells instead of the three front ones, the calling is 'In,' 'Out' and 'In.' The 'In' is when the observation bell is going into the 'slow' and the bob is thus called when it strikes its second blow in 4th's on the way down (after dodging in 5-6 with the treble).

'Out' comes at the following lead, and, as is fairly obvious, is when the observation bell is coming out of the 'slow.' The call is made when it begins its dodge with the treble after completing the slow work.

A touch of two courses, or 240 changes, can be rung by calling any bell 'In' and 'Out' in each course, except that if the 'observation' is the 2nd bell, it must be 'Out' and 'In,' because the 2nd is already in the slow at the beginning.

The full 720 is obtained by calling the first course 'In' and 'Out' and the second course 'In,' and then repeating this calling twice.

Beginners should examine closely the work at a plain lead and a bob lead shown in the accompanying figures. They each relate to the first 'lead end':—

Plain Lead	Bob Lead
231546	231546
213456	213456
123465	Call 'Bob' Here 123465
214356	214356
124365	124365
142635	142356
412653	412365
146235	143256
416253	413265
461523	431625

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DIVISION AT SIBLE HEDINGHAM.**

Eighteen towers were represented at the meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association, held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday week. The 37 members present attended from Halstead, Greenstead Green, Earls Colne, Dunmow, Great Bardfield, Great Yeldham, Sawbridgeworth, Long Melford, Sudbury, Fulbourne, Sible Hedingham, Great Tey, Little Waldingfield, Braintree, Exning, Bocking, Castle Hedingham and Great Cornard.

Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. H. Moore), who gave a warm welcome to the ringers and thanked them for their services, which meant so much to the church.

After the service, tea was partaken of at the White Lion, the Rector presiding. At the business meeting which followed he was elected an honorary member of the association. One ringing member was also elected. It was decided that the next meeting should be at Peering on April 17th.

The District Master (Mr. A. Saunders) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for his inspiring address and for presiding at the tea. He said they were very pleased he had been elected an honorary member. Mr. Saunders also thanked the organist, the organ blower and the visitors for their attendance.

The Rector, in reply, said he was glad of the opportunity to attend the meeting. He could only repeat what he had said in church in extending a cordial welcome to all. He was pleased to see so many ringers in the delightful parish of Sible Hedingham and hoped they would pay another visit. He would take an early opportunity to visit the ringers in the tower. They had nice bells at Sible Hedingham and good ringers, and he hoped shortly to hear them twice on a Sunday. That would be a true answer to the Bishop's appeal. Before he left Leeds the bells of his church were augmented to eight and rehung. They had several obstacles to overcome, but there was now a steady company who were building up ringing.

Handbell ringing was afterwards resorted to and others returned to the tower where ringing went on until about 9 p.m.

LONDON RINGING SOCIETIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have had no experience of London ringing circles, but can visualise the conditions outlined by 'Suburban Ringer.' Where similar organisations operate in the same area there is bound to be some disagreement.

Great as the traditions of the London societies are, let them make new history now by merging into one United Association.

I am sure by taking this step more real progress in London ringing would result than by all 'friendly co-operation.'

Birmingham.

W. C. RHODES.

WELFORD RINGER'S RETIREMENT.**FAREWELL GATHERING.**

On Monday evening, February 8th, the ringers of St. Mary the Virgin, Welford, gathered for a dinner and social evening at the Village Hall. Eleven members attended, together with the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Woodhouse), and partook of an excellent meal, which was prepared and served by Mrs. E. and Miss A. Buswell, wife and sister, respectively, of one of the ringers.

The occasion marked the retirement of Mr. E. Bott as captain of the band, the completion by him of 44 years as an active member of the company, and also his 73rd birthday, which occurred on February 7th.

The Vicar paid tribute to the work Mr. Bott had done during his time as a ringer, and said that although he was retiring from the captaincy and from regular service, this need not necessarily mean that he was giving up ringing altogether. He hoped that he would still turn up and have a ring at any time he felt disposed.

The Vicar then went on to say how pleased he was to be present at the dinner, as he thought it was only by co-operation that anything could be accomplished. He looked for the united support of the ringers in the future and hoped that this occasion was the forerunner of many such gatherings. He also thanked the ladies for the splendid way they had catered for the party.

Mr. G. A. Hollick was unanimously elected captain to succeed Mr. Bott, and Mr. T. Miller was elected vice-captain to succeed Mr. Hollick.

With various games, in which the Vicar joined with real enthusiasm, an enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

WEDDING BELLS.

At the Parish Church of St. Mary, Barnes, Surrey, on Saturday, February 6th, the wedding took place of Mr. John Strickland, elder son of Mr. G. J. Strickland, of St. Mary Abbot's Guild and the London County Association, with Miss Elfrida Newall, of Barnes. Touches of Stedman Triples were rung, and the bells were 'fired' as the newly-married pair left the church by the following Sunday service ringers: W. H. Wood 1, E. R. Mackerell 2, H. G. Miles 3, W. E. Judd 4, F. Skevington 5, A. Harding 6, C. Hunt 7, C. Warner 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Beenham, on Monday, February 8th, 1,224 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor as a compliment to Miss Pamela Strange, whose wedding took place in London on that day: W. Greatham 1, A. Churchill 2, Rev. R. Howes 3, E. Richardson 4, E. Wallace 5, G. Fowler (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. Joseph Wood, of Friezland Greenfield, near Oldham, who to-day reaches the age of 80 years. He hopes to celebrate his birthday on Sunday by taking part in a 720 for morning service. It will be exactly 64 years that morning since, at Saddleworth Church, he rang his first 720 for service.

It is not often that a ringer of any age rings a peal of Stedman Cinques as his first peal, but this Albert Tyler did on Saturday, four days before his 14th birthday. He acquitted himself with the greatest credit. The peal was rung at Tewkesbury Abbey.

Albert Tyler is a son of the late Mr. Jesse Tyler, for many years a bellhanger employed at the Whitechapel Foundry. He was the spokesman for 'Our Young Ringers' when they were 'toasted' at the Bristol United Guilds' recent dinner.

Mr. Arthur Knights' early compositions are being at long last 'dragged' into the daylight. A fortnight ago we chronicled the fact that his 'No. 2,' composed in 1883, had been rung for the first time. Last Saturday his 'No. 3,' composed in August of the same year, was heard on the bells for the first time. It was rung at Penwortham, Lancs. Of course, when these peals were worked out, Arthur Knights was a practically unknown composer, but it seems strange the peals should have waited more than 50 years to be rung.

A half-muffled peal was rung at Longton, Staffs, on Saturday, as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Beatrice Steele, wife of the leader of the local band, and to the late Mr. R. G. Lewis, leader of the Uttoxeter company, who passed away suddenly. The deepest sympathy is felt with Mr. Steele and with Mrs. Lewis and family in the bereavement they have sustained.

On a visit to Cheshire and Lancashire last week, three peals were rung by Messrs. J. W. Jones (Newport) and A. W. Heath (Cardiff). The latter was elected a member of the Lancashire Association and Chester Diocesan Guild before starting for peals on Tuesday and Friday respectively.

Here is progress! A year ago six ringers rang their first peal. It was a peal of Bob Minor at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts. Last week the same six ringers celebrated the first anniversary of that performance by ringing their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Congratulations to the Vessey family and their colleagues.

A peal of Doubles was rung at St. James' Church, Blunham, Beds, last week, the first peal on the bells. They are a fine-toned ring of five, but, although rehung 11 years ago, still go very badly, and the tenorman is to be congratulated on having stuck his task to the finish.

At the annual Parochial Church Council meeting held at Linslade, Bucks, Mr. F. Vickers (the foreman ringer) was elected to the post of vergier and sexton in the place of his late father, who held the post for over 50 years.

P.O. Ronald Hagley was congratulated by the Woking magistrates on Saturday for his astuteness in apprehending a man who had stolen some chicken. He is the third generation of a family of ringers, his father being P.S. Hagley, of Chiddingfold, Surrey.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. John William Malyan, of St. Albans. Mr. Malyan, who was 52 years of age, had been in failing health for some time. At the funeral on February 2nd handbells were rung over the grave.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

NEW TREBLES TO BE DEDICATED IN SOUTH TRANSEPT.

The two new trebles which are being installed in the Cathedral tower as part of the jubilee celebrations of the Chester Diocesan Guild are expected to leave the Whitechapel Foundry early next week so as to arrive in time for the dedication ceremony on Saturday, February 27th.

The Dean and Chapter expressed a wish that the bells should be dedicated before being hoisted to the tower, and not, as is usual, on the completion of the work. While the ceremony will lack the customary rounds as the procession moves from tower to chancel—admittedly one of the most impressive parts of the service—it is felt that to have the bells actually in sight of the congregation during the dedication will more than compensate for this.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will dedicate the bells, as they lie in the south transept, during evensong at 4.15, and a large congregation of ringers and citizens is anticipated. It is not probable that the Cathedral eight will be available for ringing on that day, but arrangements have been made for other towers in the city to be open if desired.

The addition of these two trebles gives Chester its first ring of ten. The new bells, however, will not be used until the Guild's jubilee festival on July 17th, when the augmented ring will be officially opened.

MEMORIAL DEDICATED AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

CEREMONY ATTENDED BY NEARLY 300 RINGERS.

Mr. Denison Taylor's Gift.

The quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association, held at Loughborough on Saturday, February 6th, will be long remembered, for it provided a record attendance for any quarterly meeting ever held since the association's foundation. After a spell of very inclement weather, the occasion was favoured with a glorious day, and this—added to the generosity of the president, Mr. E. Denison Taylor (the dedication and unveiling of a memorial to past Loughborough ringers—and the further attraction of the famous bellfoundry being open to visitors, without doubt brought many who otherwise might not have attended. The grand ring of ten bells at the Parish Church, and the light ten at the Bellfoundry Campanile, were kept going to a variety of methods to suit all comers, and good use was made of the opportunity offered.

The committee of the association met in the afternoon, and as a result of their deliberations grants were made from the Bell Repair Fund to Leicester Cathedral, where the old ten bells have been recast and augmented to twelve, with a semitone; and to Netherseale, where the tower is being restored and the bells recast and rehung. It was decided to print the annual report as usual, and this will be in circulation as quickly as possible.

At 4 p.m. an interesting ceremony was performed in the Parish Church during a special service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon W. J. Lyon, assisted by the Rev. C. B. G. Watson (curate) and the Rev. Canon G. W. Briggs, now Canon Residentiary at Worcester, former Rector of Loughborough.

During the service the Loughborough ringers, headed by the youngest (G. Harrison) and oldest (E. Reader), proceeded to the tower, followed by Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president), Mr. William E. White (hon. treasurer), Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S. (secretary), and the clergy. Arrived at the tower, Canon Briggs performed the act of dedication of the memorial tablet bearing the names of 29 former ringers of Loughborough. This was then unveiled by the oldest Loughborough ringer, Mr. Edward Reader.

THE MEMORIAL.

The handsome memorial, which measures 3ft. 5in. by 2ft. 5in., is of bell metal and was cast in the Loughborough Foundry. It was presented to the church by Mr. Denison Taylor. The tablet is surmounted by the old foundry crest, a shield charged with a coronet between three bells. The 'past ringers of this tower' whose names are recorded are:—

J. H. Bradley	William Fewkes
Henry Bramley	W. Horrigan
James Cook	James Hood
George Cook	Leonard Taylor
Joseph Cook	W. A. Tyler
Alfred Fewkes	Joe Ward
Thomas Grundy, sen.	1817-1888
Edward Wightman	1839-1891
James Frederick Farrow	1861-1885
Elijah Cook	1831-1898
Arthur William Matthews	1861-1900
John William Taylor, sen.	1827-1906
Thomas Grundy, jun.	1845-1907
William Henry Pym Taylor	1878-1909
John William Taylor, jun.	1853-1919
Horace Wood Abbott	1847-1921
James Leonard Wells	1879-1923
Ernest Wood Abbott	1875-1924
Pryce Taylor	1891-1927
Samuel Smith	1859-1927
William Thorley	1877-1928
Joseph Hardy	1862-1929
Joseph Powell	1860-1936

In the case of the first twelve the years of birth and death could not be ascertained.

The tablet is fixed on the north wall of the ground chamber of the tower, between the tablets recording the long peal of Stedman Caters (18,027 changes, rung on Easter Monday, 1909) and the peal rung on the signing of Peace in 1919. The gift is one of a series which Mr. Denison Taylor has made during the last few years with a view to beautifying the Ringers' Chapel.

'THE HOME OF CHURCH BELLS.'

Service was conducted by Canon W. J. Lyon (Rector), who in his address said that Loughborough Parish Church was one of the oldest in the Midlands and one of the most beautiful. Loughborough itself, he said, was in a real sense the home of church bells, for bells from Loughborough were ringing in every part of the world.

In the Parish Church they had a notable peal, which he knew was a pleasure to ring and a pleasure to hear. They were especially glad that ringers from far and near had joined with them in the dedication of the tablet to the former ringers.

In the fellowship of ringers there was a real quality, and, indeed, as they knew, change ringing demanded it. Fellowship, he said, meant consideration one for another, and he supposed it was more necessary than the technical ability—it was the ringers' consideration one for another that was an essential factor in bellringing.

There was, said Canon Lyon, one thing he would like to remind them of—that was the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent broadcast appeal for the people of this country to be recalled to God and religion. He would suggest to them that they as bellringers were doing that same thing by broadcasting Sunday by Sunday an appeal to the people to return to God, and so as members of a great fellowship—as fellow-workers of Jesus Christ—they were bearers of a great message which the Archbishop had made—a great message which the times demanded.

Following the service the company, numbering between 280 and 300, adjourned to the Pearson Hall to enjoy a 'fine spread,' kindly provided through the generosity of Mr. Taylor. All the seven districts of the association were represented, viz., Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham, as well as friends from Erdington, Sutton Coldfield, Norton (Staffs), Warwickshire, Yorkshire and elsewhere.

After tea a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by C. Harrison 1-2, A. H. Ward 3-4, G. F. Swann 5-6, E. Morris 7-8, A. Braines 9-10.

PRESIDENT TALKS OF RESIGNATION.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, supported by Canon Lyon, Canon Briggs and Mrs. Briggs, the Rev. A. H. Roberts, of Stanton-by-Dale, Messrs. Lax and Barker (churchwardens) and Mrs. Barker, Mr. W. E. White and Mr. Ernest Morris. The President in his own breezy way, said how delighted all were to see such a goodly assembly—a record for a quarterly meeting. The past quarter showed an improvement over previous quarters in the number of peals rung (23), which included six different Surprise methods. One peal called for special attention—a humble peal of Bob Minor at Woodhouse Eaves—this being the general secretary's 750th peal, and by this visit he (the secretary) had introduced the whole local company to the association, and seven new members were made. They welcomed them that day and trusted their enthusiasm might long continue. They regretted the passing of Mr. Alfred Cufflin, of Anstey, whom they had so recently elected a hon. life member. He was for many years towerkeeper and had just seen the restoration of the bells of his native place. Another regret they all felt was in the death of Mr. Fred Wilford, of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, a valued life member of the association.

Mr. Taylor then caused some consternation and regret among the whole assembly by intimating that he felt he was growing too old adequately to fill the office of president, and hoped they would elect a successor. He would continue his interest in the progress of the association and would watch its development with great interest.

Mr. Taylor then gave a hearty greeting to Canon and Mrs. Briggs, who had made a by no means short journey in order to grace the gathering. It had been chiefly Canon Briggs who was responsible for the placing in the tower of the tablet recording the names of past ringers, and after very careful research he trusted it was complete and no one had been omitted. They were also indebted to the Rector (Canon Lyon) for the very beautiful service, which was appreciated by the large congregation present.

Canon Briggs then replied and said how grateful he was to Mr. Taylor and everyone for such a hearty welcome. He and Mrs. Briggs retained many happy memories of Loughborough, and especially of the gatherings, such as this, of the bellringers, but he thought this was the best ever. It was a great privilege to him to come to dedicate the beautiful tablet now erected to past ringers, which had been somewhat delayed, not through any fault of those responsible, but because they were anxious to get all names complete and the list as accurate as possible. He thought Loughborough tower must be unique in England for its memorials, tablets and other fittings, all due to the thoughtfulness and generosity of the Taylor family.

The Rector (Canon Lyon) then thanked Mr. Taylor for his gracious act in providing the splendid tablet, for his generosity in giving such a grand reception to the gathering now assembled, and said how pleased he was to co-operate in the service.

Mr. William E. White said how deeply all present would regret the remarks of Mr. Taylor, when he talked of resigning as president of the Midland Counties Association. He sincerely hoped Mr. Taylor would reconsider his decision and carry on, as most certainly they could find no one who could take the office and uphold it so worthily as Mr. Taylor did (applause). He urged all those present to do all they could to dissuade Mr. Taylor from resigning.

The secretary then read over the names of new members proposed since the last meeting, who were duly elected, viz., 4 honorary, 25 ringing and 7 rejoining. Two auditors were re-elected, Messrs. C. Harrison and J. H. Dean.

The secretary next made an appeal to all present for the restoration of Leicester Cathedral bells, urging all those who had not done so to send in to him the special forms with any donations as quickly as possible. The service of dedication would take place on Saturday, April 10th.

This concluded the business, and further ringing on handbells and tower bells was enjoyed. Visitors flocked to Messrs. Taylor's foundry, where they saw in various stages of completion Leicester Cathedral bells, Manchester Town Hall recast bells, the large chime of eight (tenor 2 tons) for Vancouver, bells for Australia, Canada, India, Africa and many old bells undergoing restoration.

It can safely be said that this was one of the best meetings the Midland Counties Association has ever held.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESSING NEED FOR RECRUITS.

Committee to Examine Financial Arrangements.

The annual meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at All Saints', Isleworth, on February 6th. After ringing on the ten bells during the afternoon, a short service was held, and the Rev. C. A. De Jong gave a brief but interesting talk, based on the lesson read by the vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) relating the story of the Prodigal Son. About 50 members and friends then enjoyed an excellent tea in the Church Hall.

The vice-president presided over the business meeting which followed, and he was supported by all the district officers and by the association treasurer (Mr. W. H. Hollier). A cordial vote of thanks was given to the Vicar (the Rev. P. W. Shepherd Smith) for his welcome to Isleworth, to the Rev. De Jong for conducting the service, to the organist, to Mr. Lidbetter, of the local band, and to all who had provided and served the tea.—The Vicar and curate each replied and gave a hearty invitation to visit Isleworth at any time.

The vice-president then referred in humorous vein to the 'balloon handball' at the supper held in January, reported in a previous issue, and called on the captain of the Hillingdon team to receive a trophy which had been presented to mark the prowess of the victors. The Hillingdon band are now responsible for the safety, for twelve months, of an old china cup—without a handle.

The secretary's report for 1936 was then read and adopted. Interesting points were: The average attendance at the eight meetings held was 36, a marked improvement on 1935, when it was 31. Two joint meetings with neighbouring Guilds were also held, and three of the towers in the district (Heston, St. John's, Hillingdon, and Christ Church, Ealing) were represented at all ten meetings. Service ringing had not been maintained at last year's level, chiefly through a decrease in the strength of several bands. Certain towers were exceptions to this, and at each of these places there was definitely the co-operation of the church authorities, which indicated a very necessary factor in maintaining a band.

MEMBERS LOST THROUGH UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Seventeen tower-bell peals and one handbell peal were rung in the district, compared to 12 tower-bell peals in 1935. The outstanding performance was the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods, composed and conducted by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, which was the first Surprise peal in seven methods by Miss Bradford and Messrs. Turner, Locke, Riding and Corke. Only ten members were elected in the district in 1936. Against this, 37 members lapsed owing to unpaid subscriptions, and the need for new recruits was pressing. In October Mr. C. T. Coles completed 25 years as a joint secretary of the association. He has been largely responsible for the association's annual reports, and few realise the amount of time, energy and thought he has given to the association. The report concluded with thanks to all the district officers, who have an excellent understanding and have supported each other's efforts to the full.

The meeting was unanimous in its praise of the secretary for the thoroughness of his report.

The treasurer's report, showing a slight decrease in the balance during the year, was read and adopted. Mr. Chandler presented the report of the Supper Committee showing that the supper had been a success financially as well as socially. The committee (Messrs. Chandler, Gladman and Goodfellow) were re-elected with thanks for their services.

The next business formed a direct response to the secretary's appeal for recruits: 22 new members were elected, and the belfry election of one member was ratified. This is probably a district record.

It is the custom of the district to elect a new Ringing Master each year, and Mr. Turner was elected in the place of Mr. W. H. Coles. Mr. J. Herbert was elected Deputy Master. With the exception of the substitution of Mr. Coles for Mr. Turner as one of the auditors, the other officers were re-elected, namely: Treasurer, Mr. T. Collins; secretary, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow; assistant secretary, Mr. W. G. Wilson; District Committee, Messrs. Chandler, Corke and G. Kilby; and the other auditor, Mr. Lidbetter.

On the proposition of Mr. C. S. Bird, it was resolved that the Central Committee be requested to examine the existing rules of the association, particularly those governing finance, with a view to revision, and that the committee consider an addition to the rules providing that resident members shall be exempt from payment of subscriptions on reaching 65 years of age if 15s. has been paid in subscriptions.

It was decided, on the proposition of Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Turner, that the district business be transacted at the March, June, September and December meetings (instead of one month earlier in each case, to avoid the annual meeting held in February), it being understood that members may be elected at any monthly meeting.

Three places were nominated for the 1938 annual meeting, and on a vote Heston was chosen. It was agreed to hold the March meeting at Chiswick and to invite Guildford Diocesan Guild and the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to a joint meeting at Staines in September and the Ladies' Guild and the Oxford Guild to Hillingdon in October. A successful meeting was ended by touches on handbells and more tower-bell ringing. W. G. W.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE HUGHES.

A CELEBRATED ONE-ARM RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, who died on February 9th, aged 74 years. He was celebrated in the 'Black Country' as a one-arm ringer.

The funeral service on Saturday was held at St. Bartholomew's Church, Wednesbury, conducted by the Rev. Preb. H. W. Jones, R.D., Vicar of Wednesbury, and assisted by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th. (clerical secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford). Six of his old ringing friends acted as bearers, viz., Messrs. W. E. Brittan, H. Smith, C. Wallater, W. Fisher, B. Horton and H. Knight. The chief mourners were Mr. T. Hughes (son) and Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Pilgrim (sister) and others, also Messrs. J. Barber, B. Gough and A. J. Hubble (ringing friends). The interment took place in St. Mark's Churchyard, Ocker Hill, Tipton. There were many floral tributes.



THE LATE MR. GEORGE HUGHES.

The deceased was born at Hanbury, Worcestershire, and at the age of nine years went to work on a farm. Through getting entangled in some machinery his right arm had to be amputated at the shoulder. In later years he migrated to Wednesbury, in Staffordshire, and for many years was employed by Messrs. Chance and Hunt, chemical manufacturers. His work consisted of shovelling and loading a wheelbarrow with raw material used in the chemical industry and wheeling it a distance of some 50 or 60 yards. He thus moved about 30 tons per day—and with only one arm! He also had a well-cultivated allotment, on which he did the work himself.

George Hughes, despite his handicap, was a fine ringer. Unfortunately, he was of too retiring a nature, otherwise he would have been one of the 'bright lights' of the Exercise. He was fond of dabbling in figures and composed peals in Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Forward Major, also Double Norwich Major and Caters. He was a careful striker and good conductor. As a pastime he once wrote out a peal of Carter's Scientific Triples, change by change.

He had rung 159 peals, of which the following is the list: Bob Minor 1, five Minor methods 1, seven Minor methods 1, Grandsire Triples 16 (conducted 6), Darlaston Bob Triples 1 (1), Oxford Bob Triples 1 (1), Stedman Triples 23 (7), Bob Major 18 (10), Canterbury Pleasure Major 1, Double Oxford Major 2, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 13 (2), Superlative Surprise 3 (1), Cambridge Surprise 4, New Cambridge 1, Norfolk 1, Bristol 3, London 3, Grandsire Caters 11 (7), Stedman Caters 21 (9), Stedman Cinques 3, Erin Cinques 1, Bob Royal 3 (2), Bob Maximus 2, Double Oxford Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, Bob Triples 2, Forward Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 2, Double Norwich Caters 1, Erin Caters 1 (1), total 159 (47).

GUILDFORD GUILD & CATHEDRAL BELLS

PROPOSED EFFORT TO INCREASE FUND.

The Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, at the annual meeting, decided to support the proposal made the previous week at the Guildford District meeting, that the towers in the Guild should be invited to pledge themselves to contribute a definite annual sum to the New Cathedral Bells Fund, established by the Guild about three years ago, and also voted a sum of £2 from the district balance for the purpose.

The meeting was one of the best held in the Leatherhead District. Every affiliated tower except one (from the members of which an apology was received) was represented, and, with visitors from the Surrey Association and other districts of the Guild, an attendance of about 50 was made up. The district towers were Leatherhead, Banstead, Ockley, Ashted, Ewell, Cobham, Dorking and Epsom (St. Martin's and Christ Church). Visitors were present from St. John's and St. Peter's, Croydon, Bagshot, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Godalming, Haslemere and West Clandon. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge), who afterwards presided at the tea and meeting, held at the Duke's Head.

A NEEDED BELL RESTORATION HELD UP.

In his report the hon. secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith) said that financially the year had been much better than 1935, 65 subscriptions having been received, as against 58 in the previous year, while the expenses had been lighter. The balance, therefore, showed an increase of nearly £2. The average attendance at meetings had been well maintained, but there were still many members who did not attend even one meeting a year. Efforts had been made to get into touch with the Vicar of Capel in the hope of getting the bells of that church restored. He had been interviewed by the Rev. H. C. Martin, of Ockley, who had reported that there had been many expensive and important tasks at Capel and these were not yet over. The Vicar had said that in his opinion the belfry, which would need very considerable strengthening before the bells could be used, must still wait for a bit, and mentioned a sum of £300 as the likely cost of restoration. In addition he was somewhat disturbed by the habit of bell-ringers coming to practice and not on Sundays, or of coming on Sundays to ring and not staying to service.

On this point the Rev. H. C. Martin added, in his letter: 'So am I and many others at times, and I wish we could do something about it where that custom is prevalent. I have such a great admiration for the splendid body of ringers in the country that it hurts all the more to hear criticisms.'

The District Secretary said in thanking the Rev. H. C. Martin for his efforts, he had said that as the bells at Capel had been unringable since he first came into the district in 1929, he could not say how much cause the Vicar of Capel had for his complaint, but he did not think his methods would do much good; rather, he thought, Mr. Martin's method of becoming a fellow-ringer and so making friends with his band was much more likely to prove successful (applause).

In reply to a question, it was stated that there had been no band of ringers at Capel for years.

In concluding his report, the hon. secretary stated that a new system of working combined practices had been in operation, by which in each case two neighbouring towers exchanged visits on practice nights. The results seemed fairly satisfactory, but the committee felt that if only more members would get that spirit of friendly co-operation with the surrounding towers, a great deal more good would result. It was only by helping one another that they helped themselves, and in ringing that was specially true. He asked the members, in the words of a well-known petrol advertisement, to put into the spirit of the district 'that little bit of something the others haven't got.'

The secretary was thanked for his report, which was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, showing an increased balance of £1 18s. 11d., which was considered very satisfactory.

All the officers of the district were re-elected, and, on a ballot, Messrs. G. Marriner and F. G. Woodiss were re-elected on the Executive Committee of the Guild.

CATHEDRAL BELLS FUND.

The hon. general secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) introduced the subject of further support for the Guild's New Cathedral Bells Fund. He pointed out what the Guildford District had done, and said in view of the intensive effort being made throughout the diocese to bring the Cathedral into being, and the Bishop's appeal for the Million Shillings Fund, he thought the Guild should make a special effort. When the Bells Fund was established some time ago in a modest way it was felt that it might be, perhaps, 50 years before the addition of a peal of bells was contemplated, but there now seemed a probability of much faster progress and the opportunity of having a peal of bells might come much sooner than they had anticipated.

Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary of Guildford District) also spoke in support of the proposal, and said the Guildford District voted 25 from its funds.

The meeting voted the sum of £2 from its balance and passed a resolution asking the Executive Committee to formulate a scheme for annual subscriptions from towers.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and to Mr. G. Marriner for the arrangements made for the meeting.

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NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE'S LOSS. DEATH OF A RINGING MASTER.

Members of the North Staffordshire Association and the Midland Counties Association attended the funeral on Saturday of Mr. Robert George Lewis, of 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, on Saturday.

Mr. Lewis, who was 61 years of age, commenced ringing in Cheshire, and he was also for a few years ringing in Ireland, before going to Uttoxeter about 1911, where he had been attached to St. Mary's Society. He was elected Ringing Master in 1933, and he will be particularly missed in North Staffordshire and District Association, of which he had been Ringing Master for eight-bell towers since 1926.

The interment was preceded by a service at St. Mary's Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar of Uttoxeter (the Rev. W. E. Charlton), who also officiated at the cemetery. The service was a simple one, which included two hymns, 'Jesu, Lover of my soul' and 'Abide with me.'

The hearers were deceased's fellow-ringers: Messrs. G. Burrows, G. Ward, E. Roberts, F. Richardson, E. Elliot and G. Tomlinson, and the four latter rang handbells at the graveside.

In addition to the family mourners the following ringers attended: Messrs. Andrew Thompson (Newcastle), hon. secretary; Thomas Hird (Burslem), chairman of committee; John E. Wheeldon (Norton), Ringing Master for six-bell towers; F. Oliver and J. Buxton (Uttoxeter), C. H. Page (Stoke), W. Carnwell and A. W. Hall (Kingsley), J. Cartledge (Cheadle), J. W. Bullock, G. L. Burton, J. Walker, E. Burton, G. Cottrell, A. Coxen and E. Whitehouse, of Rocester, and J. H. Swinfield, representing St. Paul's, Burton, and the Midland Counties Association.

Among the many wreaths one was from the North Staffordshire Association, one from St. Mary's Society, Uttoxeter, and one from the ringers of Rocester.

The bells were fully muffled afterwards, and the ringing included the 'whole pull and stand' 61 times, Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

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The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. F. Johnson (Ashted), H. J. Parker and H. Cheesman (Banstead), and A. Hadley (Ewell). Mr. Hadley was formerly at Arklow, Ireland.

It was decided to hold district meetings at Christ Church, Epsom, Newdigate, Rammore (joint meeting with Surrey Association), Cobham and Dorking, and next year's annual meeting at Leatherhead.

The Guild officers were all renominated.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Chertsey District was held at Chertsey on Saturday, January 30th. The weather was not very good, but about 30 turned up during the afternoon and evening, 26 sitting down to tea. After tea Capt. H. J. Cann was elected to the chair, the curate, who took the service in the absence of the Vicar, having to leave. The question of Walton bells was raised again, the secretary reporting on what had taken place and the steps he proposed to take in the future.

The following officers were elected for 1937: Ringing Master, Mr. W. Simmonds; hon. secretary, Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; hon. member on committee, the Rev. C. L. Wanstall; ringing members on committee, Messrs. H. J. Chaffey and D. Sleet.

The balance sheet, showing an increased balance of 4s. 3d. on the year's working, was passed as satisfactory.

The retiring Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) gave a short report on the year's work, showing that progress was still being maintained.

The hon. secretary reported that there had been a slight increase in the numbers attending the meetings, but they were usually the same members. It would be more gratifying if others would attend. Sometimes one wondered whether the members at some towers were pulling their weight, or whether they thought the officers existed for the purpose. In these times of extremist views about church bells they would do well to think whether they could stand alone if someone complained about the ringing, or whether by belonging to the Guild they would be able to receive such advice and assistance as would smooth things over. He would like the clergy to know that the Guild was always ready to assist in any way with regard to bells.

The secretary added that the first outing was a great success, and appealed for more support at district meetings. One peal had been rung during the year, in which four members of the district took part.

The reports were accepted, the Chairman remarking that he thought it was the personal interest in each tower taken by the officers that seemed to improve the working and interest taken by the members as a whole.

Meetings for 1927 were proposed as follows: Thames Ditton, Otlands Park, Staines and Egham (joint meeting with Middlesex Association), Horsell, and Chertsey for the annual meeting.

The general officers of the Guild were renominated en bloc.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the preacher, the local ringers for their hospitality, and to the lady organist, who also joined the company at tea. Thanks were also accorded to the officers for their work during the year. The tower was then again visited. The methods rung were mostly Triples, viz., Grandsire, Stedman and Erin, with some short touches of Bob Major, but the going of the back bells compelled keeping the touches short.

ANOTHER GREAT HANDBELL PERFORMANCE.

OXHEY MEN PUT FIVE SURPRISE METHODS IN A PEAL.

The Oxhey handbell band have accomplished another great performance. They have now rung a peal in five Surprise methods, Ealing having been added to London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol.

Those who saw their exhibition at the last dinner of the College Youths will appreciate the greatness of the performance. The peal was rung in 2 hours 16 minutes, a rate of about 37.4 changes per minute. Thus, five bells were struck every second. Think of that and it will be realised that in such a complicated task, with 120 changes of method, there is no room for errors. No words can express the admiration we feel for this talented company.

Here is the composition, the production of the conductor, Mr. Harold Cashmore:—

23456		M	W	H
42356	B (one lead)	—	—	—
65324	ECE	—	—	—
36524	LCL	—	—	—
53624	LSBBE	3	—	—
56234	LEB	—	2	—
25634	ECL	—	—	—
63254	LCL	—	—	—
54632	EBCL	2	—	—
35642	LCL	—	—	—
43652	LCL	—	—	—
26354	LCL	—	—	—
32654	LCE	—	—	—
45623	ECL	—	—	—
24653	LSL	—	—	—
52643	LBBCL	3	—	—
23645	LSLB	—	2	—

Twice repeated.

The leads shown S must be rung as such. C can be either S or C.

THREE GENERATIONS.

GRANDFATHERS RING PEALS WITH SONS AND GRANDSON.

We record two peals in this issue in which three generations of a family took part. At Loughborough Bell Foundry, Mr. R. Harrison, of Sheffield, took part in a peal of Bob Major, conducted by his son, Mr. Colin Harrison, and in which his grandson, Geoffrey Harrison, who has just passed his 14th birthday, rang the treble.

At Matlock, Derbyshire, on Saturday, three generations of the Paulson family rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples. Mr. J. H. Paulson has been a ringer some 50 years, first learning to ring at Collingham, Lines, moving on to Nuneaton in the late 80's. He became a well-known ringer there and was one of a band which rang several handbell peals at Nuneaton. Mr. Paulson has been ringing at Matlock since 1895, and has taken a leading part in maintaining a change ringing band at that church, where he was also verges and sexton for 30 years. He retired from this appointment a few years ago. About 40 peals in various methods stand to his credit, and he is still willing to take part in any peal attempts. G. H. Paulson, his son, and E. Paulson, his grandson, ring at Darley Dale.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at the Pepper Box, Tipton, on Saturday, January 30th. The weather being anything but inviting, a meagre attendance resulted. The bells were raised soon after 3 o'clock and were kept going in a variety of methods until 4.45.

The service which followed was conducted by the Rev. A. L. Chapman (Vicar), who also delivered a stirring address.

The Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th. (clerical secretary of the society), presided at the organ.

A bountiful tea was prepared in the Schoolroom, to which 23 sat down.

It was resolved to hold a bi-quarterly meeting, for practice only, at Wednesbury, on Saturday, March 6th. The next quarterly meeting was arranged to take place at Aldridge on April 10th or 17th.

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DEVON GUILD.

MID-DEVON BRANCH COMES SUCCESSFULLY THROUGH DIFFICULT PERIOD.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Ipplepen, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, and was highly successful, ringers being present from Exeter, Brampford Speke, Kenn, Sidmouth, Newton Abbot, Cockington, Torquay, Paignton, Collaton, Buckfastleigh and Milverton.

Ringings commenced at three o'clock, and a service was later held in church, conducted by the Vicar of Ipplepen (the Rev. R. D. Cooke), who, in an excellent address, extended a very hearty welcome to the members. He mentioned that the present church was the third to stand on the site, and that it was about 500 years old.

A collection during the last hymn for the Guild Bells Restoration Fund amounted to 11s. 6d.

About 34 members and friends sat down to tea in the Schoolroom, and this was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman).

A letter was read from Mr. A. I. Pope, of Paignton, resigning his membership of the branch. The chairman pointed out that this was owing to business reasons, and he promised to see Mr. Pope on the matter.

The secretary's report was unanimously adopted. It stated that three meetings had been held during the past year. Three peals of Major had been rung in the branch, and although the membership was still below that of previous years, seven new members had been elected. Three members had also qualified for Guild certificates.

The treasurer's report showed that the branch had paid its way during 1936, and that there was a balance in hand of 2s. It was unanimously adopted on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. C. F. Austin. The president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox) congratulated the branch on having pulled through a difficult period.

The following officers were unanimously re-elected: Chairman, the Rev. W. R. D. Mills; secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master, Mr. A. L. Bennett; auditor, Mr. C. R. Walker; and two representatives on the General Committee, Messrs. R. Whiting and J. Olding. The third representative, Mr. Austin, did not seek re-election, and Mr. Walker was appointed to the vacancy.

A certificate was presented by the president of the Guild to Mr. A. P. Pontin.

The election of Mr. E. J. Taylor, of Torquay, as a member of the branch prior to starting for a peal was confirmed, and Mr. R. Pollard, of Collaton, was elected a member of the branch.

With regard to the date and place of the next meeting, a proposal was put forward that this be at Teignmouth on Saturday, June 12th, in conjunction with the Exeter Branch meeting. It was also proposed and seconded that the next meeting be at Bickington, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, May 8th. On the recommendation of the chairman, it was unanimously resolved to hold both meetings, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The Chairman voiced the thanks of the visitors to the Vicar of Ipplepen for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his excellent address. Votes of thanks were also accorded to the organist, and to the ladies for the tea arrangements. A vote of thanks was also passed to the secretary for his work in the branch.

Mr. L. Howard appealed on behalf of Cockington band for instructors, and the Collaton members offered assistance. It was also resolved to apply to the General Committee for a grant towards instruction expenses.

The Vicar of Ipplepen replied to the votes of thanks, and remarked that he hoped the branch would soon come again.

This concluded the business and the visitors adjourned to the tower for further ringing. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and it is interesting to note that this is the first occasion that Double Norwich has been rung at a meeting of the branch.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

NEWBURY BRANCH SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Brightwalton on Saturday, February 6th, when 35 members attended from Beenham, Bucklebury, Brightwalton, Compton, Chieveley, Farnborough, Newbury, Peasemore and Thatcham. A short service was conducted by the Rector of Brightwalton (the Rev. H. N. Bates), who also gave the address.

Tea was served in the Village Hall by Mrs. W. J. Sayers, 32 sitting down, including Miss Caldicott (an honorary member of the Guild).

The Rev. H. N. Bates presided at the business meeting in the absence of the chairman of the branch (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford), who was unable to be present.

The spring meeting was fixed for Aldermaston in April.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. H. N. Bates for his address and welcome, to Miss Wells for playing the organ, and to Mrs. Sayers and her helpers for providing the tea, were accorded with acclamation on the motion of Mr. H. W. Curtis (branch secretary).

The tower was again visited and the following methods rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CANTERBURY DISTRICT MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT BOUGHTON.**

The spring meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Boughton on Saturday, and one result was the rejoining of the local band. Fourteen towers in the district were represented, other members of the association coming from Tunstall, Queenborough, Sittingbourne and Brabourne. The local tower was strongly represented, and the 'gentleman with the rule' was also present.

The association's form of service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Leach), the lesson being read by Mr. E. Trendell.

About 50 members sat down in the Church Room to an excellent tea, provided through the generosity of the Vicar, who presided, and later took the chair at the business meeting.

The re-election of Boughton tower, with 13 members, was unanimously accepted.

Teynham was chosen as the place for the next by-meeting.

A report of the Central Committee meeting held in November was given by the district secretary.

At the close of the business Mr. Trendell proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his service, for presiding over the meeting and for his generosity in entertaining the members to tea.

The Vicar said that he was very glad to have the members at Boughton. He was sorry they had to walk such a long way to and from the church to tea, but their numbers were too great to entertain them in the Vicarage as he had intended to do.

It was suggested that as the Vicar had entertained the members to tea, there should be a 'whip round' for the Benevolent Fund. This was readily agreed to, the amount raised being 15s. 7d.

It was stated that the rededication of Hernhill bells was provisionally fixed for Sunday, March 7th, but full notice would be given in 'The Ringing World'.

After several touches had been rung on the handbells, a return was made to the tower, where further ringing was enjoyed until nine o'clock. The bells, rehung last year, were kept going busily.

The Vicar decided, after the meeting was over, to join the association as an honorary member.

VICAR RAISES QUESTION OF QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The Tonbridge District held its first meeting of the year at Sevenoaks on Saturday, February 6th, when 43 members were present. Ringing during the afternoon and evening, for some obscure reason, was of rather a low standard in regard to striking, although methods up to London Surprise were attempted. The customary service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. L. Langston), who, later, also presided at the business meeting.

The District Secretary informed the members of the loss of another honorary member. This time the loss created a precedent, for the hon. member had left the association out of sympathy with a band of ringers who had ceased to belong to the association for some little time.

After some discussion, the Rector proposed that some future effort be made to try and prevail on the band to rejoin.

A rather spirited report upon the General Committee meeting, held in November last, was given jointly by the secretary and the two representatives, Messrs. A. Richardson, E. Everest and A. J. Battin.

In view of certain matters brought before the General Committee, Mr. A. J. Battin said he thought that any district business should be conducted through the district secretary and not direct with the general secretary.

The members present agreed with this recommendation.

The Rev. F. L. Schreiber, Vicar of Shipbourne, spoke with regard to the qualifications necessary before a ringer could join the association. Were members accepted indiscriminately, he asked, or were there some qualifications in regard to the church itself which members had to have before being able to join the association?

After some discussion, Mr. E. H. Lewis (vice-president) said he thought that the new rules which were being submitted to the members would have some provision in regard to this matter. Mr. Lewis also suggested that it would be useful for ringers to obtain 'The Manual for Ringers,' published by the S.P.C.K.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for his very helpful address and for the use of the bells, etc., to the organist, and to Mr. H. J. Ford and Dr. E. L. Taylor for kindly helping to provide tea.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The sum of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's on the 25th, at 8 p.m.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch and also the 50th anniversary of St. Mary's bells will be held at Peterborough on Saturday, Feb. 20th. The bells of St. Mary's (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The monthly meeting of the district will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) ready 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobeys, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Great Glen on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please make an effort to be present. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James St., Milnrow, Rochdale.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West District.—A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Audlem (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Ringing from 3 o'clock.—Rich. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

POUGHILL, near Bude, N. Cornwall.—On Saturday, Feb. 20th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Suffragan Bishop of Barking, followed by a ringing festival. The ring of six has been recast and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

LAUNCELLS, near Stratton, North Cornwall. — On Thursday, Feb. 25th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Ring of six rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting is to be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. All ringers welcome. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for same by Wednesday, 24th.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 171, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 49th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 6 p.m. prompt, when the chair will be taken by Rev. H. McGowan, M.A., Vicar of Aston. 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 Aston Parish Church (12) will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance (latest date 25th inst.) should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — Annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. (limited number) must be applied for by Wednesday, Feb. 24th, latest. Bells of St. John's (10) and St. Margaret's (12) available from 5 to 6 p.m.—H. Perkins, Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at St. Nicholas' House. Business meeting after tea. Send names or numbers for tea. All ringers welcome.—J. G. W. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Tilney All Saints on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. We should like *you* to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. — H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. All ringers and friends requiring tea please advise the undersigned by Wednesday, Feb. 24th. North Staffs and Derby District members cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Burnham (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me by Feb. 22nd (some have already).—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Mottisfont on Feb. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Romsey bells available 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 24th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. We ask *you* to come and have a pleasant time with us.—C. J. Bail, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Adwick on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please let me know not later than Wednesday, the 24th? A hearty welcome extended to all.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) commence 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—Practice meeting at Westerleigh, Wednesday, March 3rd, at 7 p.m.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting, Wigan and Bolton Branches.—This meeting will be held at Hindley on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wallasey, St. Hilary's, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. 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.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Tea 5. Business meeting 6. All are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — A meeting will be held at Fairford, Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify Mr. J. Hope, London Street, Fairford, by Feb. 24th? — W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., 1, Bowling Green Road, Cirencester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (Christ Church) on Saturday, March 6th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). St. Saviour's tower open from 7.30 till 8.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. E. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 119th anniversary will be celebrated Saturday, March 6th. Bells available all day. Dinner at 5 p.m. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, March 2nd, certain. — E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Mar. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. per head) at the Institute 5.45. Meeting 6.30. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. Arthur Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Thursday, Mar. 4th. All nominations for general officers and notices of motion must be in writing and received by me not later than first post on Saturday, Feb. 20th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, March 6th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers, especially from Cheshire and Burton District.—Andrew Thompson, 27, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me by Wednesday, March 3rd, and oblige? Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Hampstead on Saturday, March 6th. Ringing: St. Ann's, Highgate (8), 3-4.15 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Hampstead (10), 5-5.45. Service in St. Stephen's 6 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 6.30. Ringing after tea, Hampstead, until 8, Gospel Oak (6) 8-9 p.m. We expect to see every Cumberland in North London at this meeting. Names for tea by 3rd to N. Summerhayes, Asst. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—The ring of 5 (tenor 26 cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Monday, March 8th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, March 6th. Tea at Dykes' Restaurant, 5, Station Road, at 4 p.m., 1s. each, meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, March 13th. Any resolution for discussion or application for grant from Restoration Fund should reach general secretary 21 days before date of meeting. — Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner to be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C.1, on Saturday, Mar. 13th. Ladies very welcome. Tickets (5s. 6d. each) now available from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, G. Radley, E. J. Butler or from J. E. Bailey, 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford, Kent.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A voluntary rota, for Sunday evening service ringing at Shoreditch (twice per month), St. Bride's and St. Olave's, Hart Street (once per six weeks), is being drawn up. Will all members who can assist please advise me as soon as possible. Practice will be held at Shoreditch on Feb. 25th, commencing 6.30 p.m., and Sunday service ringing on 28th at 5.30 p.m.—N. Summerhayes, Asst. Hon. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

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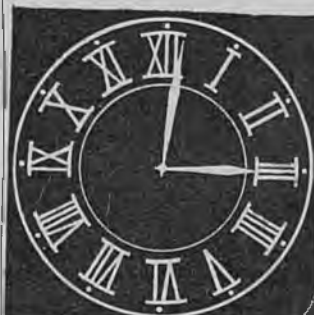
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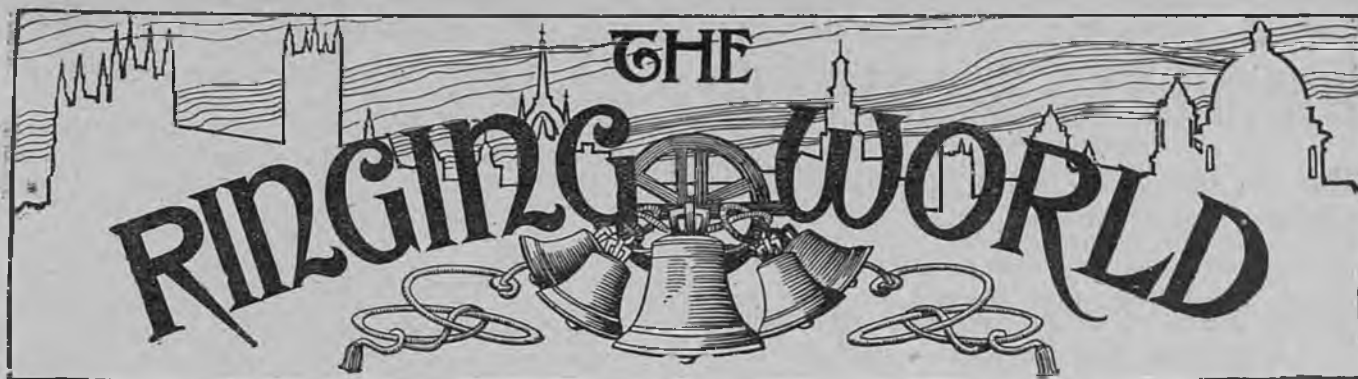
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BONDAGE OF STANDARD METHODS.

A few of the enterprising bands about the country have, within the last few weeks, added to the number of new methods rung. All the peals have been in the 'Surprise' class, and it is gratifying to find these companies still intent on showing that ringing need not be 'pegged down' to what we know as the 'standard' methods. But these performances only serve to indicate to what extent ringers, in the mass, limit their practice. 'Standard methods' is an elastic term, which in the course of years has taken on a little wider meaning than the old idea of merely 'Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob,' but its scope is still restricted, and yet, despite the vast opportunities and choice offered to the ringers of to-day, the great majority in the Exercise are quite content to plod along in these well-worn paths. As a training ground, 'standard methods,' which means what everybody else rings or ought to ring, may be an excellent foundation, but to be satisfied with the limitations which the term imposes, marks a lack of enterprise that is little short of stagnation. 'Standard methods' has become almost a bondage.

One of the reasons why ringers seem to be tied to this small group of methods is that the older text books contemplated nothing beyond them, and at meetings, where ringers 'most do congregate,' effort is seldom made to introduce anything new. Just recently, in one or two cases, there has been a commendable endeavour to introduce something fresh, and we hope this practice will be greatly extended. After our recent appeal, a correspondent this week makes a suggestion for popularising good but little known methods. The Central Council some time ago published their book of Plain Major methods and contemplate another on Surprise methods in the near future—the work being already in manuscript. But the Plain Major book has not popularised any of the many good methods it includes, and we doubt if a comparatively expensive volume of Surprise methods will do anything much to get the best of them rung, except perhaps just once by those bands who make a hobby of ringing new methods. We need these pioneers to 'blaze the trail,' but to raise the general practice of ringing other than standard methods, something which will make a different appeal to the ordinary ringer is needed. The man who makes music a hobby does not content himself with playing just half a dozen tunes; he is constantly enlarging his repertory. The singer is not satisfied to go through life singing only two or three songs. He moves with the times, and out of the manifold material before him chooses constantly a new selection. The position

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of ringers is almost, if not quite, analogous. They have heaps of material; yet there are many who limit their practice throughout their ringing career to a mere handful of methods. Is it not time that they took a different view of their art and began to enlarge the field of methods with which they are familiar?

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Four Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON 1	Treble	HENRY G. MILLS 7
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2		JOSEPH MARKS 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 3		JOHN A. WAUGH 9
HARRY HOSKINS 4		ERNEST BRETT 10
FRANCIS W. CORNEY 5		ALFRED B. PECK 11
RAYMOND G. COUSINS 6		RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

ARTHUR H. HINGLEY 1	Treble	J. DENNIS HOLDEN 6
BERT HORTON 2		WILLIAM FISHER 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3		KENNETH W. KNOWLES 8
HAROLD SMITH 4		THOMAS J. ELTON 9
BARNABAS G. KEY 5		ALBERT J. HUBBLE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. George Hughes, for many years the esteemed conductor of the Wednesbury band, and to Sir Albert Pritchard, an ex-Mayor of Wednesbury and brother of a past Vicar of this church.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE BELL TOWER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

*EWART ANDREWS 1	Treble	JOHN C. PERKINS 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2		ARTHUR J. TAYLOR 7
GEORFREY J. HEMMING 3		†RALPH HARRIS 8
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON 4		†J. WILLIAM HEATH 9
JAMES HEMMING 5		†JOSEPH E. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the Rev. E. O. Burbidge, Vicar of Evesham, and an honorary member of the above association, following the interment in Evesham Cemetery.

MANCHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

KENNETH LEWIS 1	Treble	LIONEL CLOUGH 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2		DAVID VINCENT 7
JAMES FERNLEY 3		JOHN WORTH 8
JAMES A. MILNER 4		WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 9
HARRY PARKER 5		CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (290). Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Arranged for the conductor's 27th birthday.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	*LOUIS J. LOCEYER 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 2	†CHARLES J. FRAY 7
*ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 3	*REGINALD A. REED 8
*EDWARD T. GRIFFEN 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 9
GEORGE PRESTON 5	WILLIAM E. CHEATER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † 100th peal in the tower. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Barbara Moray-Williams, of North Stoneham, to Mr. Magnus Arsaal Arnison, of Raik-javik, Iceland, the well-known Icelandic painter, which took place at the above church earlier in the day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

JOHN CLARKE Treble	GEORGE CORNWALL 5
ERNEST F. SALMONS 2	WILLIAM POSTON 6
ALLEN E. GWYNNE 3	ALFRED T. POULTON 7
H. ERNEST COX 4	JOHN J. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

This peal was arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Ross, Preb. P. C. Barber, who was inducted to the living on February 8th.

IDLE, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in F.

FREDERICK SEAGER Treble	†THOMAS HILL 5
MISS MARY WHITE 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 6
KENNETH SIMPSON 3	WILLIAM FEATHER 7
*FRANK RAYMENT 4	HARRY DAVISON Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by HARRY DAVISON.

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

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN W. EUSTON Treble	HARRY HOSKINS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
*A. PATRICK CANNON 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
R. GORDON CROSS 4	JOSEPH MARKS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, February 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THORSTANS'.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	HARRY HARRIS 5
JOHN E. S. MORETON 2	ERNEST STONE 6
JAMES DRAYCOTT 3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH 7
MRS. A. H. BEAMISH 4	*WILLIAM BARRETT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung on the eve of the eleventh birthday of Freddie Stone, son of the ringer of the 6th, the youngest member of this belfry. Ringers of 2 and 6 have now 'completed the circle' of the tower.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	ALFRED PRIOR 5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
*REV. J. E. F. TREDBENNICK ... 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal on eight bells. A birthday compliment for Jessie Chaplin, aged 12, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFT AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF NEW GRANDSIRE & GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWARD T. BAILEY Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
*FREDERICK HANNINGTON 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
ALFRED W. HEATH 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

* First peal in two methods. This composition contains 2,520 changes of each method, with six changes of method, is in three equal parts, has the 24 4-6's, 7-4's and 6-7's at backstroke. It is now rung for the first time.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	†ERIC B. HARTLEY 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7
†ERNEST H. KILBY 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. J. LOCK.

* 100th peal on the bells. † First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. A. E. Smith, Vicar of the parish, who is leaving for St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF HERWARD BOB MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

RUSSELL W. CURSON ... Treble	CLIFFORD BIRD 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 6
PHILIP W. J. FRYER 3	HARRY TOOKE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First 'touch' in the method by all. First peal in the method on the bells and for the association. The 48-course composition is now rung for the first time.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	DEREK M. SHARP 6
*ALAN J. HOPPER 3	HARRY HOVED 7
ERNEST H. OXENHAM 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by DEREK M. SHARP.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

A DOUBLE BIRTHDAY.

At Heston, Middlesex, on Sunday, February 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: W. H. Stevens 1, H. G. Cooper 2, W. P. Ellingham 3, F. J. Cattermoul 4, H. C. Chandler 5, W. A. Lewis 6, G. S. Bird (conductor) 7, E. R. Gladman 8. A birthday compliment to W. H. Stevens and E. R. Gladman.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

STAFFORD H. GREEN Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

Rung, after meeting short for Cambridge Royal, on the 70th birthday of F. J. Lambert, father of the ringer of the 5th.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

HENRY WAIN Treble	ARTHUR H. EVERETT 5
*MISS ANNIE WHITE 2	HENRY BRADLEY 6
†JOHN GAYFORD 3	*EDWARD SITCH 7
LESLIE J. CLARK 4	*RICHARD C. CLARK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

* First peal of Oxford. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES A. LIZVITT Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
WILLIAM H. HOAD 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE 7
HARRY BAKER 4	JAMES G. POWELL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.

HUGHENDEN, HUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	ROLAND BIGGS 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	JESSE HARRISON 6
PERCY NEWTON 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
*FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	Cecil C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* 250th peal.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*HARRY PYE Treble	JOHN GRIFFITHS 5
*FRED HARTMAN 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
J. WILLIAM CLARKE 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

G. RONALD EDWARDS Treble	RICHARD F. ROE 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	COLIN HARRISON 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	*HARRY BOSWELL 7
*LESLIE W. STEVENS 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

* First in the method 'inside.' Arranged for Mr. H. Boswell, of Blakenhall, Wolverhampton.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt. in A flat.

HARRY RABBITT Treble	†THOMAS E. SONE 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	LUTHER J. HONESS 6
*DORIS E. COLGATE 3	WILLIAM BUTTON 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	ROBERT COLLINS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal on tower bells. † 50th peal of Triples. The two Toms' 100th peal together. Rung after meeting short for Major, Mr. Rabbitt kindly taking a rope at the last moment.

TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Campanile of the Church of St. Clement,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

ILKESTON VARIATION.	SIDNEY FLINT Treble	EDWARD GREENACRE 5
	JOHN W. T. WRIGHT 2	N. LAN GOLDEN 6
	WALLACE W. COUSINS 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON 7
	FRED WIGMORE 4	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDBEN.

First peal of its kind on the bells. The 20-course composition, with extent qualities, is now rung for the first time. This was Messrs. Claude Cousins' and Fred Wigmore's 50th peal together.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents each of Original, Reading and Stedman, and ten each of St. Simons', Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MISS ETHEL MARSHALL Treble	†CLIFFORD A. VESSEY 3
*MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 2	†LESLIE LUNN 4
	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

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

WELLAND, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDWARD MAUND Treble	FRANK LAWRENCE 4
CHARLES YOUNG 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
HARRY PRICE 3	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. Gunnell, who was interred at the above church that day.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob, seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD MAUND Treble	HARRY PRICE 4
JOHN THOMAS 2	CHARLES YOUNG 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

COTTENHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CENTRAL BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, seven callings. Tenor 16 cwt.
LAURIE NORFOLK 1 Treble ROBERT SMITH 4
STANLEY G. SHIPP 2 MANSFIELD GINN 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3 FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, February 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Double Court, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob and four 720's Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.
CHARLES E. FISHER 1 Treble ARTHUR R. SMITH 4
GEORGE R. FINCH 2 HENRY J. VINCE 5
JOE PREASTNER 3 ALDERMAN LING Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were overhauled.

EXTON, RUTLAND.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(RUTLAND BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Three Hours,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.
F. TOWELL 1 Treble K. RUSSELL 4
A. L. WARD 2 F. HUBBARD 5
GEO. GEARY 3 J. H. BLUFF Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

First peal in seven methods by all the band.

WORDSLEY, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
J. BASS 1 Treble * B. LAWTON 4
J. SOUTHALL 2 P. C. RICHARDS 5
J. H. PAGETT 3 H. KIRKHAM Tenor

Conducted by J. H. PAGETT.

First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Southall, a 21st birthday compliment to his son Ron, and a birthday compliment to Miss Margaret Pagett, niece of the conductor.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.
WALTER D. TAYLOR 1 Treble WILLIAM DUDLEY 4
HARRY TURNER 2 ALBERT NORTH 5
LESLIE H. THRIFT 3 FRANK B. LOPKIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK B. LOPKIN.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT RELFE 1 Treble ARTHUR F. LEWERY 4
GILBERT AVIS 2 WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 5
FRANK H. HICKS 3 ARTHUR J. HART Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of the Rector, the Rev. A. C. Dudley Ryder.

WANSTROW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Lightfoot, Wearmouth, York, Durham, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.
P. N. G. RAINEY 1 Treble HENRY J. SANGER 4
NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2 RONALD G. BECK 5
KENNETH FORD 3 JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by R. G. BACK.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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.
HERBERT L. HARLOW 1 Treble PERCY TOMPKINS 4
REGINALD WEST 2 LEWIS H. BYWATERS 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3 HERBERT SHERMAN Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung and retuned by John Taylor and Co., the 'go' being excellent.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At ALVERSTONE, WALSINGHAM ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MRS. E. K. FLETCHER 1-2 JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MISS AMY JOHNSON 3-4 GEORGE W. FLETCHER 7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire—J. Parker.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

READING BRANCH OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Reading on Saturday, February 15th, was well attended. In addition to members of the branch, visitors came from Somerset, Slough, Oxford, Norwich, Newbury, High Wycombe, Abingdon, Slough, Cookham, Farnham Royal and Twyford.

The bells of the Churches of St. Laurence, St. Mary and St. Giles were utilised from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., all the usual standard methods being rung from Stedman and Grandsire Doubles to Cinques, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. A service was held in St. Laurence's Church, at which the address was given by the Rev. Sherwood, Rector of Tilehurst. This was followed by tea at St. Mary's Church House, to which 66 sat down.

The business meeting was presided over by Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Master of the Guild, in the absence of Dr. Joyce, the chairman of the branch, through illness. All the officers of the branch were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Dr. Joyce; secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. G. Foster; auditors, Messrs. Cullum and Wiggins; representatives to the General Committee of the Guild, Messrs. Humphrey, Swain and Runham.

The secretary reported an increased balance of £7 ls. 9d., with membership about the same.

The meeting agreed to admit the Burghfield tower to the branch, and also voted a grant of £5 5s. to the fund for the restoration of Tilehurst bells.

Quarterly meetings were fixed for Burghfield, Checkendon and Tilehurst.

The meeting expressed its regret at the absence of the chairman, and the secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy, with wishes for a speedy recovery.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. J. Hands, who had been a ringer at Caversham tower for 53 years.

The meeting was addressed by the Guild officials present, Canon Coleridge (Master), the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master), Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary).

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. Sherwood for the address, to Canon Coleridge for presiding, to the Vicars of St. Laurence's, St. Giles' and St. Mary's for the use of the bells, and to Mr. P. Dyke for so ably serving the tea.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

EXCELLENT SUPPORT FOR MONTHLY MEETING.

Once again, ringers from all parts of the county flocked to Bulkington for a monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild on Saturday last. The fact that Bulkington is well situated, coupled with the excellent welcome always extended to visitors, makes the meetings at this village among the most enjoyable held by the Guild.

Members were delighted to see the Rev. J. E. Wigram, from Leamington Hastings, together with three of his ringers. They have just had their bells restored, and the newly-formed band is making excellent headway. The Guild are looking forward to enrolling them all as members before very long.

The bells were raised soon after three o'clock, and from then until tea-time were kept going in a variety of methods. Rounds and touches in the simpler methods were rung for the most part for the sake of the less proficient.

The usual high standard was maintained by Mrs. Hinde and other ladies, who had prepared the tea, and in spite of a rather larger number turning up than had been expected, no one was allowed to go hungry. Close on 40 ringers and their friends were present, representing the following towers: Allesley, Exhall, Coventry, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Bulkington, Arley, Stoke, Bedworth, Wolvey, Leamington Hastings and Shilton.

The secretary mentioned the death, at the age of 83, of Mr. George Over, of Rugby. He had been an honorary life member of the Guild since 1908, and was a keen supporter of all church organisations. As a mark of respect, the company stood in silence for a few moments.

Further ringing took place on the tower bells in the evening until a late hour.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

BIG ATTENDANCE AT BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Basingstoke District, held at Basingstoke, was attended by 75 members, the following towers being represented: Basingstoke, Oakley, Yateley, Silchester, Overton, Sherfield-on-Lodden, Baughurst, Rotherwick, Wootton, Bramley, Odiham and Upton Grey. Visitors were present from North Stoneham, Bishopstoke, Highclere and St. Mary Bourne, and Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Guild, was a very welcome guest.

Service was held in St. Michael's Church, the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Chute, M.A.) conducting the service and preaching an interesting sermon. He extended a welcome to all the ringers and remarked that he thought bellringing was one of the arts connected with the Church that was most precious and was a great force in the country.

Tea was served in Church Cottage, and the Rev. G. H. Jendwine, R.D., presided at the meeting which followed.

Major J. D. Stillwell (hon. district secretary), of Yateley, extended a hearty welcome to the Rev. A. W. Chute, and, in presenting his report, revealed a very satisfactory state of affairs.

The officers elected were: The Rev. G. H. Jendwine, chairman; Major J. D. Stillwell, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. C. Ostler, Ringing Master; Messrs. J. Chesterman and H. Balam, representatives on the Executive Committee of the Guild; Mr. G. Ives, auditor. Quarterly meetings were fixed for Sherborne St. John on April 17th, Yateley on July 10th, and Upton Grey on September 25th.

Ringling continued until 8 o'clock, and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Surprise.

A FAKENHAM CEREMONY.

DEDICATION OF MEMORIAL PEAL BOARD.

A large number of ringers visited Fakenham to attend the dedication of a peal board to commemorate and record a peal of St. Clement's Major rung half-muffled on the church bells as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. P. T. Cooke, formerly for over 39 years a ringer at this tower and latterly of Peterborough.

The beautifully designed board was of selected oak panelled with letters, left raised in sunk panels, decorated and ornamented in style, with neatly carved raised framing and surmounted with the symbol shield of SS. Peter and Paul, and carved large and small bells. The board was the work of Mr. Flint, of Dersingham, who rang the treble bell in the peal.

An appropriate service was arranged and many other friends attended. Mrs. F. Cooke (widow), with Mr. and Mrs. Jorden (son-in-law and daughter), came specially from Peterborough to attend the ceremony and, in addition, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Dersingham, and other relatives were present. The Rector (Dr. E. F. Morison), who conducted the service, made appreciative reference in accepting the board on behalf of the church, and paid tribute to the work of the late Mr. Cooke and his interest, love and time given in the science of change ringing.

After the service the board was hung on the walls in the belfry and the bells were rung during the day.

An excellent tea, to which about 40 sat down, by kind invitation, was provided in the Rectory basement room, and at the close complimentary speeches were made. Praise was accorded to Mr. Flint for his work, and he suitably replied. Hearty thanks were accorded to the ladies and helpers with the tea.

Ringers were present from the following towers: Walsoken, King's Lynn, Dersingham, Gressenhall, North Elmham, Gaywood, Wiveton, Terrington, Brinningham, Bodham, Foulsham and the local company.

FOR BEGINNERS.

FROM KENT TO OXFORD TREBLE BOB.

One of the first Treble Bob methods was Oxford. It came into being long before Kent, which, when it was first introduced, was known as 'New' Treble Bob.

Oxford, especially on the higher numbers, is not, in these days, rung anything like as frequently as is Kent, but in six-bell ringing it forms a very useful contribution to the seven-method peal, which is the least that six-bell ringers should aim at.

To those who can ring Kent Treble Bob, the Oxford method is comparatively easy to learn. Actually it is merely a reversal of the bells in 3-4. Here are figures (at the first lead of the treble) which will show this:—

Kent	Oxford
231546	241536
213456	214356
123465	123465
214356	213456
124365	124365
142635	142635
412653	416253
146235	146235
416253	416253
461523	421563

The reversal of the bells in 3-4, however, leads to some essential differences in the work, but first of all let us look at the similarities of the two methods. All the dodging is precisely the same (though not always, in corresponding places, with the same bells). There is also a 'slow' work common to both methods—the whole pull at lead and 2nd's place alternately from the time the treble leaves the front until it returns—and this slow work is done by the bells in the same order.

Another important point in the relationship of the two methods from the conductor's point of view is that the compositions of one method run true to the other.

And now the differences in the work of the method.

In Kent we had this:

Pass the treble in 2-3, make 3rd's and 4th's and go up.

Dodge with the treble in 1-2, coming out of 'slow,' make 3rd's and 4th's and go up.

In Oxford, each of these bells makes 4th's only and goes back to lead.

Pass the treble in 2-3, make 4th's and go down into the 'slow.'

Dodge with the treble in 1-2, make 4th's and go down to lead.

In Kent, after passing the treble in 4-5 or dodging in 5-6 up with the treble, make 4th's and 3rd's on the way down.

In Oxford both these bells make 3rd's only and go back up to dodge in 5-6.

Briefly, the two bells going up make 4th's and go back; the two bells going down after the treble make 3rd's and go up.

A bob in Oxford Treble Bob causes both the 3rd's places to be made by the same bell, but with a 4th's place (the actual bob) between. Thus the bell that has to make the bob dodges in 5-6 up with treble, follows it down, makes 3rd's, 4th's and 3rd's (a whole pull in each place) and goes up in front of the treble. It comes into the 'slow' work the next lead.

The conductor should note that, while in Kent the bell that is going into the 'slow' comes down behind the treble, in Oxford the next bell to go into the 'slow' is the bell that comes down in front of the treble. That is important to remember when he is calling from a non-observation bell.

Touches of Oxford can be called like touches of Kent, and here is another 720 which will go to either method, without bringing the 'tenors' (5 and 6) up the wrong way at a lead end; in other words, whenever they are together when the treble leads they strike in their natural order, 5-6, at backstroke.

Last week's 720 was: Call the 6th In, Out and In three times. The other 720 is: Call the 5th Out, In and Out three times. If, for this latter, you want to make the 6th the observation bell, you can do so by calling it to make the Bob in the first course, and then call it twice Wrong (successive leads) in the 2nd course; and repeat twice.

The bell that makes the bob in Oxford is the one that dodged in 5-6 up with the treble and the call can be made as it strikes its first blow in 3rd's place. Contrary to Kent, in which the places are made the 'wrong' way (backstroke and handstroke), the places in Oxford are made the 'right' way (handstroke and backstroke).

To call a bell 'Wrong' in Oxford or Kent Treble Bob causes it to have an extra double dodge in 5-6 up, and the call comes in the lead when the bell has dodged in 3-4 up with the treble.

A HALF-PEAL AT BISHOP'S STORTFORD.

At St. Michael's Parish Church, Bishop's Stortford, on Thursday, February 4th, the first five-parts of Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes) were rung in 1 hour 41 minutes: Miss D. Wacey 1, H. Bird 2, S. Brookes 3, H. M. White 4, F. Bird (conductor) 5, H. A. Wacey 6, E. Ansell 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Longest touch by the ringers 1, 2, 7, 8. The half-peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. A. Wacey.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**CORONATION PEALS.**

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Fenton on Saturday, February 6th. Thirty-four ringers were present from Bucknall, Cheadle, Draycott, Fenton, Hanley, Kidsgrove, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Stone, Stoke, Tunstall and Wistan-ton. Tea, served in the Church Hall, was kindly given by the Fenton ringers.

The Rev. J. Howse (Vicar of Fenton) extended a very hearty welcome to all present, and went on to say that he learnt to ring a bell a number of years ago, but had lost touch of ringing. North Staffordshire would welcome a few more ringing parsons, as there was only one, the Rev. J. B. Prith (Rector of Swynnerton).

Two new members were elected, J. Lawson, of Tunstall, and W. Fradley, of Bucknall.

A committee meeting was held after tea, with Mr. Thomas Hurd in the chair, supported by Mr. Andrew Thompson (hon. secretary) and Mr. Kenneth Thacker (assistant hon. secretary). The secretary presented a report, stating that the meeting had been called to arrange peals for the Coronation of King George VI. He would like all towers who can ring a peal on Wednesday, May 12th, to do so, and he thought the following should be able to do so: Leek, Stoke, Biddulph, Bucknall, Kingsley, Norton and Stone, and most probably Fenton, Uttoxeter, Burslem and Kidsgrove. He hoped arrangements would be made at that meeting for peals to be rung on Saturday, May 15th, or Monday, May 17th, which was a holiday, at Hanley, Tunstall, Brown Edge, Swynnerton, Longton, Silverdale, Walstanton, Rocester and Draycott. Arrangements had been made for a peal to be rung at Newcastle later in May. The following towers had promised to attempt peals on Wednesday, May 12th: Kingsley, Stone, Kidsgrove, Norton and Hanley.

Mr. C. H. Page promised to arrange two peals, and Mr. J. E. Wheeldon proposed that all peals rung in May should be recognised as Coronation peals, and that further arrangements be left to the discretion of the ringers.

A proposal to hold an annual dinner was discussed. It was pointed out by the secretary that only two dinners had taken place, one in 1911, and the other, the jubilee dinner, held in 1933. He thought it was most essential for an association to hold a social evening once a year.

Mr. A. W. Hall thought a dinner would probably help to get younger ringers to take a more active part in the association's work.

It was proposed by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, seconded by Mr. C. H. Page, that representatives should inquire at their towers to see if the proposal met with approval.

CORNISH BELLS RECAST.**POUGHILL PLEASED WITH NEW PEAL.**

The delightful and unspoiled village of Poughill, situate midway between Bude and Stratton, North Cornwall, celebrated in true style the dedication of its recast ring of six bells on Saturday, February 20th. The Lord Bishop of Barking (Dr. J. T. Inskip) performed the ceremony.

The bells have been silent since May, 1935, when it was found that the old frame was unequal to the strain placed upon it, and that the bells themselves were in a poor condition. On Saturday the new bells made up for lost time and they were tried 'true and proper.' The ringing was of a very mixed character, rising and falling in peal predominating. One or two 'scientific' hands managed to get made up and were allowed to have a pull.

All who were conversant with the old peal commented upon the vast improvement in the tone and 'go,' but such improvement is expected when Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are entrusted with a job of this sort.

The 2nd and tenor are the oldest bells in the peal. They bear the inscription: 'IP x CP 1790. Digory Jose, Vicar. John Bray and Thomas Taylor, Churchwardens.'

The 3rd and 4th were recast in 1861 by John Warner and Sons.

The treble was cast in 1907 by Llewellyn and James and inscribed, 'T. W. Lemon, D.D., Oxon., Vicar. S. Prouse, Churchwarden. Maria Somes, of Annery House, N. Devon, Lady Patron.' There was a similar inscription on the 5th, also recast in 1907, but dating originally from the 18th century.

Each of the bells now also contains a reference to the recent work done by the firm of John Taylor and Co.

An entirely new all-metal bell frame has been erected to carry the bells, which have been provided with the latest type of bell fittings. Ringing is still carried on from the ground floor, but as the draught of rope is not exceptionally long it is a comfortable place to ring at.

The weight of the old tenor at Poughill was 9½ cwt.; the weight of the new tenor is 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Following the dedication service, tea was provided in the Village Hall at a very moderate cost of sixpence, but the meal did not interfere with the ringing, as bands could go in and out according to the ringing programme.

A number of visiting ringers also took the opportunity of visiting Stratton, where permission to ring had been obtained.

Owing to a misunderstanding in connection with a service, ringing at Poughill was curtailed, but it enabled the visitors to find out that Stratton bells have lost nothing by usage.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rector of Maresfield, Sussex, the Rev. A. C. Dudley Ryder, has just celebrated his 90th birthday, and on Saturday a peal in honour of the event was rung at the Parish Church. The Rector met the ringers after the peal and entertained them to tea. It had been intended to attempt Cambridge Surprise, but, meeting short, Bob Minor had to be substituted, Mr. G. Avis standing in at a moment's notice.

The augmenting of the ring of six at Llanfrecchfa is being done, but the dedication will not take place until after Easter.

The tenor bell of Ightham Church (Kent) has been repaired by welding specialists three times, and on each occasion it has again become cracked. The bell has now to be recast. This bell is dated 1620 and was cast by John Witnar.

There will be no more ringing at St. John's, Cardiff, for a time. The tower is undergoing repairs.

The two back bells of the ring of eight at St. Peter's, Carmarthen, have been put on ball bearings.

A SECRETARY'S 25 YEARS' SERVICE.

PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO MR. C. T. COLES.

In October, 1935, Mr. C. T. Coles completed 25 years' service as a secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, and it is proposed to mark this by giving him a testimonial at the annual meeting of the association, to be held on April 17th.

There must be hundreds of ringers throughout the country who will be glad of this opportunity of showing their respect and affection for Mr. Coles, who has not only done a vast amount of work for his association, but has devoted himself to furthering the art in many directions, including long service on the Central Council. All who would like to contribute to the testimonial should send their donations to Mr. W. H. Hollier, hon. treasurer, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4, or Mr. E. C. S. Turner, hon. secretary, 65, Kingsley Avenue, West Ealing, W.13. The other members of the committee are Messrs. J. A. Trollope and G. W. Fletcher (vice-presidents of the association), G. R. Goodship, G. M. Kilby and T. J. Lock.

TO POPULARISE NEW METHODS.

A SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I suggest that the most practical way to popularise new methods is for the Methods Committee to pick out a number of methods of special value, chosen for musical and other suitable reasons, and recommend these for adoption as 'standard methods,' as additions to, or in place of, the existing standard methods.

These should then be universally rung by the associations at meetings, and thus give ringers a chance to learn and ring them. At present, with the exception of a few isolated instances, the opportunities of ringing these methods are practically nil for both old or young ringers. I believe this would also add to the attractiveness of meetings to many who are just a little tired of ringing the same old methods meeting after meeting with nothing of fresh interest.

I quite realise, of course, that it is not an easy task, but as there seems to be a new type of ringer coming into existence who is willing at least to try something besides the old, if he gets the opportunity, it is worth while endeavouring to give it him, and at the same time show appreciation of the immense amount of work done by the producers of these new methods.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

Church, Lancs.

SUGGESTED MEMORIAL TO LATE REV. B. H. T. DRAKE.

ELY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS OFFER SUPPORT.

A meeting of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association, held at Chatteris, offered to support a scheme for a memorial to the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. There was only a moderate attendance early, but Mr. A. J. Abram, on behalf of the local company, gave the members a warm welcome. Some good practice took place. Tea was partaken of in St. Peter's Hall, after which a short business meeting was held, Mr. F. W. Thulbon, Ringing Master, presiding.

The question of a proposed memorial to the late general secretary, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, was discussed, and the meeting decided that 'should the Central Council prefer to do anything of this kind (the rev. gentleman was their librarian), members of this branch would support such a suggestion at the annual general meeting of this association.'

'GRAN'FERS' CELEBRATE.

On Friday, February 5th, two members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild became grandfathers, and to celebrate the event the 'omit' 504 Stedman Triples was rung on the back eight of St. Laurence's, Reading: E. Humfrey 1, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 2, C. Pullen 3, G. Foster 4, H. Smith 5, L. Sadler 6, W. Hibbert 7, Grandad E. J. Foster 8. This should have been a good touch of Stedman Cinques, but owing to the inclement weather the tower was far from full. The other 'Granfer' (ex-Sergt.-Major W. Hibbert, R.I.A.) celebrated at East Ilsley. However, at both places the two daughters were 'toasted' and wished a long and happy life.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**STALWARTS AND YOUNGSTERS AT WESTERN BRANCH MEETING.**

The Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held its first meeting of the year at Wychbold, near Droitwich, last Saturday, in cold but fair weather. The church is situated upon a seam of salt, which is causing some concern about the safety of the church in the future, owing to the tremendous amount of brine pumped out of the earth by the salt works at Stoke. The ground in several places has sunk, and Judge Amphlett's home, not far distant, has been condemned for this reason, but up to the present no serious cracks have appeared in the church's fabric.

The bells, recently rehung by Taylor's, are handy and light, and were made good use of by about fifty members present, including very welcome visitors from Clent, Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, Smethwick and Coventry. A gratifying feature was the presence of many of the new recruits gained last year, and these were given ample opportunities by the Branch Ringing Master. To see treble and tenor ringers on an 'inside' bell certainly justified the time given to these new members, and, as many of them are now taking 'The Ringing World,' they will doubtless read this report and may be assured of similar treatment at future meetings. The more advanced members, besides getting a 'kick' out of their efforts in helping the learners, relieved the tedium of Doubles by touches of Cambridge, Double Oxford and St. Clement's.

A short service, fully choral, was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Gibbs), who gave a very interesting address on the lines familiar at these meetings. It was pleasing to note the presence in church of the Rev. A. H. Lewis, Vicar of St. Peter's, Droitwich, and an honorary member, who was accompanied by Mrs. Lewis. The Parochial Church Council very generously provided the tea, which was served at The Croft at the kind invitation of Miss C. E. Mule, the Vicarage Room being too small to accommodate both ringers and the choir.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presided and was supported by Mr. W. Short (Master of the association), Messrs. C. Camm (Branch Ringing Master), G. E. Large (branch secretary) and W. Ranford (Central Committee). Apologies were tendered for Mr. E. P. Thomas (vice-president) and Mr. E. Barber (auditor).

One life, one honorary life member, four honorary and twelve performing members were elected.

Mr. Short proposed that the quarterly peal be rung at Wychbold, and to include as many of the local ringers as were capable, emphasising the need of encouraging local bands. Mr. W. H. Raxter was appointed conductor.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Longdon, where, Mr. Camm said, there would be an opportunity to get a newly-formed band to join the association.

The rest of the business was of a routine character and soon disposed of, after which Mr. Short thanked the Vicar, choir, organist, ladies and the local band for the part they had all played in making the meeting so enjoyable. The secretary, in seconding this, said it had been a pleasure to arrange this meeting, and he had had his task made easy by the willingness and co-operation of all the kind friends at Wychbold.

The close of the meeting brought an old member, Mr. E. F. Spalding, to pay his 37th subscription, and mention may be made of some other 'old-timers' present—Tom Elcox, of Areyley Kings, Charlie Smith, of Dodderhill, and Tom Davies, of Droitwich, the last of whom, with George Green, having overcome many difficulties and setbacks, has now a promising band of eight youngsters. On the homeward journey one was set pondering over the activities of these stalwarts through the years, remembering with pleasure that they, along with others whose names are more familiar, are still with us to inspire, by their loyal service to the association, those who have similar paths to tread.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS' GIFT TO CHURCH.**SCREEN IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE AT NORTH STONEHAM.**

A handsome west screen has been erected in North Stoneham Church, Hants, by Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, in memory of his wife. The dedication ceremony was performed by the Rector, the Rev. F. J. Peile, M.A., on Sunday, February 21st, in the presence of a large congregation.

The screen is of dark oak, designed by Mr. E. A. Young, to harmonise with the fixtures of the ancient building, and it takes the place of the curtains which hitherto inadequately served to screen the ringing chamber from the nave of the church. It is a valuable addition to the comfort of the ringers, as those who took part in Saturday's peal of Treble Ten and in the service ringing on Sunday were quick to testify.

The work of erection was carried out by Mr. James Parker, of Edmonton, who was a welcome visitor at the weekly practice during his stay in Eastleigh, and assisted in ringing Cambridge from Minor to Royal, Superlative and London: a full programme for one night, especially as the learners had their turn as well.

It will be remembered that Mr. and Mrs. Williams gave the two trebles to North Stoneham Church to commemorate their golden wedding.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**LARGE ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual general meeting of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, February 13th. Ringing took place in the afternoon at St. Leonard's, Shore-ditch, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Clement Dances. A splendid service followed at St. Clement Dances, the preacher being the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Stepney, who had a congregation of ringers numbering about 100 persons. He took for his text 1st Cor. x. 31: 'Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.' The Bishop began by saying that bellringers gathered together in the love of art. Ringing, like all other arts, had its foundation in and was dependent on the Christian religion. In the earliest days artists were inspired by a religious motive, as shown by the fact that they invariably depicted Biblical subjects. He emphasised that ringers likewise should dedicate their endeavours to the glory of God. In his experience of bellringers one of the greatest joys they possessed was that wonderful gift of friendship. The trouble to-day abroad was due to suspicion caused by lack of comradeship, and in times of distrust between nations the world is sorely in need of the human touch and the drawing together in real live friendship. He begged all ringers to spread abroad the spirit of goodwill and comradeship.

Tea was taken at a nearby restaurant, at which 72 members sat down. Afterwards some adjourned to St. Clement's for more ringing; others stayed behind to hear handbell ringing by various parties.

The business meeting in the Parish Room followed. Four new members were elected and the election of six others ratified. The presentation of accounts by one of the auditors revealed a satisfactory position, the year finishing with a small balance of income over expenditure. The accounts were adopted. The records of 16 peals rung last year were accepted and will be sent to peal writer.

The report on the year's progress and position was given by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), who referred to the satisfactory practices both at St. Clement's and Lambeth. There was, however, still room for further advancement. The peals rung during the year showed that 49 persons had taken part.

Respect was paid to those members who had passed away during the year by the meeting standing in silence.

The secretary (Mr. T. W. Taffender) said he was disappointed not to have the annual report for sale that evening, as the printer could not get them ready in time. After explaining the contents of and the work involved in compiling the report, he said he would be glad if members could encourage the sale of them at the small charge of sixpence, which would only cover cost of production on this the original production.—The election of officers, which usually causes some amusement and waste of time, was on this occasion soon disposed of, as the officials were all re-elected as follows: Master, T. H. Taffender; secretary, T. W. Taffender; assistant secretaries, F. E. Hawthorne and N. H. Manning; treasurer, E. A. Young; stewards, T. Wyatt and P. Carter; trustees, A. H. Keighley and F. E. Dawe.

Dissatisfaction was expressed concerning the demolition of All Hallows' Church, Lombard Street, E.C., and the removal of the bells. The secretary pointed out that the authorities had been written to, but no reply had been received. It was hoped that the bells would be hung in a tower sufficiently strong to enable them to be rung for service.

Votes of thanks were recorded for the arrangements of the day, especially at St. Clement's and the other towers where ringing had taken place.

As there was only one band prepared to enter the handbell contest for the Dawe Cup, another band was summoned from a local tower in order to make a contest. The bands then completed their methods, and the result from the three judges was soon forthcoming. They decided that the contest was a draw. The evening concluded with some Grandioso Cinques by the brigade from Dartford ringing four bells each.

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POLICE RINGERS VISIT LIVERPOOL.

NATIONAL GUILD HOLD THEIR ANNUAL MEETING.

Reception by Lord Mayor.

The annual meeting of the National Police Guild was held in Liverpool on Saturday, February 13th, the following forces being represented: Metropolitan, Manchester City, Leicester City, Birmingham City, Cardiff City, Liverpool City, Reigate Borough, Bolton Borough, Northampton County, Lancashire County and Leicester County.

Visitors commenced to arrive about 10 a.m., with the exception of the Metropolitan 'early birds,' who, having travelled throughout the night, were already on the scene of action. The bells of St. Francis Xavier's Roman Catholic Church, Salisbury Street, were rung to various methods until about noon, and then a move was made to the Bear's Paw Restaurant, in Lord Street, for luncheon. The Guild were honoured by the presence of Mr. A. K. Wilson, Chief Constable of Liverpool; the Rev. D. Raiton, Rector of Liverpool; the Rev. A. Scott, of Bolton, the president of the Lancashire Association; Mr. W. H. Shaker, hon. secretary of the association; and Mr. G. R. Newton. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. O. J. B. Cole (Chief Constable of Leicester), Supt. W. Green (Deputy Chief Constable of Oxfordshire), Supt. A. Wiggins (Deputy Chief Constable of Berkshire), Supt. C. P. Hilton (Surrey County), and other members of the Guild.

After luncheon, the president of the Guild, Supt. F. R. Williams, Manchester City, extended a welcome to the guests. Suitable replies were made by the Rev. D. Raiton and Mr. A. K. Wilson. The latter said he knew nothing about bellringing, but he was very interested in a course of Grandsire Triples rung on the handbells shortly afterwards.

An official reception was given by the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Alderman Denton, and the Lady Mayoress at the Town Hall at 3 p.m. In welcoming the Guild, Alderman Denton referred to the important part to be played by bellringers in the forthcoming celebrations for the Coronation, and appealed to all ringers to do all they could to make the celebrations successful.

The president of the Guild replied on behalf of the Guild members and the Rev. D. Raiton for the ringers of Liverpool. A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung on the handbells by members of the Manchester City and Leicester City Forces, followed by the tunes 'Blue Bells of Scotland' and 'Drink to me only.' The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were very interested in the ringing.

VISIT TO NEW CATHEDRAL.

A visit then followed to the new Cathedral. Canon Soulsby very kindly conducted the party through the Cathedral and explained in detail the various parts of it. Truly a magnificent building now, but what a pleasure in store for those who may be able to see it completed.

Tea was partaken of at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, after which the business meeting of the Guild was held.

The following officers were re-elected: Supt. F. R. Williams, Manchester City, president; ex-Chief Inspector W. Bottrill, Metropolitan Police, vice-president; Inspector H. J. Poole, Leicester City, hon. secretary and treasurer; Sergt. H. G. Jenney, Leicester City, auditor. The following members constitute the committee: Sergt. H. G. Jenney, Leicester City; P.C. N. Bagworth, Metropolitan; P.C. D. Brown, Manchester City; P.C. E. C. Birkett, Liverpool City; ex-Sergt. W. Dowling, Birmingham City; ex-Sergt. A. Lawrence, Herts County; ex-P.C. F. Page, Manchester City; and ex-P.C. W. Clayton, Reigate Borough.

Congratulations of the Guild were extended to Supt. F. R. Williams on the recent honour conferred upon him in receiving the King's Police Medal.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the Guild in February, 1938, at Nottingham.

Ringings afterwards took place on the peal of twelve bells at St. Nicholas' Church until about 8 p.m., and then a return was made to the Bear's Paw Restaurant for the social evening. Entertainment was provided by P.C.s Frankland and Hughes (Liverpool City), P.C. W. Pye (Manchester City), ex-Sergt. W. Dowling (Birmingham), Mr. S. Jones, Mr. B. Lloyd and Mr. Frost (Liverpool). Selections on the handbells were rendered very effectively by Mr. I. Booth and Miss Booth, of Standish, near Wigan, Miss F. A. Poole, the Guild secretary's sister, accompanying on the piano.

The thanks of the Guild are due to Chief Inspector J. Meldrum and P.C.s E. C. Birkett and T. R. Butler, of the Liverpool City Force, for the excellent arrangements which were made. Also to Mr. G. R. Newton and other members of the Lancashire Association who assisted in any way to the making of such a successful meeting and enjoyable day.

THE LEICESTER PARTY'S EXPERIENCES.

The Leicester contingent, writes a correspondent, met at 7 a.m. and all reported promptly, with the exception of one 'Raw-son of a Gun,' renowned, apparently, for punctuality. The party numbered 24 and included the 'ever-present,' dare we say 'evergreen,' 'F. H. D.' The journey commenced in good style in a specially reserved saloon, and soon the handbells were tinkling (tinkling's right) with tunes and changes. After a time, it was obvious that more than one member of the handbell band was interested in scenery, and on reaching Derbyshire it was a case of 'all eyes on deck' for 'Abraham's

Heights.' Either something was amiss with our look-out or the heights had been lowered, because nothing was seen of them. Someone suggested that there was a famous mill in the district, but we neither saw the 'Mill' nor the stream.

On reaching Ambergate we were officially received by a representative of the L.M. and S. Railway Co., a porter aged 14 years, who rubbed his ear against the saloon window in an effort to hear more of the bells. Judging by the wagging of his ears and the astonished look upon his face, he had never heard anything so weird before. He handed his cap through the window to receive a collection made for him and his face fairly 'lit up' as we left him on the platform.

Please note that this 'lit-up' has no connection with the 'lit-up' in the 'Dexter Code.'

During this time a member of the 'solo' school had been making steady progress, and it was a question whether or not he would require a 'Carter' to carry off the bunce. 'The Unlucky Old Soldier' was in the school again.

We arrived at Liverpool in good time and made our way to St. Francis Xavier's Church, Salisbury Street. The next spectacle we observed was a Guild member and another ringer, quite tall enough for a policeman ('no names, no packdrill'), trying all the doors of a licensed house. Their efforts were in vain. Cries of 'Shame' from the crowd. 'Open doors' was not until 11.30 a.m. and it was now only 11.28 a.m.! This time they certainly were not 'Lit-up,' but very much 'Blacked-out.'

Our next concern was the luncheon delay. A complete party was missing and the only news of them was that they had gone to ring at a church a few miles out of Liverpool. When they did arrive no one would wear the blame, and the only reasonable excuse forthcoming was that the church in question had been moved further from Liverpool.

SEVEN IN A TAXI FOR FOUR.

If there was one thing more than another we all wanted to see it was the famous Mersey Tunnel. The following is an account of one of the parties: During our visit to the new Cathedral one female excursionist mentioned to a policeman on duty outside the Cathedral that we wanted to go through the tunnel. He made no more to do than order at once a taxi. Maybe he was on commission. Anyhow a great struggle followed; half the party in the Cathedral and waiting to see more of that and the other half outside marking time on the taxi driver. Poor Fred (not Dexter this time) was the runner between the parties, pleading to each for a mutual settlement. Eventually we all assembled at the taxi. Now for another calamity—taxi to hold four persons and seven in the party. After some argument the taxi driver exclaimed, really as a last hope, 'Well if you don't mind the crush, I don't.' In we all pushed. What a crowd. Poor Fred could neither stand up nor sit down. When he did eventually get down he appeared to make room for three more. We could hear the springs playing a tune on the back axle as we went bouncing through the streets. The next trouble was a scarcity of fresh air, but fortunately we were able to get a window open before the tunnel entrance was reached. Someone said, 'What a pity the Roes are not here.' Surely a misunderstanding; we were going under the Mersey, not over it—no rowing needed. For the benefit of those who have not visited the tunnel, it may be well to explain that there is a lane for slow traffic and one for fast traffic in each direction through the tunnel. What a scream went up as the driver cautiously entered the lane for 'Slow traffic.' Never a better example of 'safety first.'

After the wonderful experience of the tunnel we wanted to return to the cafe for tea. Then came a guessing competition for the name of the cafe. We knew it was something to do with an animal's foot, 'Cow-heel' was one suggestion. 'Sheep's trotter' another, and in despair someone shouted 'The Boar's Head.' It's something to do with a poor bear. Ah! 'Bears Paw,' that's it. The taxi driver landed us back safely and no one enjoyed the trip more than he did.

We fully enjoyed the evening's entertainment, but had to leave before the finish. Another 'hold-up.' One of our Freds put on a coat—not his own. Unfortunately, it was not nearly so good as his own—hence the delay for the change.

The journey home was enjoyed in various ways. Solo school, handbell band and the 'shut-eye' party. Leicester was reached about 3 a.m. all well satisfied with the splendid day.

One important item missed. F. H. D. did not ring on the peal of twelve, but this time it was not our fault, but his. If he admits it, it must be so.

PASSING OF A HAMPSHIRE VETERAN.

The death took place at New Alresford, Hants, on February 10th, of Mr. Edwin Knight, after a short illness, at the age of 84 years. He had been connected with the bells for nearly the whole of his life and for many years was captain of the local band. He was not a change ringer, but he loved and took especial pride in the church bells and was a most regular attendant at Sunday service ringing. No one was more delighted than he when the recent restoration of the bells was completed.

He was laid to rest on Saturday, February 13th, and many of his old friends gathered to ring a muffled farewell. The whole nill and stand was rung 84 times by the local band, assisted by Mr. G. Noice, district secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

THREE GENERATIONS.

THE HARRISON FAMILY AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

In our last issue we recorded a peal of Bob Major in which three generations of yet another family took part together. Geoffrey Harrison, aged 13, rang with his father and grandfather. This photograph of them was taken in the ringing room at the Bell Foundry tower.

Mr. Robert Harrison began his ringing career at the Parish Church, Sheffield; this was whilst still in his teens, in 1888,

It was natural for Geoffrey to accompany his father into the Foundry Campanile on practice nights, and at nine years of age he could handle any of the ten bells there. He was determined to ring a peal before he was thirteen, and fate nearly intervened to prevent this—a week before he was thirteen Geoffrey was laid up with the 'flu, and then his father started with the same symptoms, which seemed to put 'paid' to any idea of getting the peal. However, they pulled round in time to make the attempt and score on January 27th, as has been previously recorded.

There had been the thought of including 'Grandad,' but there was a little doubt as to whether Geoffrey would have the stamina to stand



THREE GENERATIONS OF THE HARRISON FAMILY.

and since then he has been associated with the Cathedral and St. Marie's companies, except for a brief spell in London in 1891-2. He has rung 45 peals.

His son, Colin, also first learned to ring a bell at the Parish Church, Sheffield, as a boy ten years old. He served four years in the Army during the Great War and upon his return joined the Cathedral company and later the St. Marie's company. In 1928 he took up his present post with Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, over whose foundry he has acted as guide to hundreds of ringers. He has rung 120 peals, ranging from Minor to Maximus, and conducted peals from Minor to Cinques.

the time, so the idea was abandoned until he had proved differently, and, as we recorded last week, the three generations took part in a successful peal of Bob Major on Monday, February 8th. Young Geoffrey is only a lightweight, but he has got the knack all right and has started what everyone hopes will turn out to be a promising ringing career.

Other families who have in recent years had the distinction of ringing peals in which three generations have been included have been the Barnetts, of Crayford, the Groombridges, of Kent, the Tillets, of Ipswich, the Symonds, of Suffolk, and the Paulsons, of Derbyshire.

SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

WILL W. D. CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER BE REVIVED?

The annual meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held on Saturday, February 13th, in St. Mary's tower, Nottingham, the Master, Mr. A. Coppock, presiding.

The accounts were presented and passed and three new members were elected.

On the proposition of Mr. Metcalf, seconded by Mr. Kirton, the officers were all re-elected.

The possibility of reviving the W. D. Crofts memorial dinner was put forward by one of the members and several expressed regret that this gathering had been allowed to lapse. After a short discussion the matter was commended for further consideration.

Suitable places of meeting for this year were then considered, and an invitation from Mr. Kirton to visit Bottesford in the summer was accepted. The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

Further ringing was then enjoyed, a variety of methods being rung and every touch save one being successfully brought round.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Chichester on Saturday, February 13th, when 30 members attended from the following towers: Arundel, Angmering, Bosham, Heene, Lyminster, Portsmouth, Portsea, Rudgwick and the local band.

At the business meeting the Divisional Secretary and Committee of Advice were re-elected. One change was made on the General Committee, Mr. E. Treagus, of Arundel, being elected in place of Mr. Adams.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Dean of Chichester Cathedral for the use of the bells, on which ringing took place during the afternoon and evening. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Double Norwich.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS IN GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at St. James', Grimsby. The bad weather kept a large number away, but members attended from Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Louth, Alford, Ulceby, Killingholme, Barrow-on-Humber, Thornton Curtis and the local members. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Lisle Marsden), who gave an interesting address.

Twenty-one sat down to tea. In the absence of the president (Ven. Archdeacon Parry), the Vicar kindly presided at the business meeting.

The secretary's and Ringing Master's reports on the past year's work were presented, and a vote of thanks passed to them.

Apologies were received from the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. R. Richardson) and the president of the branch.

The secretary reported that they had lost a few members during the past year and quite a number had not paid their subscriptions. He hoped they would make amends during 1937.

The Vicar was welcomed as an honorary member. It was reported that the District Bell Fund amounted to 7s. 6d., and the Bell Fund accounts were accepted.

The places and dates of meetings, proposed by the District Committee, were accepted, viz.: Thornton Curtis, April 10th; Alford, May 8th; Bigby, June 19th; Burton-on-Stather, July 17th; Barton-on-Humber, September 11th (subject to alteration). Combined practices were arranged for Waltham on February 13th, Barton-on-Humber on March 6th, and Elsham on March 13th.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for conducting the service, for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, to Mr. H. Rushby for presiding at the organ, and to the caterers for the excellent tea.

In reply, the Vicar said he was very glad to welcome them at Grimsby. Members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

THE LATE MR. J. W. MALYAN.

'FATHER' OF RINGERS AT ST. STEPHEN'S, ST. ALBANS.
As we briefly recorded last week, the death has taken place at St. Albans of Mr. John William Malyan.

Mr. Malyan, who was 52 years of age, died at his home after a long illness. He leaves a widow and one daughter, with whom much sympathy is felt.

Mr. Malyan started his bellringing career in 1902 at St. Albans Abbey, after which he identified himself with St. Stephen's Church, where he became a member of the choir in the time of the late Rev. W. D. W. Dudley. He had been the conductor of the St. Stephen's Society of Ringers since about 1906 and had taken part in the ringing of over a hundred peals. Members of the present St. Stephen's company regarded him as the 'father' of the band because he instructed them all in the art of campanology.

In his younger days, Mr. Malyan was a keen footballer. He played in local junior games and for two seasons before the war he captained St. Albans City's second eleven.

The first part of the funeral service, held in St. Stephen's Church, was conducted by the Rev. B. E. P. Mitchell (Vicar of St. Michael's), who gave a brief address in which he paid tribute to deceased's courage and fortitude during his long and painful illness and expressed sympathy with the relatives. Mr. Mitchell also officiated at the graveside. Handbells were rung over the open grave after the committal by Messrs. W. Ayre, G. Debenham, F. Kirk and C. Jeffs.

Before the service, and afterwards, the following members of the St. Stephen's hand rang half-muffled touches of Grandsire Doubles in memory of their late conductor: Messrs. G. Pratt (conductor), R. Ewer, A. Ewer, R. Andrews, R. Bedford and A. Halsey.

In the evening half-muffled touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung at St. Michael's Church, St. Albans, by Messrs. F. Giddings, A. Eaton, A. Halsey, sen., L. Turner, F. Peters, E. Hunt and S. Farmer (St. Michael's), F. Kirk (St. Peter's) and C. Ewer (St. Stephen's). A half-muffled touch was also rung at St. Albans Abbey.

A numerous congregation attended to pay a last tribute of respect, and among the ringers present in addition to those already mentioned were Messrs. F. L. Whiteman, T. Blow and C. Walklate representing the Cathedral Society of Change Ringers, and Messrs. J. F. Chatley and E. J. Gale were present on behalf of St. Peter's Society.

Among the many wreaths were the following: 'With deepest sympathy, from his fellow-workmates at Messrs. Dunham and Martin'; 'In affectionate remembrance of our Conductor Jack, from his fellow-ringers at St. Stephen's, George, Reg, Bob, Abel, Dick and Ron. This is all. Stand'; 'With deepest sympathy, from the Cathedral Society of Change Ringers'; 'With deepest sympathy, from St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers'; 'With deepest sympathy, from St. Michael's Women's Meeting and Mothers' Union.'

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MR. A. E. SHARMAN GIVES UP LUTON DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Luton District was held at the Priory Church, Dunstable, and was fairly well attended. The bells were rung to various methods from 2.45 p.m. to tea time. Tea was served in the Temperance Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Rector of Dunstable (Canon H. A. Griffith), supported by the Mayor of Dunstable (Councillor F. Kenworthy), Councillor S. G. Biswell and others.

The chairman congratulated the district secretary on being (since their last meeting) elected to the Town Council.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Chairman, Mr. A. King, Luton; hon. secretary, Mr. F. J. Plummer, Leighton Buzzard; to the General Committee, Mr. H. H. Smith, Husbome Crawley, and Mr. H. D. Harris, Woburn.

Mr. A. E. Sharman, on resigning the post of district secretary, said that it was on February 14th, 1920, that he was first appointed, almost 17 years to the day. That was a long time in the life of a voluntary organisation. He felt compelled to resign owing to the pressure of other work. He hoped the members would help Mr. Plummer all they could.

The Rector said the news that Mr. Sharman intended to resign had come as a shock to him, and he proposed that the best thanks of the members should be accorded to Mr. Sharman for all he had done and be recorded in the minutes.

The four quarterly meetings were fixed as follows: Luton, April 17th; Woburn, July 17th; Leighton Buzzard, October 16th; and Dunstable, February 12th, 1938.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, and a course of Grandsire Caters 'in hand' was afterwards rung. The tower was again visited and the bells were kept busy in many methods until 8 p.m.

Mr. Sharman, although giving up the secretaryship of the Luton District, still retains the more important office of general secretary of the Bedfordshire Association.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 14th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. Appleby 1, J. Sharpe 2, S. Jesson 3, A. Appleby 4, R. Brown 5, A. Ellis 6, F. Dewey (conductor) 7, W. E. Clarke 8. Specially arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Phyllis, daughter of the conductor.

DEVON GUILD.

NORTH-WEST BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

Great Torrington was the venue of the annual meeting of North-West Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers, and members from Bridgwater, Holsworthy, Petersmarland, Poundstock, Pyworthy, Plymouth and Sutcombe assembled in support of the chairman, the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Keble Martin), the Revs. W. H. Swale and W. H. Ravenhill being also in attendance. In his address the Vicar stressed the desirability of sympathy and unanimity between all who work in the service of God.

A collection was made on behalf of the Guild Church Bell Restoration Fund.

Tea was served in the Globe Hotel, after which followed the business meeting, when the report and balance sheet were accepted. Five members of the Poundstock band and Mr. Gomer (Weare Gifford) were elected to the Guild.

The Rev. W. H. Ravenhill (chairman), Mr. J. W. Sangwin (hon. secretary), Mr. W. J. Shears (treasurer) and Mr. F. Sangwin (Ringing Master), with the representatives to the Guild Committee, were re-elected for the ensuing year and heartily thanked for past services.

A cordial vote of thanks was given to the Rev. Keble Martin for his interesting address and the use of the bells, as well as to the organist (Miss Wright).

Ringling on the beautiful peal of eight, recently rehung by J. Taylor and Co., tenor 15 cwt., consisting of rounds, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, continued till 7.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered in a style worthy of the best 'Devonshire' tradition.

DEARTH OF YOUNG RINGERS.

SUSSEX FINDS DIFFICULTY IN FILLING GAPS.

The dearth of young ringers in Sussex was referred to at the annual dinner of the Southover (Lewes) Guild, held on Tuesday, Feb. 9th, at the King's Head Inn, when the Rector (the Rev. D. G. Matthews) presided and was supported by Mr. H. E. White and Mr. R. Curtis (vice-presidents).

After the loyal toast had been honoured, Mr. F. Bennett (Brighton) proposed 'The Southover Bellringers' Guild,' and referred to the loss they had sustained in the recent death of Mr. R. J. Dawe. Proceeding, he said the trouble nowadays was that the old enthusiasts were passing on and few younger men came forward to take the vacant places.

Mr. G. P. Elphick (hon. secretary of the Guild), responding, said although the Guild was running very well they wanted more young men to take an interest in bellringing.

Mr. A. J. Turner (captain of the Guild) proposed 'The Sussex County Association,' and referred to the times when bellfries were not kept in as good a condition as they were to-day. In those days the bellfries were often a source of danger to the ringers and there was no authority to inspect them.

Responding, Mr. S. E. Armstrong (hon. secretary) said the Sussex County Association were finding a dearth of young ringers. There were so many other attractions for the young men of to-day that it was very hard to get them interested.

Mr. W. Ward proposed 'The President and Vice-Presidents,' and said that the Rector of Southover had been with them over six years. He had interested himself to a great extent in all the activities of the church, especially the bellringers. He joined heartily in everything which they did and they hoped that Mr. Matthews would have many more years with them. With the toast he coupled the name of Mrs. Matthews, and musical honours were accorded.

The Rev. D. G. Matthews remarked on the excellent secretary and treasurer the Guild had and on the businesslike way in which the Guild was managed.

Mr. F. Crees proposed 'The Host and Hostess,' and Mr. and Mrs. J. Muzzell replied.

The musical programme was sustained by Messrs. A. J. Turner, J. Crees, T. Woolston, F. Taylor, W. Ward, G. Elphick and others.

MR. JOSEPH SADDINGTON'S LONG SERVICE.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

Mr. Joseph Saddington, of Burton Latimer, Northants, has completed 60 years as a ringer, first at Cranford and the last 18 years at Burton Latimer. For evening service on Sunday, February 14th, and to mark this long period of service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung at Burton Latimer when the veteran ringer took part: G. Lines 1, M. Hobbs 2, H. Turner 3, F. J. Tite 4, J. Saddington 5, B. J. Saddington 6, B. P. Morris 7, R. G. Black (conductor) 8.

At the annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council recently, the Rector (the Rev. H. T. Edwards, M.A.) presented Mr. Saddington with a clock and added that his record of service to the church was one of which any Christian might be proud.

All his ringing friends wish Mr. Saddington health and strength long to continue, and to add more years to this wonderful record.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 49th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 6 p.m. prompt, when the chair will be taken by Rev. H. McGowan, M.A., Vicar of Aston. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and Aston Parish Church (12) will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock.—Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting is to be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. All ringers welcome. Tea 5 p.m.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 171, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Tilney All Saints on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. We should like *you* to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. North Staffs and Derby District members cordially invited.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Burnham (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 3 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Mottisfont on Feb. 27th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Romsey bells available 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. We ask *you* to come and have a pleasant time with us.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. A hearty welcome extended to all.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

YETMINSTER, DORSET.—The treble bell, to complete the ring of six (tenor 19 cwt.), supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on February 27th. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Wigan and Bolton Branches.—This meeting will be held at Hindley on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, February 27th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. First meeting here since 1933, so please come in crowds and encourage the local band.—H. O. Over, 180, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. James', Rusholme, on Saturday, February 27th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Meeting in the Parish Room. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. Huxstep, 12, Birchfields Avenue, Rusholme. Subscriptions due.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 2nd and 30th; St. Magnus' on the 4th and 18th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 9th; and *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 16th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A combined practice will be held at All Saints', Gosforth (10 bells), on Thursday, March 4th, at 7.30. Ringers are urged to attend to make sure of a successful meeting.—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Eastbourne (Christ Church) on Saturday, March 6th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). St. Saviour's tower open from 7.30 till 8.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. E. Pankhurst, Div. Hon. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 119th anniversary will be celebrated Saturday, March 6th. Bells available all day. Dinner at 5 p.m. Please notify R. White, Appleton, Berks.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, March 2nd, certain.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Mar. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. per head) at the Institute 5.45. Meeting 6.30. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. Arthur Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Thursday, March 4th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, March 6th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me by Wednesday, March 3rd, and oblige? Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at Hampstead on Saturday, March 6th. Ringing: St. Ann's, Highgate (8), 3-4.15 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Hampstead (10), 5-5.45. Service in St. Stephen's 6 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 6.30. Ringing after tea, Hampstead, until 8, Gospel Oak (6) 8-9 p.m. We expect to see every Cumberland in North London at this meeting. Names for tea by 3rd to N. Summerhayes, Asst. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, March 6th. Tea at Dykes' Restaurant, 5, Station Road, at 4 p.m., 1s. each, meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at South Normanton on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify me how many will require tea by Thursday, March 4th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods, near Chorley, on Saturday, March 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. No branch business meeting, as the general committee meet during the afternoon. A hearty invitation given to all ringers to attend. Teas arranged, 1s. per head, only for those who notify Mr. F. G. Bradley, New Road Parade, not later than Wednesday, March 3rd.—J. Char-nock, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—C. W. Cook, District Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Daresbury on Saturday, March 6th, at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me by March 3rd if requiring tea.—J. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Grappenhall.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held jointly with the Ashford District of the Kent County Association at Biddenden on March 6th.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A meeting for practice will be held at Wednesbury on Saturday, March 6th, from 3 p.m. All are welcome.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me by March 3rd?—Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those only who notify me not later than Tuesday, March 2nd. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 49, Hellier Street, Dudley, Worcs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lowick, near Thrapston, on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (6), recently rehung, ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. J. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A peal board recording the peal of Grandsire Caters, rung by members of the Wigan Branch, will be unveiled and dedicated by the Rector at 4.20 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in School at 5.15, 1s. each. Please notify Mr. G. T. Jenks, 199, Warrington Road, Pemberton, Wigan, for tea. Special invitation to Liverpool ringers.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock Road, Wigan.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—The ring of six, tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr., has been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Dorset on Sunday evening, March 7th. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On Sunday, March 7th, at 3 p.m., a service will be held at St. George's Church, Bolton. During the service, the Bishop of Manchester will dedicate a church memorial to the late Canon Elsee. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., Bolton Branch.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—The ring of 5 (tenor 26 cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Monday, March 8th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, March 13th.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bishop's Cleeve on Saturday, March 13th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. Jesson). Business meeting to follow. Please notify by the 10th.—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 10th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Longwood, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Schools at 5 o'clock at a charge of 1s. 3d. to all who send in names to Mrs. Winterbottom, 20, Thornhill Road, Longwood, by Tuesday, March 9th. Business meeting for election of officers at 6 o'clock. The recast bells of Lindley Parish Church will also be available throughout the day. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Helen's Parish Church on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., price 9d. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcome.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 3.30. Quarterly business, etc., details later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner will be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C.1, on Saturday, March 13th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Master, supported by the Rev. Pat McCormick, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. The bells of St. Olave's, Hart Street, will be available from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., St. Bride's, Fleet Street, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 5 p.m. to 5.55 p.m. Tickets (5s. 6d. each) available from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, G. Radley and E. J. Butler. Application for tickets with remittance should be made not later than Monday, March 8th.—J. E. Bailey, Hon. Dinner Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Members and non-members welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Ashford on Easter Monday. Ringing, service, lunch, business meeting and more ringing. Keep this day free. Full particulars next week.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Sec.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—The meeting arranged for Aldenham for March 13th has been postponed till April 17th.

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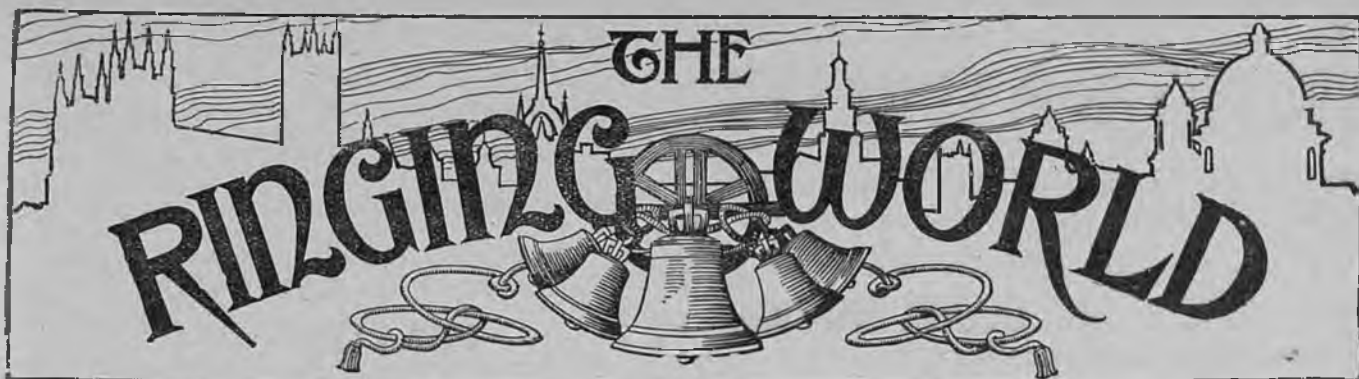
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Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

NORMAN TOWNSEND ... Treble	FRANK LUFKIN 6
WILLIAM DUDLEY 2	ALBERT NORTH 7
WALTER TAYLOR 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 8
HARRY TURNER 4	STANLEY BAYBUTT 9
ROBERT WATTS 5	GORDON BACON Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by FRANK LUFKIN.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM WITTERWICK ... Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 6
DAVID WRIGHT 2	FREDERICK L. LEEKS 7
ARTHUR JONES 3	HARRY W. SIMMONS 8
ROY A. SIMMONS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 9
HENRY E. MILLS 5	DANIEL D. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 22, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LESSNESS SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM 7
HARRY HOSKINS 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FREDERICK J. COLLUM.
This method is now rung for the first time. The author is Mr. E. W. Tipler.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, February 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF DROITWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

This method, which is No. 72 in G. Lindoff's collection, is now rung for the first time.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5858 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES Treble	COLIN A. HOPPER 5
*ARTHUR DURLING 2	DEREK M. SHARP 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
ALAN J. HOPPER 4	JAMES E. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. † First peal with an 'inside' bell.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Remigius.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb. in G.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	RUSSELL W. CURSON 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
CLIFFORD BIRD 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First 'touch' in the method by all. First peal in the method on the bells and for the association.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Paulinus.

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

COLIN A. HOPPER Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 6
*DEREK M. SHARP 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by G. CONYARD.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method. J. Bennett's 900th peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE NATIONAL POLICE GUILD AND THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

P.C. WILLIAM ROBINSON Treble	*P.C. RICHARD BENSON 5
P.C. PETER CROOK 2	P.C. JOSEPH WILSON 6
*P.C. GEORGE PYE 3	P.S. PETER CROOK 7
P.C. WILLIAM PYE 4	†P.C. FRANK YATES Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by P.S. PETER CROOK

* First in the method away from tenor. † First in method. Rung to celebrate the honour of the King's Police Medal being conferred upon the Guild's president, Supt. Williams, of Manchester City Police, and as a birthday compliment to ex-P.C. Dick Newton, of Boston, U.S.A.

WATLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	*TONY PRICE 6
MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE MARTIN 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES E. J. MORRIS Treble	FRANK BELSEY 5
*GEORGE A. NAYLOR 2	NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
DEREK M. SHARP 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal as conductor.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY Treble	ERNEST C. S. LEWIS 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
CECIL C. MAYNE 4	WILFRID G. WILSON Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by W. G. WILSON.

This composition contains 2,432 changes of London, 1,088 of Bristol, 768 of Cambridge and 768 of Superlative, with 104 changes of method. The conductor's first peal of 'spliced' away from treble. He had never previously called a bob in any Surprise method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR. 5088 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING 5
*WALTER ELSEY 2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	FREDERICK ROOPE 7
FREDERICK C. ROPE 4	CHARLES LOOME Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2	BERTRAM J. LUCK 6
WALTER A. DOBBIE 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
J. WILLIAM UNWIN 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

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GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 11 cwt.
FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ... Treble	CHARLES CLARKE ... 5
*MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	HARRY R. ROPER ... 6
FRANK L. FISHER ... 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FIVE-PART.	Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.
*FREDERICK GODSMARK ... Treble	*JAMES JEFFREY ... 5
CHARLES STARLEY ... 2	THOMAS GASSON ... 6
THOMAS MITCHELL ... 3	GEORGE LEWRY ... 7
WILLIAM WHEELER ... 4	FRANK CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GASSON.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. The ringer of the treble belongs to the local band.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 2	JOHN W. SYKES ... 6
*JOHN E. TURLEY ... 3	†HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
FREDERICK CARDWELL ... 4	†ALFRED H. BOWLER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (123).

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

This composition is now rung for the first time. * First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford.

BALDOCK, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Treble	HERBERT ELSE ... 5
*DONALD C. MEARS ... 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 6
WILLIAM J. NORTON ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 7
†PERCY TOMPKINS ... 4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by H. KNIGHTS (155). Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

This composition is now rung for the first time. * First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells. A 20th birthday compliment to Miss F. Else, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.
THOMAS E. DENYER ... Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... 5
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 6
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLEY ... 7
RAYMOND OVERY ... 4	WILFRED BARTLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

SIX BELL PEALS.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 13, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents called differently.

A. R. WOODWARD ... Treble	F. BOKLEY ... 4
E. CRACKNELL ... 2	F. ROPER ... 5
J. STEED ... 3	A. GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by F. ROPER.

First peal in the method by all except ringer of treble, and the first peal in the method on the bells.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of London and two 720's each of Westminster, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	EDWIN BROMLEY ... 5
ALAN BROMLEY ... 3	ROBERT I. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. J. Lambert, sen., the band congratulating him on attaining the age of 70. It was also a birthday peal for Miss Florence Lambert, daughter of the ringer of the tenor.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Netherseale Surprise, Norwich Surprise, College Exercise Treble Bob, Norbury Treble Bob, Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

NORMAN V. HARDING ... Treble	LEONARD ... 4
MARIA R. CROSS ... 2	C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in eight Treble Bob methods by all. A birthday compliment to L. Stilwell.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in twelve methods: (1) Double and Single Court; (2) Thelwall and Childwall; (3) College Bob; (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (5) Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Double Bob; (6) Double Oxford; (7) St. Clement's. Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT ... Treble	CECIL V. EMBERTON ... 4
EDWARD GREENACRE ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 5
WALLACE COUSINS ... 3	FRED WIGMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

First peal in twelve methods by all the band and for the Ely Association.

TAXAL, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in five methods, viz., one of Capel, two of Sandal, one of London Scholars' Pleasure, one of Spliced London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kingston and one of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*CARIL BOWDEN ... Treble	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 4
*ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 2	JAMES A. MILNER ... 5
*ALAN BROWN ... 3	KENNETH LEWIS ... Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

There were nine changes of method. * First peal and first attempt. † First peal in five methods away from the treble. ‡ First peal in five methods. Alan Brown had never rung four of the methods prior to starting for the peal.

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NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES WALKLEY Treble	JOHN G. CARLIDGE 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON 2	THOMAS HURD 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL 3	ARTHUR W. HALL Tenor

Conducted by W. CARNWELL.

This peal was rung in deep respect for the late Mr. R. G. Lewis, the much esteemed Eight-Bell Ringing Master of the above association.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

RALPH BIRD Treble	REGINALD G. H. SIMMONDS 4
BERNARD W. PETTITT 2	ALBERT CATTERWALL 5
THOMAS BIRD 3	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

First peal as conductor. A wedding compliment to ringer of 3rd.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Wilfred.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY W. HOWARD Treble	* HARRY THELWELL 4
REGINALD W. WOKRALL 2	HARRY PARKER 5
STANLEY HARRISON 3	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal 'inside' containing Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Howard and to K. Parker, son of the conductor.

HARWORTH, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR MULVEY Treble	LESLIE LUNN 4
JAMES W. KAITHEY 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
FRANK VERNON 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

BECKINGHAM, Lincs.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Oxford Bob and Single Court and five extents of Plain Bob (called differently). Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS GRACE BUCHALL Treble	JACK VESSEY 4
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
RICHARD M. HARVEY 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.

These bells are believed to have been last overhauled 150 years ago.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Weston Underwood Bucks, on Monday, February 15th, at St. Lawrence's Church, in 1 hour 25 minutes, a half-peal of Bob Minor (2,520 changes): T. Watts 1, E. Shouler 2, V. Adams 3, O. Warren 4, M. Cook 5, D. Cockings (conductor) 6. Longest length by all except the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Residence of J. A. GODFREY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, three variations of calling.

* GORDON CHAMBERS Treble	SIDNEY MARSHALL 4
JOHN A. GODFREY 2	* ROBERT BONNING 5
GEORGE BONNING 3	ERNEST NAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. GODFREY.

Witness—Robert Freezer.

* First peal. First peal 'in hand' by all except ringer of 2nd. Rung at first attempt.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At 8, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

M. B. SHAW (Peterhouse) 1-2	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 5-6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Catharine's) 3-4	R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 7-8

Arranged and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, February 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

At 8, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

* B. P. TYRWHITT-DRAKE (Pemb.) 1-2	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 5-6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Catharine's) 3-4	D. F. C. HAWKINS (Clare) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by REV. B. F. SHEPPARD

* First peal.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, February 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At 40, FUCHSIA LANE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HOBART E. SMITH 1-2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 5-6
* CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal of Bob Major 'in hand.' † First peal as conductor in the method and 'in hand.'

HOLTON-LE-MOOR, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

At STONE HILL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor size 14½ in G sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4	ERNEST BRITAIN 7-8

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

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Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have received the following letter from the Rev. G. A. Elson, Vicar of Donington, Lincs:—

'I have received safely the framed record of our bells restoration, and have to offer you on behalf of the ringers and congregation my sincere thanks.

'I hear very excellent reports from my ringers of the going of the peal, and it will always afford me much pleasure in testifying to the work done by you in this tower. You will be interested to hear that the partial boarding-up of the open windows, while not impairing the sweetness of the ring, has been a success in softening the sound to dwellers just under the spire. It is always a pity that even a few should suffer from what brings such keen joy to very many—not so near!'

FOR BEGINNERS.

PROVING BOB MINOR.

There are many beginners, and many more advanced ringers, too, who like to dabble a little in composing, if only to while away odd moments. They love to try their hand, for instance, at putting together touches of Grandsire Triples, or even finding a new method. It may not always be a profitable occupation, but it is very fascinating.

And yet, we think, there is something to be gained from it, even if the material results are very small. By 'experimenting' with figures, the student may learn quite a lot.

Composing, without proving, is, of course, a waste of time. The ringer who 'composes' touches or peals leaves his work incomplete if he does not 'prove' that what he has composed is true. A composition is worthless unless it is true.

A reader, who has been working on Bob Minor, asks us to deal with the proof of it in this column. He says, 'It does not always follow, I find, that even if the lead ends do not repeat, the touch need necessarily be true. In Bob Major, I believe I am right in saying, provided the tenors are kept together, then a touch or peal is true if the lead ends are true. Of course, I appreciate that in Minor the tenors cannot be kept together throughout the whole of a 720.'

First with regard to Bob Major, it is the fact of keeping two bells (the tenors) constantly in the same relationship that ensures the truth of a composition, if the lead-ends are true. If the tenors are parted, then there is a risk of repetition unless certain safeguards are taken. Just as an example, taken at haphazard, the change 61725846 can occur, when the treble is coming down, before the lead-head 16725846 and after the lead-head 16278564 with the treble going up. Just take paper and pencil and work it out for yourselves.

In Bob Minor the same risk occurs when the 'tenors' are parted, and, as they must necessarily be parted to obtain the full extent of changes, the mere checking of the backstroke treble leads is not sufficient.

Our correspondent asks us to use the following example, which he specially compiled, to illustrate our explanation:—

23456	45326	42356
— 23564	S 54263	— 42563
36245	46532	— 42635
S 63452	63425	— 23456
S 36524	— 63254	
S 63245	— 63542	
34652	34625	
45326	42356	

In Bob Minor the two bells behind are not affected by a bob, and by the use of bobs and singles they can come together six times, but they may sometimes be coursing in a reverse order, and when you check your composition you must make sure that the reverse order does not give you the same change at handstroke that you have already had elsewhere at backstroke; if you do, you have repeated, in the reverse order, the preceding eleven changes.

Wherever, therefore, you find you have bells in 5-6 reversed, you must check the handstrokes as well as the backstrokes, and if you are using singles, you must check both hand and backstrokes, whichever way the bells turn up behind. As the proof of Bob Minor, in any case, is not a very lengthy business, it may be quicker and safer in the long run for the beginner to write down every handstroke and backstroke of his composition. The handstrokes of the above touch are:—

— 32546	S 54236	24536
32654	45623	24653
S 63425	64352	24365
S 36542	— 36245	
S 63254	— 36524	
36425	36452	
43562	43265	

Now compare these rows against the previous set of backstrokes and you find repetition between Lead 2, Column 1, and Lead 4, Column 2; Lead 4, Column 1, and Lead 5, Column 2; Lead 3, Column 2, and Lead 5, Column 1.

In this particular touch there is one other thing which will be obvious to the student. You cannot have more than six rows with the same pair of bells in 2-3, when the treble is leading. When a single is made that pair of bells is in 2-3 both at handstroke and backstroke, and the single, therefore, accounts for two of the six changes. A glance at the figures of the above touch, therefore, reveals falseness at once, for 6-3 are in front twice at singles (which accounts for four changes) and three times elsewhere, so that even if all the six rows had been used (actually only five are) the touch must be false.

Perhaps our readers would like to try their hand at the following touch of 240 and see whether or not it is true:—

23456	34256	25346	45326
— 23564	45362	S 52463	— 45263
— 23645	56423	26534	56432
34256	— 56234	63245	63524
	63542	34652	32645
	— 63425	45326	S 23456
	32654		
	25346		

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON DISTRICT APPOINTS A RINGING MASTER.

A meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District was held at Rolleston-on-Dove on Saturday last, and, considering the unsettled state of the weather, there was a good attendance. The following towers were represented: St. Paul's, Burton, Overseale, Netherseale, Newhall, Ticknall, Tutbury, Lullington, Castle Donnington, Melbourne and Norton-in-the-Moors, together with the local company.

Members were delighted to have present with them the chairman of the district, Mr. W. W. Worthington, J.P., of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, and at the suggestion of Mr. Worthington the first touch was Stedman Triples. Touches in the simpler methods were then rung for the sake of the less proficient. The company were entertained to tea by the Rector of Rolleston (the Rev. William Bagnall).

At the opening of the subsequent business meeting Mr. J. H. Swinfield referred to the loss the district had sustained in the death of Mr. R. G. Lewis, of Uttoxeter, and as a mark of respect the company stood in silence for a few moments.

One new honorary member and three ringing members were elected. It was decided to elect a Ringing Master for the district, and, on the proposition of Mr. W. H. Curson, seconded by Mr. J. W. Cotton, Mr. J. H. Swinfield was unanimously chosen to this new appointment.

Ticknall having been chosen for the place of the next meeting on April 10th, it was decided that the special Minor method for practice should be Double Court.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Rolleston for his kind hospitality and for use of the bells.

Ringings continued until 7.30 and ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Kent Treble Bob Major.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

RINGERS' COMMUNION SERVICE TO BE HELD.

At this time of year attendances at meetings depend very much on the state of the weather, and as the Leeds area had had a very drenching time lately, ending with a very heavy fall of snow, the attendance at Liversedge on Saturday last was not a record.

The bells were rung up at 3 p.m., and, except for the usual breaks, continued until 9 o'clock. The business meeting was held in the tower, when the chair was taken by the president. Three new members were elected, Mr. F. Popplewell, of Brighouse, and Messrs. F. Gibbard and A. Wright, of Burley.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by the president and seconded by Mr. L. Drake. Mr. F. Hodgson replied for the local company.

Members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Drighlington, Idle, Birstall, Eland, Sherburn, Shipley, Lindley and the local company, also Mr. Deal, of London.

The next meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 20th. This is one week earlier than the usual date owing to Easter falling on the last week-end in March.

It has been decided to hold a ringers' Communion service at this meeting, which is also the nomination meeting of the Leeds Society for the coming year.

FIRST 720 OF MINOR AT WING, BUCKS.

BUT BELLS 'UNPEALABLE.'

The village church of Wing, near Leighton Buzzard, is noted for possessing some fine architectural features, including an early Norman nave, a Norman apse and a perfect Saxon window. Ringers, however, will be more interested in the bells, which are an ancient peal of six, with a tenor of 29½ cwt., the fourth heaviest six in the country. They are dated 1654, 1640, 1635, 1635, 1842 and 1863 respectively, from treble to tenor. The usual ringing chamber is on the ground floor with a draught of 70ft! Previous visits by bands have all brought the same remarks, 'Nearly unringable!' Once, however, a party decided to take some ropes and ring from the floor under the bells. And on that occasion there was a great improvement.

Another band of enthusiasts decided to follow their example, and after spending 2½ hours sitting on ropes, oiling the bells and doing other adjustments, started for a 720 of Cambridge Surprise. To the pleasant surprise of everyone, this was duly completed, and at the finish it was unanimously decided that the bells, especially the tenor, are definitely unpealable (a point which our correspondent asks other enthusiasts to note). The band who rang the 720 were Miss M. R. Cross 1, A. S. Richards 2, A. P. Cannon 3, H. H. Alexander 4, F. D. Boreham 5, Rev. C. E. Wigg (conductor) 6.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**DIVISIONAL MEETING AT FRYERNING.**

The South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association visited Fryerning for their meeting on February 13th, there being 29 members and friends present from Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Ford End, Fryerning, Maldon, Springfield, Little Waltham, Sudbury, Leytonstone and Wanstead.

The association form of service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. S. Trimble, who gave the ringers a very warm welcome. The lesson was read by the Divisional Master, Mr. H. Mansfield, and the singing led by the organist, Mr. F. A. Bradley, who very kindly left his work to do so, and had to return to his duties immediately afterwards.

Tea, which was kindly provided by the local ringers and their friends, was served in the Parish Room and was followed by the business meeting, at which one new ringing member, Mr. N. F. Grinham, of Boreham, was elected.

It was decided, subject to the necessary permission being granted, to hold the next meeting at Widford on April 24th.

Mr. S. Taylor, on behalf of all present, thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and for taking the service, the local band and their friends for providing and serving the tea, and Mr. A. Bradley for making the arrangements, also the organist and organ blower. He was especially grateful to the organist for transposing the hymns into a lower key so that all could sing the higher notes.

The Rector, in reply, repeated his welcome and said that when they came to Fryerning again he hoped they would come in the summer, when he would be very pleased to throw open the Rectory garden.

Handbell ringing followed and a return made to the tower. Several ringers called at Ingatestone on the way home, the bells there being available during the evening.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATED.

At Cirencester, Glos., on February 15th, to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Lewis, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes), composed by R. F. Deal, was rung at the Parish Church: H. L. Cooke 1, F. J. Lewis, jun. 2, A. Painter 3, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. G. Cook 6, S. R. Hicks 7, H. S. Parsons 8, W. H. Hayward 9, F. F. Bloxham 10.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to the conductor's home, where a convivial evening was spent and tunes and changes rung on the handbells. Mr. F. J. Lewis, jun., also entertained the company by tapping tunes on the handbells and ringing tunes on the fairy bells.

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A QUARTER-PEAT IN NEW ZEALAND.

At Dunedin, New Zealand, on December 21st, a quarter-peat of Bob Major (1,280 changes), followed by a short touch of Grandsire Triples and a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major, was rung on handbells by C. Wilde 1-2, J. S. Wilde (conductor) 3-4, J. Whipp 5-6, J. Grimes 7-8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is special interest in the handbell peal rung at Cambridge on February 21st, for one of the two undergraduates who then rang their first peal was B. P. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Pembroke College, whose father, the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, was a prominent member of Cambridge University Guild, and librarian of the Central Council, in succession to the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, it will be remembered, was accidentally killed by a falling tree about a year ago.

The first peal of Lessness Surprise Major, a method by E. W. Tipler, was rung at Erith on February 26th. A previous attempt by the same band, on February 13th, came to grief after 2 hours 34 minutes, through the breaking of the tenor clapper.

By the way, what does the title mean? Has it anything to do with thought, or care, or hope? Will the next in the series be 'Fullness'?

It is strange that on the same day that a peal of 'Lessness' was rung, a peal of another new Surprise method was also recorded—Droitwich rung at Helmingham.

To record a ringer's 900th peal is a rare occurrence, yet this week we publish the fact that two ringers have reached this large total—Mr. James Bennett, at Crayford last Friday, and Mr. William Short, at Cheltenham on Saturday.

Many friends of P. C. Perkins will regret to hear of a serious accident which happened to him while on duty on Wednesday week. He slipped on the pavement and fractured his thigh. Mr. Perkins has just been appointed Leicester Branch secretary of the Midland Counties Association, and was most enthusiastic. Everyone will wish him a speedy recovery.

At Grundisburgh, Suffolk, on Saturday, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. Changes commenced at 3.25 p.m. at a brisk pace without a single thought as to the need for switching on the electric light until dusk began to fall, when whispers went around. However, as no one could reach the switch, the peal progressed, although at retarded pace, and eventually came round at 6.20 p.m. in total darkness. Well done!

Mr. George S. Soames, a ringer for many years at Marsham and Aylsham, Norfolk, died suddenly on February 21st while a peal attempt was in progress at Marsham. The same band on Saturday rang a half-muffled peal in his memory.

The dedication of the new ring of twelve bells at Winchester Cathedral, which have been provided by the generosity of the Friends of the Cathedral Society and the Barron Bell Trust, will take place in the afternoon of March 20th. Particulars will be found in our notice columns.

Through a misunderstanding, the dedication of the new treble bell at Yetminster was inadvertently advertised to take place on February 27th.

BELL RINGING WITHOUT BELLS.

'CHANGE RINGING WITHOUT PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE'

The doom of church bellringing appears to be sealed. There will no longer be need for bells or ringers, for a new invention may take their place. Last week's issue of 'The Church of England Newspaper' contained the following:—

'A large party of bellringers and friends from St. Paul's Church, Egham, visited the works of the John Compton Organ Co., Ltd., at North Acton, N.W., on Friday evening last to witness a demonstration of a new kind of carillon, which is entirely without bells. This new invention, which is electronic in character, had never before been publicly demonstrated. It produces (not reproduces) bell music by new scientific means, and such famous carillons as those at Bruges and Malines, and the peals at Canterbury and Winchester Cathedrals, can be given with the utmost fidelity.

'The apparatus is controlled from a small keyboard or desk, which can be placed in any convenient position, such as porch, vestry, or organ-loft, and a single operator can achieve the most elaborate change ringing without previous knowledge of campanology. By the same method, clocks can be provided with chimes. Any depth or weight of tone can be provided, and even automatic change ringing can be fitted.

'This new (fully patented) apparatus employs no gramophone records or oscillating valves. It is purely electrical and requires but a few cubic feet of space. It imposes no strain whatever on the fabric, and its cost is only a fraction of the expense entailed by a set of bells.'

We have not heard this 'carillon without bells,' but we can imagine that the instrument must be of a very ingenious nature. We are, however, surprised to hear that a large party of bellringers should go anywhere to listen to and possibly approve of a piece of machinery that is going to deprive them of their art.

But possibly the 'bellringers present' have no art, for St. Paul's Church, Egham, does not happen to have a ringing peal of bells.

For those who find quite as much as they can manage to ring even a pair of handbells to changes, the prospect of a single operator being able to 'achieve the most elaborate change ringing without previous knowledge of campanology' is really staggering. A new kind of man, as well as a new type of machine, must have been invented.

THE HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION.

ANNUAL GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

Appeal for a Coronation Year 'Push.'

Henry Johnson, greatest of all Birmingham's ringers, who died at Aston in 1890 at the age of 80 years, has a niche in ringing history all his own. In his day he was not only one of the most knowledgeable men in the Exercise, but in his own particular circle created an 'atmosphere' that had an elevating influence. He was honoured in life; he is commemorated in death. Every year ringers from all parts of the country continue to gather to keep green his memory, and last Saturday a party numbering nearly a hundred and fifty assembled for the annual dinner arranged by St. Martin's Guild, which marks the anniversary of his birth, which took place on February 28th, 1899. The number of those living to-day who actually knew Henry Johnson is rapidly diminishing, but there are still a few who had the privilege of the old man's acquaintance, and eight of them were present on Saturday.

Ringling took place in the afternoon at various churches in Birmingham, and the dinner was served at the Imperial Hotel, under the genial chairmanship of the Vicar of Aston, Canon H. McGowan, who was accompanied by Mrs. McGowan. Among those present were Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild), Canon S. Blofeld (Vicar of Edgbaston), the Rev. R. S. O. Stevens (curate at Aston), Messrs. F. W. Stevens (churchwarden of St. Martin's), W. R. Heaton (Solihull), W. A. Clark (hon. member), F. E. Haynes (Ringing Master), Councillor A. Paddon Smith, Messrs. A. Walker, J. George and J. H. Sheppard (vice-presidents), Mr. T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary), Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. A. Walker, Mr. W. Griffin and Miss Griffin (Walsall), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), Mrs. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild), Mr. R. Richardson (Master, Lincoln Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens, Mr. and Mrs. F. Pervin (Coventry), Messrs. S. Palmer (treasurer, Yorkshire Association), A. H. Ward (Derby), J. F. Smallwood (Bath), F. E. Dawe (London), Mr. G. H. Cross (Master, Royal Cumberland Youths) and Mrs. Cross, Mr. H. Knight (hon. secretary, Staffs Archdeaconry Society), Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary, Gloucester and Bristol Association) and Mrs. Guise, Messrs. W. H. Thomas, W. Knight, P. C. Williams and H. Birt (Bristol), J. P. Fidler (Loughborough), S. R. Roper (Croydon), E. H. Nash (Mells, Som.), H. Boswell (Wolverhampton), T. J. Elton (Walsall), J. Pagett (Derby), P. J. Johnson (Leeds), G. Horner (York), G. L. Hewitt (Wellington), W. Parley and F. Nicholls (Stourbridge), G. J. Lewis (Powick), S. Briggs and F. Chaddock (Rotherham) and representatives from the various hands in the diocese.

Among those who sent apologies were the Rector of Birmingham (Canon Guy Rogers), who has presided on many occasions, and who was on his way to America, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, the Bishop of Birmingham, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes (Whitechapel), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. F. B. Yates (King's Norton), etc.

The evening was a very successful one, thanks largely to the excellent arrangements made by the hon. secretary.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

Mr. F. W. Perrens, in proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' referred to the many problems which confronted the world to-day as the result of the fast changing times in which they lived, problems which, he said, could be faced successfully if they had the backing of the community in general. With regard to the problems which ringers had to face, they had to ask themselves what they could do both to help themselves and at the same time to help the Church and State. There were two points which he would put before them. First let them foster good fellowship and mutual understanding, already so evident among ringers (hear, hear). He put that first because it was most important, and what applied to any body of ringers applied equally well in the Church and in the State. Let them put aside all petty jealousies and grievances and substitute goodwill and fellowship (hear, hear). His second point was more or less in the nature of an appeal; it was an appeal to each and every one to do what they could to help get recruits for the Exercise; for by so doing he thought they would do their little bit for the Church and State. Of recent years a large number of bell restorations had been taking place up and down the country, and this year there were more bells than ever in this country to ring. Were they doing anything like sufficient to get ringers to ring those bells? The bells were put in the towers to be rung, and it was their duty, as far as they possibly could, to provide ringers for them. He appealed to all ringers and associations to make, in this Coronation year, when they would be doing a great deal of ringing, a great 'push' for ringing recruits (hear, hear). They heard from time to time suggestions that they should go to the choir and other church organisations for their recruits for ringing. Let them cover these fields as far as they could, but there were so many more outside who would be interested and make good ringers if they could get hold of them. If they got hold of 'outsiders' they would be serving the double purpose of enlarging their own ranks and the ranks of real churchmen. He appealed to everyone in the

Exercise to do their level best to get at least one recruit during this Coronation year. Even if they only kept 20 per cent. of the recruits they would go a long way towards securing the regular ringing of bells that were at present silent (hear, hear).

Mr. Perrens went on to refer to the happy feeling existing in this country between Church and State, and remarked that in both they had men who would be able to overcome the difficulties that would have to be faced in the future. They had had remarkable proof of that during the last twelve months, especially in the State.

The Chairman, who replied to the toast, said ringers as a body were staunch supporters of the Church, and he was glad to say his experience had not been the experience occasionally put to him by some of his brother clerics that hellringers called the people to church, but could not hear the sound of their own bells. That had not been true of the ringers at the two churches where he had had the opportunity of working most harmoniously with his own ringers; and he did not think it was true of the many towers represented there that night. Such associations as that Guild fostered the happy relations between the ringers and the clergy and church where they did their work.

The Church, continued the Chairman, was a queer sort of institution. It was spread all over the land, but in spite of all the difficulties which were bound to occur, wherever human beings were trying to do something about which they felt very deeply, they all knew that the existence of the Church in this land, spread about in every parish, was something that this country could not do without (applause). The Chairman went on to refer to the relations between Church and State and to compare the conditions in this country with other countries in Europe. Church and State in this country had a much lighter relationship than formerly. That, perhaps, was a good thing, but there was still a desire that the Church should keep in touch with the important things affecting the lives of the people, a desire felt not only by the comparatively small body of people who met for worship and supported the Church's institutions, but among the great mass of citizens of the country, who, though they might not accept the regular ministrations of the Church, still looked to it for a lead, were still willing to co-operate with it on occasion, and still called upon it in emergency to comfort or help them.

ONE OF ASTON'S GREAT WORTHIES.

In calling upon Mr. W. Griffin to propose the toast of 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson,' the Chairman said Johnson was one of the great worthies at Aston. His name appeared in the belfry on many records, and his monument, erected by the ringers of all England, stood in the churchyard. They at Aston were very proud of that connection.

Mr. Griffin, who as a very young ringer remembered Henry Johnson, told numerous anecdotes of ringers and ringing in those now distant days, and referred to some of the early celebration dinners. He said he first met Johnson when he (the speaker) came from Sunday School to help William Hallsworth, another famous ringer, to chime the bells in Walsall tower. In those days Johnson used to be spoken of almost with awe, and he, as a boy, began to think Johnson was something to be afraid of. But when he did meet him he found he was the most kindly old gentleman he had ever met. He thought of him as like 'Father Christmas.' Johnson had a cheery word for him, congratulated him and hoped he would make a good ringer. In after years when he (Mr. Griffin) came to St. Martin's he found out what a really great man Johnson was. The atmosphere at St. Martin's was all Johnson; everybody seemed imbued with what he did or thought about ringing. Henry Johnson was one of whom they could truly say that all the elements were so mixed in him that everyone could stand up and say he was a typical English gentleman.

The toast was drunk in silence, and a count was taken of those who knew Henry Johnson in the flesh. The number had dwindled to eight. Afterwards a well-nigh perfect course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. A. E. Norman, F. Pervin, A. Walker, G. F. Swann, F. E. Haynes and M. J. Morris.

Alderman Pritchett submitted 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild.' He said it was a great pleasure to find himself once more able to be with them after his serious illness last year. He thanked the Guild for again electing him Master, despite the fact that he was 82 years old. He had also been re-elected an Alderman of the City of Birmingham for six years. He hoped they would be able to elect him as Master for six years as well (applause). It was very gratifying to have such kind friends among the ringers. Alderman Pritchett went on to mention the names of the members lost by death during the year. First and foremost was their dear old friend Thomas Russam. He was a great ringer. He had nearly attained his 80th birthday, and during the whole of that period he had spent his ringing career in connection with St. Martin's Guild. He (the speaker) had been with Mr. Russam on many occasions, especially at Aston, where he was in charge for many years, and where he (Alderman Pritchett) got his first practice on ten bells. They also very much regretted the loss of Mr. Leader, of Sutton Coldfield, and Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury. Mr. Hughes was a one-armed ringer who was a perfect marvel. He always chose a heavy bell and the way he managed it made him one of the most remarkable ringers who ever lived. Con-

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Cathedral Bells Restoration Welcomed.

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finning, Alderman Pritchett said they had with them some 'old stagers,' among them Tom Miller, who was one of a band of ringers, headed by Henry Johnson, who visited him at Oxford in his undergraduate days. They were also pleased to see Mr. James George, who, unfortunately, fell downstairs and seriously hurt himself. Mr. George had had an unexampled career as a ringer. He had been incapacitated for nearly a year, but had just begun to ring again. They hoped he would continue to improve and resume that remarkable activity as a ringer that had made him so well known all over the British Isles.

With regard to the progress of the Guild, they had held eight meetings during the year. At the quarterly meetings they had had an average attendance of 40, and at the bi-quarterly meetings an average attendance of 20. He thought, therefore, that their meetings might be regarded as successful. Thirteen peals had been rung, with seven conductors, including the first peal rung on the augmented bells at Aston. They had a band there of young ringers who were making very good progress (applause). The Vicar of Aston must be very gratified with the success of his young ringers. The Guild continued to progress under very good auspices. The clergy of the city were taking a deep interest in ringing and giving the Guild every encouragement. The Guild welcomed the restoration of the Cathedral bells. In his early ringing days they were a horror to him. He tried to ring on them on several occasions with very indifferent success, but he doubted whether the way they were hung was quite as bad as the sound of the bells themselves (laughter). He was very glad the old bells had disappeared and were to be replaced with bells with all modern improvements.

Alderman Pritchett made sympathetic reference to the absence from the gathering, which she had attended many times, of Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith through illness, and went on to say that Mr. George Swann had completed 500 peals, 400 of them having been rung in connection with that Guild. He did not, of course, anything like approach the record of Mr. James George, but he had made a good start (laughter and applause). In conclusion, Alderman Pritchett said the Guild was greatly indebted to the indefatigable hon. secretary (Mr. Reeves) and to the Ringing Master (Mr. Haynes) for all the work they put in. He added that his own first peal was rung in 1874, conducted by Harry Bastable, a name that ought not to be forgotten on occasions like that (hear, hear). He was very proud of it and was still proud of it. A very cherished memory was his association with that dear old gentleman (applause).

GUILD 'GOING ON NICELY.'

The Hon. Secretary, in replying, first thanked the artistes who contributed to the musical programme, and then went on to thank his wife, who was beside him. The organisation of that gathering and the work of the Guild generally, he said, entailed a good deal of work. He, as most of those present knew, was away from home a good part of the week, and at week-ends he had to give up a lot of his time—time that he could otherwise spend with his wife and family—in order to carry on his duties as hon. secretary. On behalf of the members of the Guild, he thanked her for the indulgence she had shown him (applause). Continuing, Mr. Reeves said St. Martin's Guild honoured the men of the past. They were the men who built up that old Guild, and it was up to the ringers of to-day to sustain the honour and dignity of the Guild. Those dinners were inaugurated about the time that there was a great awakening in the recognition of the duties of ringers as churchworkers. In the old days ringers were known as 'buttrisses' of the Church rather than 'pillars' of the Church (laughter). To-day that had been altered, and he trusted they were pillars of the Church. They had choirmen among them, church councillors and churchwardens, and so he thought they could say truthfully that the status of the ringer had greatly improved. What he was particularly anxious about was that they should do nothing to break their tradition. He had in mind that some time ago a writer in 'The Ringing World' said that it ought not to matter about a peal being false as long as it was well struck. Such a view would not have held for a moment in the past, and he did not think it ought to hold in the future (hear, hear). That was one of the things they must guard against.

Continuing, Mr. Reeves said this year they would be celebrating the Coronation in every tower in the country. They in Birmingham were going to make almost a week of ringing in the various belfries, and in due course the local secretaries would hear from him regarding what they could do in the matter. When the occasion arrived let them see to it that when they rang they put their best into it (applause). Let their striking be perfection—that was what they wanted to aim at.

Their Guild, added Mr. Reeves, was going on very nicely at present. They were making new members, and he was sure there was still a big future before the Guild. As their secretary he appreciated the help and support the members always gave him at their meetings and at that annual gathering (applause).

The Ringing Master, in proposing 'The Visitors,' extended to them all a hearty welcome. They had seldom had, he said, a gathering so representative. There was, however, one face missing. Although he could not be included as a visitor, they were all sorry their old friend

Harry Withers was not present. Had he been there it would have been his thirty-ninth consecutive appearance at that gathering, but owing to ill-health he was now in a convalescent home and they wished him a speedy recovery.

They frequently, said Mr. Haynes, heard stories of the lack of young ringers, but he felt that as long as ringers' gatherings continued to attract the numerous attendance they obviously did attract, they had no cause to despond. The shortage, he thought, was only a temporary phase, and in years to come ringers would be produced in the numbers they had always been produced. It was true that more peals of bells were being put in and peals of eight augmented to ten and twelve. That was bound to cause a difficult situation for the time being, but he felt that in, say, ten years' time their reason for anxiety would have disappeared, because, at bottom, the same spirit that inspired the masters of old was still with them.

In coupling with the toast the name of the secretary of the Central Council, Mr. Haynes paid a warm tribute to the work done by Mr. Fletcher, which was a model of efficiency and enthusiasm (applause). Mr. Fletcher, in reply, said he was one of the favoured people given a job to do, but he would not be able to do it were it not that he received great assistance from his wife and a great amount of help from the secretaries of the affiliated societies. If there were any bouquets to be given they should go to the secretaries of the affiliated societies. So far as his part of the work for the Council was concerned, he got a great 'kick' out of it, and he appealed to young ringers to find some job in their own societies, for they would discover that it gave an added interest to their own ringing activities. They should not ring merely for the sake of their own performances; it was far better to do something for the good of ringing.

EFFECTS OF THE WAR.

At the present time, said Mr. Fletcher, they were suffering from the effects of the war. In the war they lost ringers who would now be in their middle age, round about the 40's, and who would be the connecting link between the old ringers and the young. They had gone, and it was for the young ringers who came after to go forward quicker than they might otherwise have done and for the old ringers to be more tolerant towards the young ringers.

Mr. Fletcher went on to thank the Birmingham ringers for all they did for the entertainment of the visitors. They knew Birmingham ringers at one time as Radio 'stars,' but they had been on vacation. He hoped the vacation would not last much longer, because they wanted to hear them on the wireless again (applause).

Mr. Albert Walker proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World' and first paid a tribute to the manner in which the Press as a whole was now giving prominence to the subject of bells and ringing. A sympathetic press was very helpful. Mr. Walker went on to speak in terms of warm appreciation of the work of Mr. Goldsmith as Editor of 'The Ringing World,' and urged a greater measure of support for the paper, especially among young ringers, who would benefit greatly by the study of the articles for beginners. In connection with young ringers, he congratulated the young members of the Aston band on their progress.

The toast was acknowledged by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Councillor A. P. Smith gave the toast of 'The Chairman' and thanked him on behalf of all present for the able and efficient manner in which he had presided over the proceedings. Aston, for the most part, said Mr. Smith, had been fortunate in its Vicars, and it was fortunate still. Mr. Smith referred to the Archbishop of Canterbury's broadcast of his 'recall to religion.' He said he strongly disagreed with the Archbishop's suggestion that there was a falling away from religion. He (the speaker) was just an ordinary business man, mixing with business men, and he could assure the Archbishop, if he might be so presumptuous, that his experience led him to say there was no falling away from religion. He believed, indeed, that people were more religious than they had ever been in his memory. That there was a falling away in attendance at church was true. That was easily to be seen and many of them were aware of many of the reasons for it. But falling away in church attendance was a very different thing from a falling away from religion. Aston was fortunate in its Vicar, and the fine old church frequently described as the 'gem of the Midlands,' was one of the busiest centres of religion in the city at the moment and one of the most important.

The Chairman, in responding, said it was a great privilege to preside over the gathering. He was proud of his church, proud of his bells and just as proud of his band of ringers. He expressed his gratitude to the ringers and particularly to Mr. Davies, the leader, for the work they were doing.

The most enjoyable programme was contributed to by the Lyric Male Quartette, Mrs. D. Smith, Mr. A. S. Downes and Mr. M. Mackenzie, who sang songs, and Mr. A. Deeley, who contributed a monologue. Mr. E. J. Woodhall was the accompanist. In addition to the course of Stedman Cinques mentioned above, a course of Grand-siro Caters was rung on handbells by Messrs. Pearn, F. Price, F. Ferrons, R. Ingram and T. Miller. The long programme, in which interest was sustained to the end, concluded at 11 p.m. with 'Auld Lang Syne,' and the party broke up to find a storm had been raging outside and the streets were deep in snow.

On the following day many visitors who stayed overnight were entertained to a 'sandwich lunch' at the Tamworth Arms, a well-known Birmingham 'ringers' house.

'SNOWED UP!'**RINGERS' EXPERIENCES AFTER JOHNSON DINNER.**

The 'Johnson' dinner is seldom blessed with good weather. More often than not the climatic conditions that week-end have been unkind to visitors to Birmingham, but never, perhaps, more unkind than on Sunday. The guests left the hotel on Saturday night with heavy snow falling, and miniature blizzards swept the city at intervals on Sunday.

In the thick of it on Saturday night one party had a motor drive to Coventry. Before they started out, the screen-wiper of their car was accidentally broken! It is not true that the secretary of the Central Council offered to stand on the running board and keep the screen clean during the journey. Nor is it true that the language of the driver melted the snow.

Quite early on Sunday—early, that is, for 'the morning after the night before'—two well-known Guild secretaries put in their good deed for the day by doing a spot of snow shovelling and sweeping before breakfast.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson left for Surfleet. Soon after passing Market Harborough they were caught in a severe storm, and when it abated it took them an hour and a half to dig their car out of the snow.

They decided to return to Market Harborough, and, driving into the yard of an hotel, the wheels on one side sank into a pipe-trench and another hour was spent in extricating the car. They stayed the night at Market Harborough and reached home about noon on Monday.

It would appear to be the duty of St. Martin's Guild to ensure more congenial weather for the occasion of the annual dinner in future.

THE ELLACOMBE CHIMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, Rector of Clyst St. George from 1850 to 1885, was a pioneer in the restoration of parish churches. He was also the greatest authority of his time on church bells, having an unrivalled personal knowledge of bellfries, both in England and abroad. Standard books on the subject, e.g., 'The Bells of a Church,' 'The Church Bells of Devon,' etc., and on change ringing were written by him, and his practical genius was displayed in various mechanical inventions for bell furniture and fittings. The system of chiming bells, now in common use and bearing his name, was introduced by him, and his original model is to be seen in our church. He was a prominent member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and to his energy and enthusiasm, more or less directly, many guilds and associations of ringers throughout the country owe their birth.

Unfortunately, through long wear and the depredations of the death-watch beetle, the framework and fittings of our six bells (one of them of pre-Reformation date and beautiful tone, and three of them inserted by Henry Ellacombe himself) urgently need to be renewed. In this tiny agricultural parish, population 210, we are endeavouring to raise £340 to cover the cost.

I believe that far beyond the limits of Devon there must be many lovers of our ancient churches and their bells willing to help us to do honour to a great benefactor of the church at large by maintaining the belfry which was so dear to him.

Donations for the 'Church Bells Restoration Fund' will be gratefully welcomed by

W. M. MITCHELL, Rector.

Clyst St. George, Exeter.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Selly Oak, Birmingham, for evensong, on Sunday, February 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 minutes: W. B. Cartwright 1, J. L. Boylin 2, H. Haslam 3, D. J. Marsh 4, N. J. Goodman 5, C. H. Stanley 6, V. G. H. Hemus (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, E. Holt 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Joseph James, Clerk of the Peace for the City of Birmingham and one of the patrons of the living of St. Mary's.

FORMER HIGH SHERIFF.

At St. Mary's Church, Hitcham, on February 17th, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 360 Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, 180 Oxford Single Bob and 720 Plain Bob, was rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to Mr. Percy Noble, of Taplow Priory, who was interred at Remenhall Church, near Henley-on-Thames, earlier in the day. Mr. Noble was a Justice of the Peace for Bucks and was High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire 1930-31. He was 71 years of age. The ringers were P. Blamey 1, W. Woodley (first quarter-peal in three methods) 2, G. J. Berry 3, J. E. Taylor 4, B. O'Neil 5, G. Gilbert (conductor) 6.

DEATH OF VICAR OF WESTHOUGHTON.

As a tribute to the memory of the Rev. Canon George Henry St. Patrick Garrett, B.D., for 29 years Vicar of Westhoughton, who died on January 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled before evening service at the Parish Church on Sunday, January 21st: R. Walmsley 1, H. D. Shackleton 2, J. L. Wright 3, R. V. Hart 4, A. Greenhalgh 5, A. W. Leigh 6, T. W. Smith (conductor) 7, R. R. Woodward 8.

BLIND RINGERS AT OXFORD.**TWO SIGHTLESS UNDERGRADUATES LEARN TO RING.**

Oxford University Society has two members who deserve hearty congratulations upon the courage and ability they have shown in triumphing over severe handicap. They are both blind, yet they have learned to ring.

The two members concerned are Mr. Shephard-Welwyn, of Oriel, and Mr. G. Bromley, of St. Catharine's. Mr. Shephard-Welwyn has been learning for about three months and can already handle a bell in rounds quite well. Mr. Bromley has been ringing for rather less than twelve months and has been included in round ringing for some time, and on Sunday last at St. Martin's and All Saints', Oxford, he rang the tenor without assistance of any kind to two courses of Grandsire Doubles, and kept a good beat, in spite of the fact that, owing to one or two learners being included, the ringing was not too even.

They have to rely entirely on a sense of touch and of rhythm, but somehow they manage to handle their bells well, and follow the bells in front as well or better than most learners of their limited experience.

This achievement speaks volumes for the grit and perseverance of these two young men in learning a difficult art under such adverse circumstances. Also a good deal of credit is due to their fellow-members of the Oxford University Society, and to Mr. Walter F. Judge, of St. Martin and All Saints', Oxford, who have so patiently and carefully instructed them.

Men who have been ringers and have lost their sight have continued their practice of the art, but this is the first time, as far as we are aware, that blind men have learned to ring.

'MEN OF MERIT.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I saw in 'The Ringing World' some time ago that the Central Council was going to make a national biography of past members. May I ask if the Council is going to extend the biography and include other 'men of merit' who, in their lifetime, did so much for change ringing. Some of these have come and gone. I think they ought to have a place in the biography, just as much as those that have had a seat on the Council. Not every 'man of merit' has had a seat on the Council for various reasons, and I do not think it right that these men should be forgotten or ignored. I shall look for a reply to this query.

THEODORE E. SLATER.

Glensford, Suffolk.

5,040 NEW GRANDSIRE AND GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY A. J. PITMAN.

234567

462375	3	B 536472	1S
A 354762	1S	725643	2
375246	5	367425	1
426537	2	723654	3
574326	1S	237654	4
635274	1	452763	2S
426735	1	374652	1
754326	1S	263574	1
236475	2	542763	1S
346275	4	375642	1
627453	3	423587	2
346527	1	524736	5
257634	2	675324	1
462357	1	246537	2
436725	5	832475	3
275643	2	326475	4
362475	1	673254	3
745236	2	426573	1
326574	2	524367	5
352467	5	325746	5
345726	5	463572	2
673245	1	724356	2
324756	3	637524	1
274356	4	246753	2
435762	3	237546	2PL
672543	2		

Twice repeated. New Grandsire to be rung from A to B in each part, the rest being Grandsire Triples. Has the 24 4-6's, 7-4's and 6-7's at backstroke. Rung at Bridgend, Glam, on February 17th, 1937, conducted by C. H. Perry.

A FAREWELL.

At St. John's Church, Newton Nottage, Glam, on Wednesday, February 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10½ different extents): David Thomas 1, Charles Davies 2, William Pellow 3, Trevor M. Roderick (conductor) 4, Alfred E. Williams 5, Herbert Bacon 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2, 3 and 6 and first as conductor. Rung as a farewell to W. Pellow, who has helped many of the band to learn the art of change ringing.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

CRAYFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, February 28th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): E. H. Oxenham 1, T. Groombridge, jun. (conductor) 2, Miss M. Redpath 3, G. V. Murphy 4, D. M. Sharp 5, C. A. Hopper 6, E. A. Barnett 7, E. Barnett 8. First quarter-peal of Surprise by 1, 3 and 6, and also by the local band.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist for evening service on Sunday, February 28th, a quarter-peal (1,363 changes) of Grandsire Cinques: J. E. Cooper 1, R. Davies 2, J. Rumble 3, A. W. Clark 4, H. Skelt 5, D. Buxton 6, H. G. Pratt 7, G. H. Humphries 8, F. E. Mitchell 9, A. J. Cawley 10, D. Cooper (conductor) 11, F. E. Collins 12. Longest length of Cinques by the ringers of 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th. All the above are regular service ringers at this church.

DERBY.—On Monday, February 22nd, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Bernard Stone (Duffield) 1, William Wileman (St. Luke's, Derby) 2, S. Dawson (Duffield) 3, S. Merry (Cathedral) 4, D. F. Ferguson (Repton) 5, C. R. Blunt (Repton) 6, James Pagett (Cathedral) (conductor) 7, William Webster (Duffield) 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1, 5, 6 and tenor.

CAMBERWELL.—At St. Giles' Church for evening service on Sunday, February 21st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): T. H. Taffender 1, F. D. Bishop (first quarter of Major) 2, Miss O. Ashbrook 3, W. D. Grainger 4, E. J. King 5, N. H. Manning (first quarter of Major) 6, F. Gransbury (late of High Wycombe) 7, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 8.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Sunday, February 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 49 minutes: J. Dean (14) 1, J. Morley 2, S. Bonnett 3, E. G. Buck 4, C. Kinch 5, W. D. Pooley 6, R. T. Newman 7, H. Smith 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples by ringers of 1, 3 and 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, February 21st, at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): S. Warne 1, A. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, R. Martin 4, G. Lindridge 5, G. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8. First quarter-peal in the method by W. H. Hammond and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Wednesday, February 17th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 changes of Grandsire Doubles in 45 minutes: J. A. Moule 1, J. Blount 2, G. E. Large (conductor) 3, A. J. Wheatley 4, G. R. Brighton 5, S. Miles 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor.

CHISWICK.—On Tuesday, February 16th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Fulford 1, F. D. Bishop 2, N. H. Manning 3, Miss O. Ashbrook 4, A. P. Cannon 5, W. Bottrill (conductor) 6, W. Lidbetter 7, S. Newton 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. Ringers of 1, 2, 3 and tenor are members of the local band.

LONDON.—At St. Lawrence Jewry, on Sunday evening, February 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 minutes: W. E. Murrell (first quarter-peal) 1, E. S. Owen 2, E. Murrell 3, R. Allen 4, F. C. Shorter 5, E. R. Warner (Portsmouth) 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, H. E. Reynolds 8.

ALDERSHOT.—For evening service on Sunday, February 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Irene Tuck 1, T. E. Denyer (conductor) 2, Miss Edna Southby 3, Miss Betty Stewart 4, R. Kenward 5, A. Cole 6, C. W. Denyer 7, R. Jonas 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 2, and first in the method by the ringer of the 5th.

MARGATE.—On Thursday, February 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: H. Wickens 1, F. Gadsden 2, J. Waghorn (conductor) 3, A. Dadds 4, E. Spickett 5, J. Piffeld 6, A. Saxby 7, H. Lade 8. First in the method by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Dalby Reeve, hon. architect of the Parish Church and a good friend to the ringers.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, February 7th, for evening service at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. B. Perrott 1, F. Strickland 2, A. Dyer 3, F. Farrant (conductor) 4, W. Gould 5, E. F. Hancock 6, F. Sweet 7, T. Gale 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and 6th.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, February 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Maddock (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Young (first 'inside') 2, James Robinson (first 'inside') 3, T. Robinson 4, J. Robinson 5, H. Ludkin (conductor) 6, W. Robinson 7, J. Barker 8.

BASINGSTOKE.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, January 31st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. W. Munday 1, E. Austin 2, G. Pullinger 3, F. A. Munday 4, H. Wooding 5, G. Cooper (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, H. Balaam (conductor) 7, J. B. Woodley 8. Arranged for Mr. G. Pullinger, of Basingstoke.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, January 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Biggs 1, Miss O. Biggs 2, R. Biggs 3, A. G. James 4, E. Timpson (first quarter-peal) 5, P. Newton (conductor) 6, F. G. Biggs 7, R. Blaby 8.

STREATHAM, LONDON.—On Sunday, January 31st, at St. Leonard's, 1,280 Bob Major: *J. W. Rae 1, H. Mance 2, J. Miles 3, E. E. Bish 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, *L. W. Franks 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, A. P. Cannon 8. * First quarter-peal of Major, first attempt.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Mar. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. per head) at the Institute 5.45. Meeting 6.30.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, March 6th. Bells ready 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —A meeting will be held at Hampstead on Saturday, March 6th. Ringing: St. Ann's, Highgate (8), 3-4.15 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Hampstead (10), 5-5.45. Service in St. Stephen's 6 p.m. Tea in Church Hall 6.30. Ringing after tea, Hampstead, until 8, Gospel Oak (6) 8-9 p.m. We expect to see every Cumberland in North London at this meeting.—N. Summerhayes, Asst. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, March 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—C. W. Cook, District Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at South Normanton on Saturday, March 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods, near Chorley, on Saturday, March 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. No branch business meeting, as the general committee meet during the afternoon. A hearty invitation given to all ringers to attend.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—Next meeting at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Mar. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A peal board recording the peal of Grandsire Caters, rung by members of the Wigan Branch, will be unveiled and dedicated by the Rector at 4.20 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in School at 5.15, 1s. each. Please notify Mr. G. T. Jenks, 199, Warrington Road, Pemberton, Wigan, for tea. Special invitation to Liverpool ringers.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock Road, Wigan.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, March 6th. Tea at Dykes' Restaurant, 5, Station Road, at 4 p.m., 1s. each, meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SHAFTESBURY, DORSET.—The ring of six, tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr., has been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Dorset on Sunday evening, March 7th. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—On Sunday, March 7th, at 3 p.m., a service will be held at St. George's Church, Bolton. During the service, the Bishop of Manchester will dedicate a church memorial to the late Canon Elsec. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., Bolton Branch.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Service ringing: St. Clement Danes', Strand, March 7th, 10 a.m.; Bow, Cheapside, March 28th, 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', March 15th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary, Lambeth, March 30th, 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—The ring of 5 (tenor 26 cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Monday, March 8th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 30th; St. Magnus' on the 18th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 9th; and *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 16th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Whittlesey, near Peterborough, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged. Please come and, until then, kindly while your time in Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Superlative and London Surprise. Book the date and don't be late, my friend said. Tea can only be arranged by notification March 9th latest.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Ashtree, Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 3.30. Quarterly business, etc., details later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by March 10th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Longwood, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Schools at 5 o'clock at a charge of 1s. 3d. to all who send in names to Mrs. Winterbottom, 20, Thornhill Road, Longwood, by Tuesday, March 9th. Business meeting for election of officers at 6 o'clock. The recast bells of Lindley Parish Church will also be available throughout the day. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bishop's Cleeve on Saturday, March 13th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30 by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. T. Jesson). Business meeting to follow. Please notify by the 10th.—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, March 13th.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Helen's Parish Church on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., price 9d. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcome.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner will be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C.1, on Saturday, March 13th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Master, supported by the Rev. Pat McCormick, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. The bells of St. Olave's, Hart Street, will be available from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., St. Bride's, Fleet Street, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Martin-in-the-Fields, 5 p.m. to 5.55 p.m. Tickets (5s. 6d. each) available from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, G. Radley and E. J. Butler. Application for tickets with remittance should be made not later than Monday, March 8th.—J. E. Bailey, Hon. Dinner Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Members and non-members welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, March 13th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Badby (6) on Saturday, March 13th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Langham on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All are welcome. Please notify for tea to S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham, Rutland.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Thurlough on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged. You will be very welcome. Remember a card helps no end.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, on March 13th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in Church Hall. Make it your object to attend.—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barnby-in-the-Willows (6) on Saturday, March 13th. A bus leaves Newark Bus Station at 2.5 p.m. Any who use it will be brought back to Newark after the meeting. Methods: Double Oxford, Sandal T.B., Wells S. Please turn up and make this the best meeting in the association's history (and don't forget the card for tea).—R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready at 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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Highworth on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise if possible.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. G. Newton, 1, Walton View, Crofton, near Wakefield, by Wednesday, March 10th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at St. Giles on Saturday, March 13th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me by March 9th. All ringers welcome.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Marie's Church, Sheffield (8 bells) on Saturday, March 13th. For tea, cafés close by. Committee meeting 4 p.m. General meeting 6 p.m. Bristol for practice. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, for Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Sherington, Saturday, March 13th. 2.30 begin, 4 service, the address by Father King, C.R. Tea 4.45. Please send notice to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, at a small charge, at 5, if you send a card to Mr. C. R. Belton, Westgate, Hinckley Road, Barwell, not later than March 12th. Business meeting follows. Subscriptions for 1937 now due.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Marston on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bus service from Aylesbury and Buckingham. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Lawton (8 bells) on Saturday, March 13th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before March 10th?—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

SALISBURY GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Okeford Fitzpaine on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30; followed by tea and meeting. Sturminster Newton bells also available. All ringers welcomed.—J. Ralph, Kingston Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Withyham (8) on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please notify me by the 11th if you require tea.—B. Saunders, Sec., 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Mursley, bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 13th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Special methods, Cambridge Court Bob Major and St. Clement's Bob Triples. All requiring tea should advise Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, by March 17th. This meeting is held jointly with a meeting of the Ladies' Guild.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Panther, 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne, by Thursday, the 18th? Meeting after tea for election of officers, etc.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting is to be held at Redbourn on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service, tea and meeting. Those requiring tea must notify me by the Thursday previous. Come along and extend your knowledge of Minor methods.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The eighth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, Gloucester, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets, 3s. The following towers open for ringing: Barnwood (8) at 1 p.m. if required; St. Mary de Lode (6) 2.30 to 3.30; St. Mary de Crypt (8) 3.45 to 4.45; St. Michael's (10) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. Will those friends requiring tickets kindly notify me not later than the 16th inst.?—W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Sec., G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 57th annual general meeting will be held at Ashford on Easter Monday. The association service will be in St. Mary's Church at noon, followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards to elect officers, and consider the adoption of the revised rules, etc. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: Wye (8), Mersham (8) if possible, Willesborough (6), Eastwell (6), Great and Little Chart (6), Hothfield (6). Ashford bells will be available at 10 o'clock till noon and after the meeting. Luncheon, free to practising members, 2s. 6d. to others. Application for tickets must be made on or before first post Wednesday, March 24th, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope and a list of names attending. After this date no application can be entertained.—Fred M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

JOINT MEETING OF THE LADIES' GUILD (Southern District) **AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD** (Guildford District) at Chiddingfold, Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea at Swan Hotel 5.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. R. Carpenter, Pitt Lodge, Chiddingfold, by March 16th.—Miss H. F. Mills, Maidencombe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot; G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Hon. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., and meeting to follow. Further ringing until 7.30 p.m., when there will be a short service. Please send me your names for tea by the 17th.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12.

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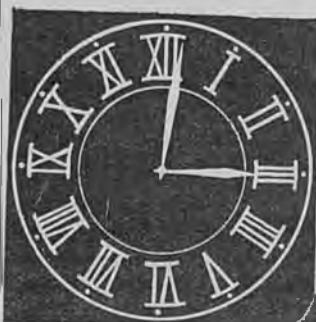
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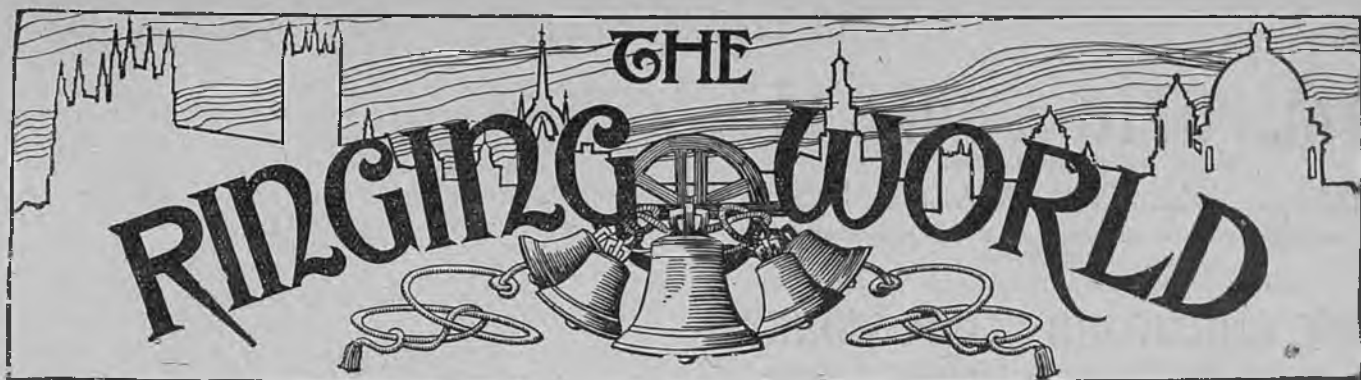
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On the other hand, there is much useful material, which they and the Council have been at great pains to provide, which has not produced the results hoped for. Their book of Plain Major Methods, which met with a fair sale, has not led to any noticeable extension of the methods rung, and to this extent the outcome must be considered disappointing. There ought to be a more practical use made of this book than leaving it unopened on the ringers' bookshelves. Not even the Council can be satisfied with merely selling a book. These volumes are produced to expand the art of change ringing, and it is a great pity that some of the fine methods which this volume contains are not in much more general use. We are beginning to wonder whether the explanation is not partly to be found in the fact that ringers will not take the trouble to see what kind of things these methods are. We believe that if someone would undertake to provide diagrams instead of just blocks of figures, from which the ringer has to work out his own clue to ringing methods, they would be rapidly taken up. Snowdon popularised the 'Standard' methods because he printed the figures with a blue line superimposed. It is an expensive process, but the majority of progressive ringers in these days ring by diagram, and it needs some such aid to induce them to take up new methods.

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On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES ROSE Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
MISS PHYLLIS TILLET ... 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 6
WILLIAM KINSEY 3	GEORGE MORE 7
CHARLES SHEMMING 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by J. ROSE.

TADCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*WALTER HICK Treble	*ERNEST LINDLEY 5
*HENRY CLAYTON 2	*ROBERT LANCASTER 6
*FRED E. ADDISON 3	NORMAN BARTON 7
*JOHN HARRISON 4	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRED E. ADDISON.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the tenor, residing at Middlesbrough, is a native of Tadcaster and was proposed a member prior to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Clayton.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

JACK R. HINDRY Treble	WILLIAM R. WEST 5
HANBURY F. CARTER 2	WALTER H. MILLER 6
BERTIE W. MARCH 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE 7
FREDERICK R. WILBY 4	JOHN A. GODFREY Tenor

Composed by W. DAY.

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to George S. Soames, who died suddenly on February 21st.

CHELTEMHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 1, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter, Leckhampton,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. HUNT Treble	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	GEORGE H. WALTERS 6
ARTHUR CAUDLE 3	*THOMAS BOREHAM 7
CHARLES W. MARTIN 4	JOHN F. BALLENGER Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Highweek,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*ERNEST J. TAYLOR Treble	*CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 5
*AUBREY L. BENNETT 2	*G. HARRY MYERS 6
*JAMES E. LILLEY 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
HENRY C. COLLYER 4	*THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Guild by a band resident in the County of Devon. First peal of Major on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 4, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT Treble	JAMES H. HAYWARD 5
MISS NOEL L. CAWTHORNE 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL 6
*RONALD BIRCH 3	LESLIE HAYWOOD 7
JOHN E. TORLEY 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALAN J. HOPPER Treble	DEREK M. SHARP 5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	*COLIN A. HOPPER 6
*MISS M. REDPATH 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First attempt for a peal of Cambridge 'inside.' First peal of Surprise by the local band.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

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

*GEORGE SPERRING Treble	RICHARD D. LANGFORD 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
*GEORGE PACKER 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by S. JONES, JUN.

* First peal in the method.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	HORACE W. FOULGAR 5
JAMES CHINERY 2	ARTHUR E. BALLAM 6
GEORGE W. ABLITT 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
*WILLIAM GOODSHIP 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¼ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Treble	PERCY J. JERVIS 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	JOHN W. SYKES 6
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3	WILLIAM H. TURTON 7
MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 4	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 313) Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS

The composition was now rung for the first time. A birthday peal for J. W. Sykes, and the 50th anniversary of W. Biggin's first peal.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

ALFRED H. POLLING Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	RAYMOND OVERY 6
THOMAS E. DENYER 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
JOHN O. WELLER 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of Godalming, Canon H. E. Hone, who was inducted to the living on March 4th.

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NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael Coslany,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CLIFFORD BIRD Treble	FREDERICK HOWCHIN ... 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
*MISS GWEN TONNADINE ... 3	ALBERT WARNES 7
BERTIE HOWCHIN 4	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN BUCKENHAM Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
ALFRED BACON 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ... 6
WALLACE COUSINS 3	FRED WIGMORE 7
LEWIS BUSH 4	ARTHUR G. BASON Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by F. WIGMORE.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
WILLIAM T. BRESON 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
Cecil NICE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by E. C. S. TURNER.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

This peal consists of 2,944 London, 640 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

FRANK POPPLEWELL Treble	ARTHUR HEALD 4
*BERNARD ROBINSON 2	FRANK LINFOOT 5
†ALBERT SLATER 3	FRANK RHODES Tenor

Conducted by F. RHODES.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Thomas Robinson, a highly esteemed teacher at St. Mary's, who is shortly retiring after over 30 years' service.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being nine six-scores each of Chase and Grandsire, and eight each of Plain Bob, Canterbury and St. Simons'. Tenor 8 cwt.

*CECIL BROWN Treble	SIDNEY ROWNEY 3
GEORGE BROWN 2	LEONARD TOSLAND 4
SIDNEY MUNTON Tenor	

Conducted by S. MUNTON.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 13 years 5 months. Ringers of second and treble are father and son respectively.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On February 28th, at the Parish Church for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Hodgetts 1, G. Price 2, J. E. Rootes 3, W. Wroughton 4, J. V. Porter 5, A. J. Harding 6, E. E. C. Russell (conductor) 7, H. Langdon 8.

TEMPLECOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

*ALBERT H. CHANT Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
JAMES F. HATCHLEY 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
PERCY N. G. RAINEY 3	RICHARD STODKEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

* First peal of Minor.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

THOMAS S. WILKES Treble	JOHN W. TRANTER 4
HARRY HARRISON 2	JOSEPH L. STANIER 5
*S. HAROLD TRANTER 3	RICHARD INSTONE Tenor

Conducted by J. L. STANIER.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Henry Newbrook (one of the local ringers) and Miss Catherine Richards, of Kidderminster, who were married at the above church the same afternoon.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty 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. Tenor 11 cwt.

*JAMES ROBINSON Treble	JOHN W. GARDNER 4
JOHN ROBINSON 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
THOMAS ROBINSON 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON 6
JAMES BARKER Tenor (covering)	

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples. First peal of Minor in three methods by all except the conductor, and first on the bells in three methods by a local band. Rung to commemorate the weddings of George Young and Margaret Stirrup, John Robinson and Evelyn Grace, Manchester, Thomas Robinson and Jean Mary Bates.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT RELFE Treble	FRANK H. HICKS 4
LESLIE W. JARVIS 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	ARTHUR J. HART Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in three methods by all except the conductor.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE A. CHARLTON Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 4
JOHN H. BAILESS 2	FRANK R. MEASURES 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	FRANK BAILESS Tenor

Conducted by F. BAILESS.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor for all except ringer of fourth.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

JACK VESSEY	Treble	LESLIE LUNN	4
THOMAS VESSEY	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY	3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY	Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

GUISEBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent of Plain Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and three of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*RALPH JACKSON	Treble	GEORGE KEMBALL	4
JACK REED	2	CRCIL ROBINSON	5
GEORGE HUSBAND	3	CYRIL POLLARD	Tenor

Conducted by C. POLLARD.

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

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with four different callings.
Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN A. GODFREY	Treble	† HERBERT C. BOGGIS	4
*JACK R. HINDRY	2	WILLIAM R. WEST	5
ALBERT E. BRACEY	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE	Tenor

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. COUSINS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.
Tenor size 17 in A.

*WALLACE COUSINS	1-2	FRED WIGMORE	3-4
*CLAUDE COUSINS	5-6		

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal on handbells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

IN ST. PAULINE'S PARISH ROOM

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

*COLIN A. HOPPER	1-2	*DEREK M. SHAFF	7-8
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3-4	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY	9-10
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	5-6	*ALAN J. HOPPER	11-12

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal on twelve bells.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY	5-6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK	3-4	PETER LAFLIN	7-8
HAROLD JACKSON	9-10		

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witnesses—Harry Ashton and Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

FOR BEGINNERS.

CALLING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

A beginner has asked us for a little help in calling Grandsire Triples. Like many others, he can ring the method fairly well, but he cannot make much headway in calling touches.

The first thing to know is, when to call the bobs; by which we mean the place in the lead where the actual word of command has to be given. If you examine the figures of Grandsire Triples you will see that the effect of the bob takes place before the treble completes its whole pull at lead. If no bob is called, nothing interferes with the plain hunting of the bells until the treble has finished leading. In practically all even-bell methods, such as Bob Minor and Major, the bob is effected by varying the position of three (or more) of the bells at the backstroke lead of the treble. In Grandsire the effective movement has taken place before that.

Plain Lead	Bob Lead
7561423	7561423
5716243	Call Bob 5716243
5172634	5172634
1527364	1576243
1253746	1752634
2157364	7156243
2513746	7512634

The bob, therefore, must be 'called' in good time, and the correct moment is at the beginning of the change in which the treble strikes in 3rd's place on the way down. Now, while it may not be easy to see, while ringing another bell, exactly when the treble is in 3rd's place, there happens to be a particularly good guide to the place where the bob should be called. It is at the moment that the bell, which is going to make the ordinary 3rd's place, pulls off at lead. The bell to go into the hunt gets sufficient notice, and the dodging bells are in their dodging places. The bell that is coming to lead when the bob has to be called is the one hunting down immediately in front of the treble, so you ought not to mistake it.

Every place into which a bell can fall at a bob has a distinctive name:—

Middle, or M.,	4-5 (up).
Before, or B.,	3rd's place.
In, or I.,	Into the hunt.
Out, or O.,	Out of the hunt.
Wrong, or W.,	7-6 (down).
Home, or H.,	6-7 (up).

One of the important things to remember in calling Grandsire is that, compared with a plain lead, a bob cuts out one dodging position, that is to say while the dodge in 6-7 (up) follows that in 7-6 (down) at a plain lead, a bob would cause the bell to double dodge in 4-5 up (or Middle). If you want to call a bell into the Home position, you must do it the lead after it has dodged in 5-4 (down). If you want to call it into the hunt, you do it the lead after it has dodged in 6-7 up. The only position that is not disturbed by a bob is the Before, which follows the dodge in 4-5 up. It is the cutting out of a dodging place that sometimes fogs those who are beginning to call touches. Here is a little table that shows the differences made between Plain and Bob leads:—

After	Plain Lead	Bob
3rd's	dodge 5-4 down	dodge 7-6 down
5-4 down	dodge 7-6 down	dodge 6-7 up
7-6 down	dodge 6-7 up	dodge 4-5 up
6-7 up	dodge 4-5 up	Into Hunt
4-5 up	make 3rd's	make 3rd's

Just master this first, before you begin to call. It is also a great help to know you should call the bob when striking your first blow in your dodging place (whether 4-5 or 6-7, up or down). When going into the hunt call the bob when you are in 2nd's, going up, and the treble is striking over you. A bob when you are yourself coming Before is called when you begin to lead.

When you first begin calling, it may be just as well to ring the observation bell and learn your touch by the places into which it will be actually called, thus a 336 called from the 7th: Before, Wrong, In, Out at 1 (it is necessary to know how many leads the observation bell is to remain in the hunt). This calling twice repeated brings the bells back into the plain course.

If you get a touch which is all in one part, don't forget that you can treat any bell as the observation bell. For instance, this little touch of 266 has no special bell for observation. It is as easy to learn it from one bell as from another. Bobs are called at the following intervals, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 2, 1, 3, 1, these figures representing the number of leads between the calls.

The conductor should know how to write out his own touches, and readers should figure out this one, as an example. The transpositions, if you do not happen to know, are 253746 for a plain lead and 752634 for a bob lead.

Thus a bob at I from rounds produces 752634, and a bob at the following lead (752634 transposed by 253746) 467352. Follow this with a plain lead, 467352 transposed by 253746, which gives 436275, and so on; the treble, being recurrent in front of the whole of the rows of figures, is omitted.

We will return to the subject of calling Grandsire Triples next week.

FAMOUS BIRMINGHAM RINGERS OF THE PAST.

AN INTERESTING GROUP.

This picture, taken seventy years ago, forms an extremely interesting link with a past generation of Birmingham ringers, whose memory is recalled by the recent commemoration dinner.

The group is from a photograph of members of St. Martin's Guild taken when Henry Johnson was secretary.

In the back row are: John Day (president), John James, Thomas Edgshill, George Baldwin and S. Power.

In front are: Thomas Day, Henry Johnson, William Haywood, John Perks and Job Joynes.

Some of these men helped to make history. Johnson's services to the art are well known. Thomas Day was a composer of repute and was the author of the famous record lengths of 15,840 and 16,608 Treble Bob. With Johnson, William Haywood and John James took part in the record length of Stedman Cinques (7,392) rung at Birmingham in 1868.



SURPRISE METHODS THAT EXTEND TO 10 AND 12 BELLS.

A NEW SERIES FOR ADVANCED RINGERS.

Very few Surprise Major methods make perfect extensions both to ten and twelve bells. There are some, like Cambridge and Yorkshire, and we hope to bring others to the notice of the Exercise.

There is really very little variety practised in the methods rung on the higher numbers, and we think ringers will welcome the opportunity of trying something different, which gives the same scope as the two mentioned. There is something more attractive in ringing a method on eight bells which, it is known, can be rung, if desired, on ten and twelve by retaining the same 'work.'

With a view to stimulating interest in this matter, Mr. Gabriel Lindoff has furnished us with a short series of methods which deserve attention and which those who have the opportunity may care to practice.

In placing these methods before the Exercise Mr. Lindoff has selected only those that conform to the commonsense rule, that 'Places make the method.' In these methods, therefore, it must be the places that are extended; the other work takes care of itself.

Two methods that have been accepted by the Exercise as correct extensions are Treble Bob and Cambridge.

In Treble Bob the places (2nd's) are extended downwards. In Cambridge the places are extended across. No fixed rule can be observed, therefore. They may be downwards, across, or both, whichever the method demands.

York Surprise, here given as the first of the series, is a method that extends from six. Though simple, its music will, when practised, be highly appreciated.

YORK SURPRISE.

123456	12345678	1234567890	123456789012
214365	21436587	2143658709	214365870912
124635	12463857	1246385079	124638507912
216453	21648375	2164830597	216483059712
261435	26143857	2614385079	261438507912
624153	62418375	6241830597	624183059712
621435	62143857	6214385079	621438507912
264153	26418375	2641830597	264183059712
624513	62481735	6248103957	624810395712
642531	64287153	6428019375	642801937512
465213	46821735	4682103957	468210395712
456231	48627153	4862019375	486201937512
	84672513	8460291735	846029173512
546321	86475231	8640927153	864092715312
	68742513	6874291735	687429173512
	67845231	6084927153	608492715312
		0689472513	068947251312
		0869745231	086974523112
		8096472513	809647251312
		8906745231	890674523112
		9807654321	980765432112

2nd's place is made at the treble's lead.

Major has five false course-ends (32546, 24365, 46253, 65432 and 53624), and, therefore, thirty courses for composition.

Royal and Maximus have a clean proof scale.

A DEVON BAND'S SUCCESS.

DOUBLE NORWICH AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB BY RESIDENTS.

On Wednesday evening, March 3rd, eight members of the Devon Guild rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Highweek Parish Church, Newton Abbot. The peal was the first in the method for six

of the band, and it was also the first peal in the method for the Guild by a band resident in the county of Devon. It was the first peal of Major on the bells, and the striking was excellent throughout.

Incidentally the same band met at Buckfastleigh about six weeks ago and rang a peal of Double Norwich, this also being the first peal in the method for the Guild by a band resident in the county. The peal of Oxford is recorded in the appropriate columns.

BROADCASTING.**ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Cannot something be done to end the broadcasts of wretched 'still' bells from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields? If I remember right, an effort was made a few years ago to get the bells of this church rung, but this does not seem to have been successful.

I am convinced that the present method of chiming them must be regretted by all ringers, and not least by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, whose chief tower I believe St. Martin's to be. Would it not be possible for this society, and perhaps also the Central Council, to approach the powers that be with a request that the bells be rung on the occasion of a broadcast? As the bells are radiated through the principal British stations, it seems such a pity that so vast a listening audience should get a false impression of the traditional British style of church bellringing, possibly confusing this chiming with the true change ringing.

Certainly the noise produced by the present method is deplorable. An organ voluntary is much to be preferred every time.

Hawford, Worcester.

GEORGE E. LARGE.

SUFFOLK GUILD.**UNFREQUENTED TOWERS FOR SUMMER MEETINGS.**

On Saturday a district meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Stowmarket, Suffolk, when a fair number attended, about 30 being present at tea or later in the evening. At the meeting the chair was taken by the new Vicar of Great Finborough, who had kindly lent his bells for the evening.

The secretary (the Rev. H. Drake) reported that he had again tried to get Bury St. Edmunds for the annual meeting, but the authorities would not agree, so it has been decided to hold the annual meeting on April 3rd at Sudbury, where two rings of eight will be available; All Saints' are under repair and may not be ready by that date.

It was suggested that some of the more unfrequented towers be visited for meetings during the summer months and so revive some interest.

New members were elected from Rushmere St. Andrew, Sproughton, and St. Margaret's, Ipswich. It was very pleasing to note so many young ringers present, including two ladies, one only 12 years old. Ringing ranged from rounds to Superlative Surprise Major, several having their first 'run' on eight bells.

After tea some went by car to Great Finborough (6), while others went to Barking (6) and back to Finborough.

HELP NEEDED.**SMALL WORCESTERSHIRE PARISH'S GREAT EFFORT.**

An appeal has been issued for funds for the restoration of the tower and bells of Bishampton Church, Worcestershire.

The tower was built about the year 1400. The original six bells were cast in 1696 by William Bagley, of Ecton, Northants, but the fifth was recast in 1705 by Sanders, of Bromsgrove.

At present the bells are silent. The tower had been neglected and cracks appeared. The fabric has now been repaired at a cost of over £500. The bell frame is decayed and the bells have never been turned since they were put in. It is proposed to rehang the bells in a new frame and new fittings and put in a new floor for the ringers. The cost of this work is estimated at about £300, towards which just over £170 has been raised.

Here is a case where ringers should be glad to help. Their donations will be welcomed and acknowledged by the Vicar, the Rev. T. Wilkinson, Bishampton Vicarage, Pershore, near Worcester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**EAST NORFOLK BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, on Saturday, February 27th. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and after service, conducted by the Rev. H. C. Neusome, tea was served at St. Nicholas' House.

The Rev. H. C. Neusome presided over the business meeting, supported by Mr. W. J. Lee (chairman), Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary), Mr. J. G. Harwood (secretary) and Mr. Nolan Golden (secretary of North and South Norfolk Branches).

Mr. W. J. Lee was re-elected chairman of the district and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood hon. secretary. The following were elected on the Branch Committee: Messrs. A. Moy, W. R. Barber, C. Parnell, J. Taylor and R. T. Woodley, and Messrs. A. King and R. Davey were re-elected on the General Committee.

Six new members were elected and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Neusome for presiding at the meeting and taking the service, also to the matron and staff at St. Nicholas' House for catering for tea.

Thirty-one members attended from Norwich, Great Yarmouth and Gorleston, Wymondham, Beccles, Lowestoft, Kessingland, Baugham, Reedham, Norton, Halvigate, Acle and Southwold. The methods rung during the day were Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The band at Crayford, Kent, has accomplished two highly creditable performances within the past week—on Saturday, the first Surprise peal by a local company at this tower, and a peal of Bob Maximus on handbells on Sunday, with three of the band ringing their first peal on twelve bells.

It is many years, apparently, since a local band in Kent rang a Surprise peal—which is strange in view of the talent which has always existed in the county, and that at one time one tower possessed a local band that could ring London. There seems to be no trace of any local Surprise peal since Gabriel Lindoff called the first peals of Cambridge and Superlative in the county in 1893.

Yesterday was the fiftieth anniversary of a performance which still ranks among the most noteworthy peals in history. On March 11th, 1887, at the Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, four members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang Holt's Original on handbells, non-conducted. 'The striking was faultless,' and the peal was pronounced by the competent witnesses present, representing both the College Youths and Cumberlands, to be 'a masterpiece of intellectual ringing.'

Three of the band are happily still alive. They are Messrs. J. C. Mitchell, W. H. L. Buckingham and C. F. Winney. The fourth ringer was Mr. G. T. McLaughlin. Last night Mr. Mitchell entertained a small private party to celebrate the jubilee, and thus fulfilled a hope that was expressed at a similar gathering exactly ten years ago.

The peal of Grandsire was the second ever rung 'silent' on handbells, and, strangely enough, it was rung on the anniversary of the first non-conducted peal, which John Cox, William Cooter, Henry Haley and Matt. Wood rang for the St. James' Society on March 11th, 1854. That was Stedman Triples.

One hundred years ago next Monday a peal of 10,133 Grandsire Caters was rung in Bristol in 5 hours 54 minutes.

The ringer of the 7th in the peal at Southwark Cathedral on February 20th was Henry G. Miles. In the peal of Spiced Surprise at Acton on February 27th the ringer of the 5th was Ernest C. S. Turner.

The peal at Cheltenham on February 27th was the first of Stedman Cinques by R. Woodyatt.

Among those who hope to attend the dinner of the Royal Cumberland Youths in London to-morrow are at least two with over 50 years of membership—Mr. George Williams and Mr. W. H. Fussell.

LONDON TOWERS.

A HINT TO SECRETARIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Appreciation would, I think, be felt on the part of many ringers, particularly those resident in and near London, if the secretaries of the various ringing associations would endeavour, when they are able, to give some indication in their notices in 'The Ringing World' of the whereabouts of towers where ringing meetings are to be held.

When there are several churches in one district or neighbourhood it is often difficult to get directed to the right one. The police are usually at a loss when one asks the way to a church, whereas they are able to direct one to any particular street without hesitation.

I would suggest, therefore, that when there is any likelihood of difficulty in finding a church, secretaries should give the name of the street in which it is situated.

My reason for writing this is that I recently had the bitter experience of not finding a certain church at all, in spite of inquiring of every other passer-by and walking some three or four miles.

Sydenham.

P. A. CORBY.

WING BELLS.

'A BOLD STATEMENT.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In my opinion it is rather a bold statement to make to say the bells of Wing are not pealable. Did the band that tried them consist of the 'champion heavy bell ringers' of England? On February 15th, 1913, I took a band to St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, London, for a peal of Triples. The tenor was not going any too well, so a man who claimed to be a great heavy bell ringer tackled her. After about 50 minutes he gave up and said no one could ring it to a peal. The following Saturday the Middlesex Association rang a peal of Bristol Surprise Major on them. The late Mr. W. Pye rang the tenor and conducted the peal. I heard a good deal of it and it was well rung.

I venture to suggest that had the Rev. C. E. Wigg and friends rung a peal on Queen Camel bells before Messrs. Taylor rehung them, they would have had something to write home about. As it was, the tenorman had enough in the fourth 720. I know the bells very well and had a touch or two on the tenor before they were rehung. I am of the belief that very few ringers in England would have rung her to a peal. The glory, and any gold medals, due for a heavy job on six and eight bells belong to Mr. J. T. Dyke. He it was who rang this tenor to a peal when they wanted a good deal of skill and pulling to get a peal out of them.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT EXCHANGE OFFICES.

Question of Introducing New Blood.

A very satisfactory state was revealed in the affairs of the Surrey Association at the annual meeting, held at Leatherhead on Saturday, and members showed their interest by attending to the number of nearly eighty, representing 13 out of the 18 towers in the North-Western Division and four out of the nine towers in the Southern Division. The towers represented were Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Carshalton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Epsom (Christ Church), Ewell, Kingston, Leatherhead, Lingfield, Merstham, Mitcham (Christ Church), Redhill, Reigate and Wimbledon. In addition visitors were present from Beckenham, Brockley, Chertsey, London, Shoreham, Tunbridge Wells, Windsor and Uckfield.

The spacious belfry was well filled during the afternoon and again in the evening, when the ten bells were kept fully utilised under the competent direction of Mr. Dan Cooper, Ringing Master of the North-West Division, in which Leatherhead is situated.

In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge), the curate (the Rev. P. W. H. Isdell-Carpenter) officiated at the service, and in a brief address welcomed the association to Leatherhead on behalf of the Vicar, and spoke of the fellowship and service of ringers.

Tea at the Institute was followed by the business meeting. In the regretted absence of the Master (Mr. D. K. C. Birt) through illness, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith was made chairman, and was supported by the Rev. P. W. H. Isdell-Carpenter, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin), the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. E. G. Talbot) and other officers of the association.

The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts showed receipts amounting to £36 18s. 3d. from members' subscriptions and an increased balance in the general account of £15 0s. 9d., due in some measure to the increase from 50 per cent. to 75 per cent. in the allocation from the districts.

A member expressed dislike to the charge of a guinea for the bells at Southwark Cathedral on the occasion of the last annual meeting.

The hon. secretary explained that this charge had been made by the authorities since 1921, when the bells were put in order, and was paid for the use of the bells for peals and meetings. Since the charge was instituted the bells had been well looked after.—The balance sheet was adopted.

THE YEAR'S RECORD.

The committee in their annual report said one of the outstanding events of the year was the recasting of the eight bells of Croydon Parish Church and their augmentation to twelve. The association is fortunate, said the report, in having for the first time in an affiliated tower a twelve-bell peal, and it is hoped that members will take the opportunity of increasing their knowledge on the higher numbers on this ideal ring.

Another event was the scoring of the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal in four methods in the country, rung by members of the North-Western District at Beddington, conducted by Mr. C. H. Kippin.

An unfortunate incident was the discovery that a composition of Treble Bob Major (an abridged version of P. Robinson's 5.184) was false. This composition has been rung on 12 occasions by the association, including a peal on the back eight at the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Chesham. The peal records have been amended accordingly.

Twenty-six peals were rung during the year, an increase of five over 1935. Methods: Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Royal 2; London—Royal 1, Major 2, Minor 1; Cambridge—Royal 3, Major 5; Kent Treble Bob—Royal 1, Major 1, Minor 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Plain Bob—Royal 1, Major 1; Double Norwich Major 1; Stedman—Caters 1, Triples 2; Grandshire Triples 2; Minor (3 methods) 1. Eighty-four members took part, six ringing their first peal and 55 their first peal in the method.

District meetings had been well attended. In the North-Western District the average attendance was 38, and the Southern District 27. An interesting feature was the number of joint meetings. Six were held, one jointly with the Guildford Guild and Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, three mid-week meetings with the Ladies' Guild, one each with the Sussex Association and East Grinstead Guild, all of which were well attended. The committee were of opinion that these joint meetings were excellent for promoting good feeling between neighbouring associations, which had always been the aim of the society, and should be encouraged as much as possible.

Ringing had still been carried on monthly by the association at Southwark Cathedral, but during recent months the attendance had not been up to the usual standard. Further volunteers were necessary if this ringing was to be carried on successfully.

The committee regretted to report the death of Mr. John Lee, of Streatham, an old and respected member of this association, and the Rev. H. T. Lewis, late Vicar of Horley, who was an honorary member for several years.

The membership of the association had slightly decreased during the year, the total of annual subscribing members being 287, as against 297 at the end of 1935. In the North-Western District there is a reduction of 14, but the Southern District had an increase of four members.

Finance was still satisfactory, the balance in hand in the Central Fund and the districts having increased by £6 10s. 10d. during 1936 from £39 8s. 1d. to £45 18s. 11d.

In concluding their report, the committee congratulated the Master, Mr. Birt, upon the great improvement in his health after such a long illness, and expressed the hope that he would have a speedy and complete recovery.

Mr. H. V. Young called attention to the falling off in the attendance for ringing once a month at Southwark Cathedral, and appealed for more ringers who would be prepared to attend there once every three months.

The report was adopted.

Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) and Mr. A. Watson (Benhilton) were elected members of the association.

Three places, Reigate, Kingston and Croydon, were proposed for the next annual meeting, Reigate being selected by a large majority.

REASON FOR CHANGE.

The election of officers provided some changes, but these were all of a voluntary nature. The Bishop of Croydon remains president and Mr. D. K. C. Birt, Master. Mr. D. Cooper had also been nominated for the latter office, but withdrew, saying that he allowed his nomination to go forward under a misapprehension. At the time it was thought Mr. Birt intended to retire on account of the condition of his health, but now that he was recovering and was willing to continue he (Mr. Cooper) would not think of contesting the office (applause).

In declaring the election of Mr. E. G. Talbot as hon. secretary and Mr. C. H. Kippin as assistant hon. secretary, the Chairman said he could not let it pass without a reference to the change that was taking place and to Mr. Kippin's services. Mr. Kippin and Mr. Talbot had changed offices, because the former was of opinion that a change would be beneficial. Mr. Kippin had served as hon. secretary for ten years with great ability and efficiency, and the association owed him a great debt of gratitude (applause).

Mr. C. H. Reading endorsed the chairman's remarks, and said the members were very conscious of and appreciated the work which Mr. Kippin had done.

Mr. Kippin said he had resigned the secretaryship not through any lack of interest or differences with the committee. The reason was that he believed new blood should be introduced. He had been secretary for ten years, and if a man went on too long it made him appear indispensable. He would continue to have just as much interest in the association, and he wished his successor every success in the office. He hoped the members would give him every support.

The new hon. secretary acknowledged his election. He said he felt very diffident in taking on the work after Mr. Kippin, but he would do his best, with the help of the members, to carry on efficiently.

The remaining office, that of auditor, was filled by the re-election of Mr. G. W. Store.

It was announced that the committee had considered the question of holding the annual dinner this year, and, in view of the close proximity of the College Youths' Tercentenary dinner, recommended that the dinner be not held. Mr. Kippin explained that the feeling of the committee was that a good many ringers would want to attend the College Youths' commemoration, and as they could not all afford to go to both, the attendance at a Surrey dinner was bound to be affected, and they did not want to risk a loss.

CORONATION RINGING.

The committee's suggestion was confirmed—as was also the following recommendation of the committee: 'That ringing takes place as far as possible at every affiliated tower on the day of the Coronation, May 12th next; record of performances to be ascertained by the secretary.'

Mr. Talbot explained that on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee only one peal was rung by the association, and, on the face of it, it seemed a very poor recognition of the event. Actually there were several attempts and many touches were rung. The object on this occasion was to obtain a record of what was done.

Later Mr. Willett said he had read in 'The Ringing World' of the suggestion by one association that any peals rung by its members in the month of May should be recognised as Coronation peals. He asked whether that should be done in the Surrey Association, and if it was to be generally adopted.

The Chairman, asked to give his view on the matter, said he considered that any peal definitely arranged as a Coronation celebration, if rung within a reasonable time of the event, should be recognised as a Coronation peal. Peals casually arranged which happened to be rung soon after the Coronation ought not to be treated as Coronation peals, but those specially arranged for the purpose should be recognised, even if they were not rung in Coronation week.

A suggestion by Mr. W. H. Hewitt that a joint meeting with the Guildford Guild and Middlesex Association should be held at a tower near the Thames in the autumn was referred to the North-Western District Committee, it being pointed out that a joint meeting was to be held at Staines for the Middlesex, Guildford and Oxford Guilds.—The Chairman said he had no doubt the other societies would welcome the Surrey Association on that occasion.

Mr. Randall (Benhilton) suggested that in future no officer should hold his position for more than three years in succession.

Considerable discussion followed upon this, when the advantages and disadvantages were pointed out by various speakers.

Mr. Randall and others argued that it would give the opportunity of introducing new blood. At present if a man was willing to con-

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Should Officers be changed every 3 years?

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time in office he could not be very well turned out without feeling a sense of slight.

On the other hand, it was pointed out that an opportunity occurred annually to change officers if it was thought desirable, and there was also the difficulty which frequently occurred of finding suitable men for office.

Mr. Claydon (a district secretary) said it took a secretary three years to get into the job properly; were they, he asked, going to turn him out as soon as he knew his job?

Mr. C. H. Reading said if they had a good man they should stick to him.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

In the end, it being understood that the meeting was not committed to any definite views, the matter was referred to the committee for consideration on condition that if they had any recommendation to make, the secretary and assistant secretary were not to be retired in the same year. The reference to the committee included both the general and district officers.

On the motion of the chairman, it was decided to ask the committee to consider the omission from the annual printed report of the tables giving statistics of the performances of those members who had rung peals in the preceding years. The Chairman, speaking from the sympathetic standpoint of a guild secretary, pointed out that it was a record of only limited scope, it put an immense amount of work on the secretary and added to the cost of the report. All the information was in the records of the peals, which members could extract for themselves, if they were interested.

Mr. Kippin said he had continued to prepare the tables every year because they had been compiled before he took office, but he endorsed what the chairman said about the labour involved. The preparation of these tables took as much time as all the rest of the report.

Mr. W. Hewitt said he should be sorry to see these statistics omitted from the report, but the meeting referred the matter to the committee.

On the motion of Mr. Hewitt, it was decided to leave the peal books in the custody of Reigate tower, and Mr. J. Beams was thanked for his services in writing up the records. At present they had only been brought up to 1926, as the association was for many years without books in which the entries could be made.

It was decided to record on the minutes a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring hon. treasurer (Mr. C. Dean) for his services to the association. It was pointed out that Mr. Dean had been a member of the association for 47 years, and had been in office since 1895, for two periods as hon. secretary, for many years as a representative of the association on the Central Council, and latterly as hon. treasurer. He was retiring now on account of the claims of business on his time.

A similar vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Kippin for his services for ten years as hon. secretary, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Leatherhead for the use of the bells and to the curate for conducting the service, also to Messrs. G. Marriner and H. V. Young for the local arrangements made.

It was also resolved to send a letter of condolence to Mr. Arthur Dean, an old Leatherhead member of the association, in his continued illness and good wishes for his speedy recovery.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN NORTH LONDON.

A quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at Hampstead on Saturday, and, despite Arctic weather, about 40 ringers attended, representing the following towers: Ealing, Northfleet, Bishopsgate, Ruislip, Bromley Common, Watford, Kingsbury, St. John's Hillingdon, Sunbury, Gravesend, North Stoneham, Hamstead, Burnham, Finchley, Beckenham, St. Lawrence Jewry and St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Visitors also came from Coventry.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Ann's, Highgate (Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise), and at St. Stephen's, Hampstead (Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal, together with rounds for the beginners).

The service was held in St. Stephen's at 6 p.m. and was conducted by the Vicar of Hampstead, the Rev. A. F. Sharp.

Tea was served in the Church Hall of St. Stephen's. The Rev. A. F. Sharp having to leave before the business meeting, the Master (Mr. G. H. Cross), on behalf of those present, thanked him for his address and welcome and also for granting permission to ring.

After the inevitable touch on the handbells, the business meeting took place, the Master taking the chair. It was announced that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Pinner in July.

Mr. J. E. Bailey, secretary of the Dinner Committee, appealed for support for the dinner to be held on the following Saturday, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. T. Bevan for making such satisfactory arrangements.

Further ringing took place in the evening at Gospel Oak, where the methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Cambridge and London Minor.

LEICESTER RINGERS' ANNUAL DINNER.

THE FUN WAS 'FAST AND FURIOUS.'

Each year we have been able to report the result of the Leicester and District's annual dinner as 'the best yet.' This year's gathering was every bit as successful, and from a social point of view could not be surpassed. As a preliminary the bells of St. Margaret's (12) and St. John the Divine (10) were available for an hour to give visitors a chance of a pull, but evidently this was considered a secondary consideration with the majority, as the bells were not so keenly patronised as one might have expected. It was said most of the visitors were concentrating on the dinner! They were not disappointed. At 6.30 p.m. a 'gathering of the clans,' numbering over 100, met at the George Hotel, and among the towers represented were Anstey, Belgrave, Billesdon, Burbage, Croft, Glen Magna, Kirkby Mallory, Loughborough, Nottingham, Oakham, Wigstons Magna and South, as well as the local companies. Grace was said by the Leicester ringers' chaplain, the Rev. W. Groome-Merrilees, now of Ellistown, and the company enjoyed a good repast. The proceedings following dinner were free from any formality, set speeches and such like, and in the social that followed the fun was fast and furious. For several years past Leicester has struck a modern idea of what a dinner and social evening should be, and this was 'it.'

The genial chairman (Mr. Jim Harris) was in good form and carried through the programme in his usual breezy style. It was deeply regretted that the newly-appointed local secretary, P.C. J. W. Perkins, was absent owing to an unfortunate accident during the week. The chairman expressed the sympathy of all the company, and promised to convey to him their good wishes for his speedy recovery.

A course of Stedman Caters 'in hand' was rung by A. Ballard, H. J. Poole, E. Morris, F. E. Wilson, J. Morris. Then followed violin solos by P.C. Vines, and songs by Mr. A. Chiswell. A special feature was the entertainment by Mr. C. Grimes, who got 'sweet music' out of many and curious instruments, which was greatly appreciated.

Novelty competitions interspersed the proceedings, and the balloon blowing for ladies resulted in an appropriate prize of a specially constructed bottle with a rubber end. It was noticed that the winner quickly returned to the 'nursery' stage again, although what she extracted was not 'grade A.' It was also observed that 'our Albert and Freddie' insisted on having a suck! The 'Ananias Club' winner proved to be F. Mason, of St. Margaret's, who said he had a grandfather clock so old that the shadow of the pendulum swinging had worn a hole in the case at the back!

The special feature of the evening was the chairman's 'surprise packet' for one who had been at the recent police gathering at Liverpool, and who had been dismayed at his inability to get liquid nourishment—see 'Ringing World,' February 26th, page 128, column 2. This surprise packet caused endless hilarity in that the Sergeant-Major was made to 'open up,' and the revelation was a stunner! However, being a good sportsman, he promised to have the receptacle filled with 'the best,' providing the chairman had the first drink from it. Needless to say, the offer was accepted. This caused further amusement, but it was the last 'straw' when George carried the utensil around, offering 'good health' to all and sundry.

A competition, in which practically everyone in the room had a prize of either one of Jim's famous pipe-lighters or a coathanger, was won by one who made a Balla(r)d out of the photo of a certain lady's pet love. Handbell selections were delightfully rendered by the 'youngsters,' viz., S. Harrison, H. Hammersley and John Hill.

And so the fun went on until all too soon the landlord called 'Time, please,' thus terminating one of the best social gatherings ever held in Leicester.

E. M.

BLIND RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We have read with great pleasure the article in 'The Ringing World' of March 5th with regard to the blind ringers of Oxford.

Mr. G. Bromley, who is also blind, belongs to Llandudno and we are very proud to have him ring with us at Holy Trinity Church tower during vacations.

Mr. Bromley has on two occasions taken the treble through 120 Grandsire Doubles, and also an 'inside' bell through a course of Triples on handbells. He is a great help for Sunday service ringing when he is with us.

(Mrs.) M. OWEN.

Holy Trinity Guild, Llandudno.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association, held jointly with the Romney Marsh Guild at Biddenden on Saturday, March 6th, was very successful. Thirty members attended representing twelve towers. The bells were raised at three o'clock and were kept busy during the afternoon and evening, all the visiting ringers obtaining good practice from rounds up to Cambridge Surprise Major.

The usual service was cancelled owing to the Rector's ill-health. Tea was served at The Chequers, and was followed by the business meeting, at which six new members were elected. A vote of thanks was passed for the use of the bells, and the members returned to the tower, ringing continuing until 8.30 p.m.

RINGS OF EIGHT IN CORNWALL.

HOW THEY HAVE INCREASED.

The first church in Cornwall to possess a ring of eight bells seems to have been Bodmin, a complete octave for this tower having been cast in 1767 by Thomas Rudhall. The tenor weighed 16 cwt. 2 qr. In 1808 the sixth was recast by John Rudhall. By 1877, a period of 110 years, the number of octaves had increased to seven. Of these



Penzance Church, where is one of the finest rings in the county.

seven octaves three have been completely recast and are among the finest rings in the county, namely, St. Austell (1902), Kenwyn (1905) and Penzance (1928). All are from the Loughborough Foundry. The remaining four rings have been partially recast and all have been rehung.

From 1877 to 1900, a period of twenty-three years, six more octaves appeared. All the bells of this period remain intact except those of Stratton, which were made eight in 1878 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank with a 20 cwt. tenor, but in 1911 were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and the weight of the tenor increased to approximately 22 cwt.

This shows how slow the process was of hanging rings of eight in Cornwall. It took one hundred and thirty-three years for the first thirteen rings to appear.

This century, however, has seen an increase of twenty, bringing the number up to thirty-three complete octaves. The period can be divided into two, for there were no augmentations from 1914 to 1919 inclusive.

In the period 1901 to 1913, augmentations started in the eastern end of the county when, in 1901, trebles were

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NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE VACANT RINGING MASTERSHIP.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Newcastle on Saturday. Thirty-six members were present from Brown Edge, Burslem, Cheadle, Crewe, Kettering, Kingsley, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Stoke and Uttoxeter.

A short service, lasting only twenty minutes, was conducted by the Rector of Newcastle (the Rev. C. J. Watkins). The choir were also in attendance, and were entertained to tea by the ringers. The order of service was written by Mr. Kenneth Thacker, assistant hon. secretary. After an exhortation, the following special prayer was offered: 'Grant, O Lord, that Thy blessings may be with us Thy servants who are gathered here now. May we in our appointed ministry and in our daily lives serve Thee faithfully. May our service in the belfry ever be a means of drawing us nearer to one another and to Thee. May our membership in this society tend in some measure to build up Thy Kingdom, and may we, who by the bells send forth Thy loving invitation to a sinful world, ourselves hear Thy voice of love; may we obey Thy voice and do Thy bidding by keeping ourselves pure in will and deed. For these and all our other needs we pray to Thee for the help of Thy Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour.'

Then followed the Lord's Prayer, the Collect for the Day and a short lesson. After a hymn came the address, and the service concluded with another hymn and the Blessing.

Tea was held in the Parish Hall, and the Rector extended a very hearty welcome to all present. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for his very interesting address, and to the ringers for having everything ready for the use of the visitors, by Mr. A. D. Steel (Stoke), seconded by Mr. T. Hurd (Burslem). Mr. J. E. Wheeldon also thanked the ladies for serving the tea so well and the choirboys for coming along to make the service so much brighter.

The company then stood in silence for a minute as a last mark of respect to Mr. R. G. Lewis, of Uttoxeter, late Ringing Master for eight-bell towers of the association.

A letter was read by the secretary from Mrs. Lewis thanking the ringers of Cheshire and of the North Staffordshire Association for their sympathy and also for the beautiful flowers sent.

All eight and ten-bell towers were asked to send in nominations for the election of a new Ringing Master.

Three new members were elected, viz., Mr. H. Thelwell, of Wistaston (life member), the Rev. C. J. Watkins (Rector of Newcastle) and Mr. L. A. Madew (Rector's warden) as honorary members.

Members are reminded that Minor, Major, Doubles and Triples can be rung at the ten-bell towers besides Caters and Royal, and the officials would like to see more members present at ten-bell meetings.

FIRST QUARTER PEAL

HILLINGDON.—At St. John the Baptist for evensong on Sunday, March 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. W. Goodfellow 1, A. R. G. Twinn 2, J. J. Pratt 3, G. P. Mitchell 4, T. Cullingworth (Ashford) 5, W. H. Coles 6, R. W. Darvill (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, C. A. Over 8.

CORNISH RINGS OF EIGHT.

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added to the sixes at St. Mary, Launceston and Liskeard; in both cases by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The work went on steadily with an octave being installed in the new tower at Kea in 1904, the church having been shifted to a more central part of the parish. Two old bells from the old square tower which still stands on the banks of the river Fal were included in this ring.

In 1907 a beautiful ring with an 18 cwt. tenor was installed at St. Keverne, there being only three bells previously. Both rings are from Loughborough. This pre-war period ended in 1913, when Messrs. Warner added two trebles at Gulval in the extreme west, making ten additional octaves.

Since 1920 there have been a further ten additions. At Tuckingmill the bells have been increased from one to eight, and in three cases from three to eight. In the remaining six cases trebles have been added either in additional framework or at complete restorations.

There are now only four octaves on which peals have not been rung. These are Tuckingmill, St. Mawgan-in-Pyder, Altarnan and St. Mabyn. The encouraging feature of a general interest in the bells of Cornwall is that all the thirty-three octaves are in ringing order.

A. S. R.

RECORD PEAL ATTEMPT.

19,040 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to give notice through the medium of 'The Ringing World' that, D.V., a band of the Oxford Diocesan Guild hope to make an attempt on the Major record at Kingham Parish Church, near Chipping Norton, Oxon, on Easter Monday, when an attempt will be made to ring 19,040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

The figures by F. E. Taylor are given below; these have been checked by Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester, to whom the company offer sincere thanks.

Headington, Oxford.

RICHARD A. POST.

19,040 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR, BY FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

	234567	1	3	6
	324765	—	—	3
	7423	—	—	—
A	732564	—	—	3
	3527	—	—	3
	2573	—	—	2
	5372	—	—	3
	3725	S	—	—
	7523	—	—	3
	5527	—	—	3
	2375	—	—	2
	3572	—	—	3
	5723	S	—	—
	752463	—	—	—
B	274365	—	—	2
	And last 18 courses of Block A produces			
	734265	1	3	4 6
	374562	—	—	—
	653247	—	—	3
	23564	—	—	—

- A 64235 Commencing with bob at 4 instead of 3
 A 65432 Commencing bobs at 1.4 instead of 3
 B 26354 Commencing bobs at 1.4 instead of 3
 A 24653 Commencing bobs at 1.4 instead of 3
 A 23456 Commencing bobs at 1.4 instead of 3

PREVIOUS RECORDS.

The present Major record was made at Bennington, Herts, on June 5th, 1933, when 18,144 Bob Major was rung in 10 hours 52 minutes.

Other peals of Major of a progressive length have been:—

- 15,120 Bob Major at West Ham, 1737.
 15,840 Kent Treble Bob at Bethnal Green, 1868.
 16,608 Kent Treble Bob at Mottram, 1883.
 17,024 Double Norwich at Kidlington, 1899.
 17,104 Double Norwich at South Wigston, 1904.
 17,230 Kent Treble Bob at Over, Cheshire, 1923.
 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob at Heptonstall, 1927.

There are records of two peals of Bob Major of longer length than any of these, rung by James Barham and his band, but in those peals more than eight men took part. In 1753 they rang 20,160 Bob Major at Lenham, and in 1761, 40,320 at Leeds, Kent.

LADIES' GUILD.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S VILLAGE MEETING.

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Northern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Gamston, near Retford, on February 27th. Members gathered early in the afternoon and were joined by the local band and members of the Notts Association, including their secretary and the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall.

Owing to the long distances having to be travelled by the ladies, a service was not arranged, as time was too limited.

An excellent tea was provided for the ringers at the only shop in the village. One new member from St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield, was elected to the Guild. This makes a total of five ringing and two hon. members from this tower, with 33 years of active ringing between four of them.

It was arranged to hold the September meeting in Manchester.

The secretary personally thanked those who had helped to make the meeting a success.

After the meeting more ringers joined the company and a good variety of methods was rung, with two courses each of Bob Minor for the four learners.

CHISLEHURST.—On Wednesday, March 3rd, at the Church of the Annunciation, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor on the back six: T. Groombridge, sen. (conductor) 1, G. W. Fogden 2, P. A. Corby 3, E. G. Groombridge 4, J. Batters 5, W. Smith 6. This is the first 720 on the bells.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells from 3.30. Service at 5; tea at 5.30 in Parish Hall, or Schoolroom, with quarterly business to follow. Ringing later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Longwood, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the Schools at 5 o'clock. Business meeting for election of officers at 6 o'clock. The recast bells of Lindley Parish Church will also be available throughout the day. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading in St. Lawrence's Hall, Abbey Street, at 3.15 p.m., on Saturday, March 13th.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Withyham (8) on Saturday, March 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—B. Saunders, Sec., 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner will be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C.1, on Saturday, March 13th, at 6.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Master, supported by the Rev. Pat McCormick, Vicar of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. The bells of St. Olave's, Hart Street, will be available from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., St. Bride's, Fleet Street, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 5 p.m. to 5.55 p.m.—J. E. Bailey, Hon. Dinner Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Mursley, bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, March 13th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

YETMINSTER, Dorset.—The treble bell to complete the ring of six (tenor 19 cwt.), supplied by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Salisbury on March 13th at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., price 9d. Meeting to follow. Subscriptions due. Visitors welcome.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30. Members and non-members welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 35, Berwick Road, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, March 13th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, March 13th. Bells (6) ready from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged. You will be very welcome. Remember a card helps no end.—Frank C Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barnby-in-the-Willows (6) on Saturday, March 13th. A bus leaves Newark Bus Station at 2.5 p.m. Any who use it will be brought back to Newark after the meeting. Methods: Double Oxford, Sandal T.B., Wells S. Please turn up and make this the best meeting in the association's history (and don't forget the card for tea).—R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready at 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.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Marie's Church, Sheffield (8 bells) on Saturday, March 13th. For tea, cafés close by. Committee meeting 4 p.m. General meeting 6 p.m. Bristol for practice. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Barwell on Saturday, March 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, at a small charge, at 5, if you send a card to Mr. C. R. Belton, Westgate, Hinckley Road, Barwell, not later than March 12th. Business meeting follows. Subscriptions for 1937 now due.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Church Lawton (8 bells) on Saturday, March 13th. Ringing from 3 o'clock.—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for Sunday service at Shoreditch on March 14th, at 5.30 p.m., and on the 28th at 10 a.m. The usual practice on the last Thursday in March has been cancelled as it falls in Holy Week.—N. Summerhayes, Assist. Hon. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

ECKINGTON, Nr. Sheffield.—Ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.), restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. A ringers' gathering will be held on Saturday, March 20th. Tower open from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Ringers requiring tea to notify Mr. T. Howes-Smith, The Yews, Eckington, before March 17th.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 30th; St. Magnus' on the 18th; and *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 16th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Special methods, Cambridge Court Bob Major and St. Clement's Bob Triples. All requiring tea should advise Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, by March 17th. This meeting is held jointly with a meeting of the Ladies' Guild.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Wath-on-Deane on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Panther, 29, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Deane, by Thursday, the 18th? Meeting after tea for election of officers, etc.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., and meeting to follow. Further ringing until 7.30 p.m., when there will be a short service. Please send me your names for tea by the 17th.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—The new ring of 12 bells (by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, March 20th, at 3.30 p.m. The Dean and Chapter, together with the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, invite visiting ringers to tea in the Guildhall after the service. Admission will be by ticket only, and application for tickets must be made before Monday, March 15th, to Mr. J. W. Elkins, The Cathedral, Winchester, and a stamped addressed envelope enclosed. The Cathedral bells will be available for ringing from 6 to 8.30 p.m., by kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean of Winchester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The eighth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, Gloucester, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets, 3s. The following towers open for ringing: Barnwood (8) at 1 p.m. if required; St. Mary de Lode (6) 2.30 to 3.30; St. Mary de Crypt (8) 3.45 to 4.45; St. Michael's (10) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m. Will those friends requiring tickets kindly notify me not later than the 16th inst.—W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Sec., G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting is to be held at Redbourn on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service, tea and meeting. Those requiring tea must notify me by the Thursday previous. Come along and extend your knowledge of Minor methods. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting will be held at Armley on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers' Communion Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (1s. per head) for all who send in their names to me by March 18th.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds 12.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Meltham, Saturday, March 20th. Bells available 6 p.m. Come and sample a Meltham welcome and their bells. — Fred Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available 2.30. Tea at 5, in Macgee's Café. Please advise Mr. J. H. Masters, 25, Boulby Street, Houghton-le-Spring. Please do your best to be present. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Markham on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at St. Mary's, Birkenhead, on Saturday, March 20th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions are now due and will be much appreciated.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Darlington, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, March 17th. — R. Jeff, 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Shilton, near Coventry (not Exhall as previously arranged) on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the schools.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Royal Oak Lane, Exhall, near Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — Half-yearly meeting to be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. W. T. Clark, Gable Mount, Broughton-in-Furness. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

JOINT MEETING OF THE LADIES' GUILD (Southern District) AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District) at Chiddingfold, Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea at Swan Hotel 5.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. R. Carpenter, Pitt Lodge, Chiddingfold, by March 16th.—Miss H. F. Mills, Maidencombe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot; G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — Quarterly meeting at Anstey on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea (9d.) please notify Mr. R. F. Elkington not later than March 18th. All welcome.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Penn (6 bells) on Saturday, March 20th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head for those who notify me not later than March 15th.—A. D. Baker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A joint meeting will be held with the Middlesex County Association on Saturday, March 20th, at All Saints', Edmonton. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5.30 p.m. All those requiring tea please notify Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex. —M. L. Cross, Hon. Dis. Sec.

POYNTON, NEAR STOCKPORT.—Special services for the reopening of the bells on March 21st, at 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Ring of 6 rehung by John Taylor and Co.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 57th annual general meeting will be held at Ashford on Easter Monday. The association service will be in St. Mary's Church at noon, followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards to elect officers, and consider the adoption of the revised rules, etc. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: Wye (8), Mersham (8) if possible, Willesborough (6), Eastwell (6), Great and Little Chart (6), Hothfield (6). Ashford bells will be available at 10 o'clock till noon and after the meeting. Luncheon, free to practising members, 2s. 6d. to others. Application for tickets must be made on or before first post Wednesday, March 24th, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope and a list of names attending. After this date no application can be entertained.—Fred M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, by first post Wednesday, March 24th. — F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Neots on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells available from 12 noon. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea, 4 p.m., followed by business meeting. Other towers: Eaton Socon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m.; Eynesbury, 2 to 3 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Huntingdon, All Saints', 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m., with address by the Dean. Further particulars as to times for ringing next week.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, Nottingham. Bells of St. Mary's (10) and St. Peter's (10) will be available. Full details later. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. No business meeting.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, March 20th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Address by the Vicar. Tea and business meeting after. I hope for a good attendance of old friends and new.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Honiton on Easter Monday, March 29th. Service, 4.30, St. Michael's Church. Tea and meeting, 5.15, Gill's Café. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8). All are welcome.—J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 29th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.45 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Rev. J. F. Hastings, M.A., clerical secretary. Tea (non-members 1s. each) provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, March 24th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. Swithun (6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. only). 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, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgborough, Evesham.

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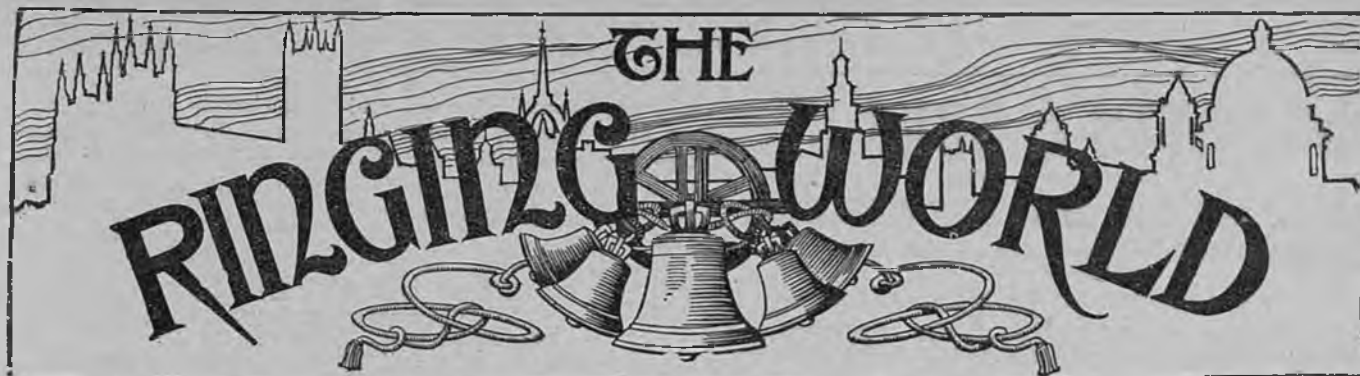
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AN OLD LONDON SOCIETY.

The revival of the annual dinner of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was a well merited success, with an attendance beyond expectations. The event had been allowed to lapse for many years, but a new spirit of enterprise, introduced by younger members, is leading to greater activities and the interest shown in last Saturday's venture promises a rejuvenation of this old London Society whose history goes back over two hundred years. Like other similar organisations, the Cumberlands have had their up and downs, but their long, unbroken existence gives them a proud position in the Exercise.

The history of ringing in London was, for nearly two centuries at any rate, written round the Cumberlands and their still older 'rivals,' the College Youths, with, through part of the time, a link between them in the old St. James's Society, since expanded into the London County Association. But with the College Youths and Cumberlands in the 'good old days' rested the maintenance and expansion of change ringing in the Metropolis. Their rivalries led to many great peal performances, and personal jealousies resulted in quite a number of leading ringers at different times going from one society to the other, and sometimes, as we know, back again. To this day no man can be a member of both societies at the same time, and there is no sign of this traditional mutual bar being broken down. The 'feeling' between the two societies has sometimes been strong, but the founding of the St. James's Society in the early part of last century brought the members into closer ringing contact, for in those distant days, of course, there were no territorial associations to provide a common meeting ground. Nevertheless, there have often been signs of ill-feeling, which, we hope, with the coming of a new generation, will entirely disappear. On Saturday expressions of goodwill and friendliness were made on both sides, and there could be no more fitting occasion than this tercentenary year of the College Youths for a complete rapprochement.

In these days of a changed outlook on the whole purpose of church bellringing there should be no room for partisan strife. Opportunities for practising the art are now so much enlarged that there is ample room for all, and these two old societies especially can find plenty of scope for their energies without any treading on corns on either side. We believe that the younger men who are now taking up the reins, or will soon do so, will have a wider outlook than some of their predecessors, from the mere fact that they approach their ringing from a different angle. The time has gone by for narrow pre-

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judices, mean jealousies and suspicion in ringing, and we look forward to an era when the members of these two ancient societies and all others will meet in a rivalry that has as its only inspiration the desire to further the art of ringing and foster the spirit of service to the Church.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

TOM SAUNDERS 2	WILLIAM BUTTON 6
FRANK BELSEY 2	THOMAS E. SONE 7
HARRY SPRINGETT 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 8
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS 9
JAMES G. POWELL 5	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. H. Button. This is the
50th Kent tower in which Mr. A. P. Cannon has rung a peal. The
composition (No. 255) is rung for the first time.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*AIDAN J. N. BOYACK Treble	†MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT 6
JOHN H. WILKINS 2	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. 7
HENRY ROMENS 3	ALBERT A. HUGHES 8
FRED C. MAYNARD 4	ERNEST E. HOLMAN 9
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. 5	†HENRY STRANGE Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by R. MAYNARD, JUN.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal.

GREENWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ALPBEGE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
*GEORGE M. KILBY 2	*JOSEPH MARKS 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	*FRANK E. DARBY 8
HARRY HOSKINS 4	*JAMES H. RIDING 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Royal on
the bells and in the county of Kent.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

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On Saturday, March 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 3 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
*KENNETH LEWIS 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
†REV. FRANK BONNER 3	LIONEL CLOUGH 7
WILLIAM FERNLEY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

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On Wednesday, March 10, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

T. COLIN RYDER Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
TOM BROTHWELL 2	ARTHUR FIRTH 6
MISS N. CAWTHORNE 3	REGINALD PAYNE 7
LESLIE HEYWOOD 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

First peal in the method by the ringers of 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 and on the bells.

LITTLEPORT, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ROBERT SMITH Treble	REGINALD L. LATHBURY 5
BERRY WAYMAN 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS 6
*ARTHUR G. BASON 3	†SIDNEY BROWN 7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Superlative. † First Surprise peal. The conductor's 225th peal.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK J. SMITH Treble	CHARLES SHEMMING 5
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	GEORGE A. FLEMMING 6
SHELFORD SPARROW 3	HARRY D. LISTER 7
ERNEST F. POPPY 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First attempt for a peal in the method.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	*GODFREY G. WALPOLE 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	*ARTHUR G. KING 6
STANLEY W. COPLING 3	HENRY TOOKER 7
*R. WILLIAM BARBER 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Superlative.

SIX BELL PEALS.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.	
*A. HAMILTON STRANGE Treble	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON 4
†CHARLES J. HAYBAY 2	RALPH SHAILES 5
LOUIS A. WILSON 3	*NORMAN C. WHEELER Tenor

Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. D. P. Harrison) on attaining his 80th birthday and on the completion of 55 years in the ministry.

MARGATE.—On Sunday, March 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Stockbridge (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Gadsden 2, R. Dadds 3, A. Dadds (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, E. Spickett 5, J. Waghorn 6, A. Saxby 7, R. Whybrow 8.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

A. W. KING Treble	GEORGE SAYER 4
H. C. READ 2	WALTER C. MEDLER 5
*CLIFFORD BIRD 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

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Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*S. GEORGE VESSEY Treble	THOMAS VESSEY 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
†JACK VESSEY 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in six methods 'inside.' 25th peal as conductor. First peal in six methods on the bells.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST TWIGG Treble	JOHN G. CARLIDGE 4
HENRY CARNWELL 2	*BURLY P. MORRIS 5
WILLIAM EDWARDS 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods. Arranged for Mr. B. P. Morris, of Kettering, Northants.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: Two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

*JOHN HASSELL Treble	†HERBERT MCKINNELL 4
NORMAN HOUGH 2	†FRANK REYNOLDS 5
*JOSEPH SAUNDERS 3	ALAN J. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by ALAN J. BROWN.

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

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 25 methods, viz.:

- (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight.
- (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight.
- (3) Charlwood and Braintree Delight.
- (4) Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight.
- (5) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (6) Capel, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.
- (7) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER Treble	WILFRED STEVENSON 4
JOHN WORTH 2	KENNETH LEWIS 5
THOMAS TAYLOR 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

There were 54 changes of method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. First peal in 25 methods as conductor.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. O'WALD.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

* JOSEPH SMITH Treble	FREDERICK DAVIES 4
JAMES F. SMITH 2	FRANK VARTY 5
DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 3	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

* First peal in seven methods.

OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford and three of Kent Treble Bob, called differently.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ABRAM PARKER Treble	DENNIS MAUDE 4
HERBERT HELLIWELL ... 2	ALLAN RUSHWORTH ... 5
* STANLEY WHITEHEAD ... 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... Tenor

Conducted by A. BAIRSTOW.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5005 CHANGES;

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HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	ALFRED BARNES ... 7-8

* HARRY ASHTON 9-10

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire—Peter Iaffin

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

* First peal of Stedman and first on ten bells. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. Hiram Meakin, who attained the age of 70 on the 8th inst.

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G. W. FLETCHER.

45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

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The Wrong in the second touch need not give any trouble, as it is called in the lead after the last Before.

When you have a series of calls in one position, like the three successive Betimes in the second touch, it is as well to make some other 'observation' so that you will know when the last of these calls has been made. In this case quite a good one would be to note that when the third Before is called the bell that comes out of the hunt is the one coming Before at the next part end. The good conductor, of course, always knows what his part ends are going to be. In this touch the last Before puts this particular bell in coursing order behind the second.

FOR BEGINNERS.

MORE ABOUT CALLING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

In addition to calling Grandsire Triples by the position of the 'observation' bell; that is, the bell that returns to the same position at each part end, it is often possible and even more convenient to call touches and peals by the bells 'Before.' This means that you have to memorise the bells that will make the ordinary 3rd's place at the bobs.

An easy example of this kind of thing is the touch of 350 which can be got by calling any of the bells (except the 2nd) five times Before. The place to make the actual call, as we pointed out last week, is when the bell hunting down in front of the treble begins its whole pull at lead. What the bob caller has to watch for, therefore, is the lead in which the bell he has selected to call Before is hunting in front of the treble, and call the bob when that bell reaches the front.

This, in turn, implies that he must be able to watch the coursing order of the bells. At first perhaps he will be able to do this only as he passes them with his own bell, but he will see a lot more than that as he progresses. He must learn to make a mental note of the order in which he meets the bells. In this way he will soon have such a command of the ringing that if two bells try to do the same work he will be able unerringly to put them into their right coursing order.

Only practice will make a conductor efficient in this, but there are certain things which he can learn that facilitate his mental transpositions. The first and simplest is that when he meets the treble, the next bell must be the bell in the hunt. Another is that the bell that is hunting in front of the treble in one lead will be after the bell in the hunt in the next. And that leads to the 'cycle' which all the bells follow. This is how the bells come to lead in the plain course after the hunt bell (the 2nd) has led the first time:—

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Notice how the order remains unchanged except that the bell in front of the treble takes its place next time immediately after the 2nd. It is hardly necessary, perhaps, to explain that the last 2 in the series is really outside this plain course.

When a bob is called the transpositions affect three bells instead of one. The bell in the hunt is changed and a new cycle is set up. Suppose we call a bob at the first lead, then the order becomes

3467517 5234617 6523417 4652317 etc.

The last two bells in front of the treble take their places immediately after the treble and in front of the bell leaving the hunt. Then the cycle plan proceeds as for a plain lead with the changed hunt bell.

When the touch is being called by the bells 'Before,' the conductor must follow this cycle of hunting, and, if he is observant, he will notice how in each lead the bell he is waiting to call Before will gradually close up to the treble. After he has called it Before once, he will find that the next time he meets it he will have four bells between it and the treble; the next lead three bells; the next lead two and the next one bell. In the following lead it will be immediately in front of the treble and then the next bob has to be called.

Sometimes it is useful to be able to base your observations upon the bells going into the hunt as well as those Before. In that case you call the bob in the lead when you have one bell between the bell going in and the treble. If you watch the coursing order carefully to note the wanted bell closing up to the treble, you should not have much trouble in observing it, but remember the actual 'call' has still to be made when the 3rd's place bell leads.

Now here are two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples that have been sent us by Mr. H. J. Trim, which will give the young conductor good practice. They lend themselves to calling either from the 'observation' bell, which is the 2nd, or by the bells Before and In. They are each in five parts and the part ends are the lead ends of the plain course, in varying order. In the first, the leads of the plain course are in reverse order. At the side we have put the calling positions of the observation bell.

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256734	In	527634	Before
472356	Out at 1	625473	Before
724356	Before	426357	Before
247356	In	734526	Wrong
632547	Out at 1	267453	In
246375	In		

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WING BELLS. AND THE PEAL AT QUEEN CAMEL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As I was the one responsible for sending you the account of the ringing at Wing, Bucks, I feel I must write a reply to Mr. J. Hunt. My statement that the bells are unpealable would, I am sure, be corroborated by other bands who have rung them. If we had rung them from the ground floor (the usual ringing room), we should not have been able to ring even a 720. By ringing in a room right under the bells we made things a bit better, but had the disadvantage of excessive noise, and also a tendency on the part of some of the ropes to slip wheel, due to the smallness of the holes in the floor through which the sallies had to pass (though this luckily did not occur during the 720). Still, the bells are there for any who would like to try their luck, but those who do so will have to be prepared to put in nearly three hours getting them ready before starting, and that might damp their enthusiasm a bit!

Now to the second paragraph in his letter re the peal at Queen Camel. I don't quite see what that performance has to do with ringing at Wing. However, I should like to correct one misapprehension in his letter, viz., 'the tenorman had enough in the fourth 720.' This is entirely misconstrued. What I said in 'The Ringing World' for January 8th was 'Double Oxford coming No. 4 was rather hard work, and the writer was glad when that was finished.' That statement certainly does not imply I had 'had enough'! It meant that I was glad to change to a method which did not require so much dodging and snapping. As a matter of fact, having now rung a peal there, I and the rest of the band do not consider it such a hard task as we had expected.

The excellent 'go' of the bells helped us considerably, and I can fully appreciate what they were like before they were rehung, and also Mr. J. T. Dyke's fine achievement in ringing the tenor to a peal of Minor in 1925. As they are now, the Rev. C. E. Wigg or myself would be quite prepared to ring the tenor again to a peal in an increased number of methods. But we don't want to be greedy, so what about another band, entirely strangers to the bells, having an attempt? Now then, you heavy bells aspirants, roll your sleeves up!

A. P. CANNON.

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TENOR RINGERS' QUALIFICATIONS.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the letter in your last issue from an old friend, J. Hunt, of Taunton, may I be allowed space to add a few comments? In my varied experience there are two kinds of tenormen. One, the tenor ringer, the other a tenor 'slogger,' and I will go further and say without fear of contradiction that to become a tenor 'ringer' requires three important things: patience, endurance and skill, which can only be acquired by constant practice.

In some cases there are other factors which have to be taken into account. I quote one only for illustration. Some years ago I got together a band to attempt a peal of Cambridge at Great Waltham, Essex, and we were successful, notwithstanding these noble bells had had such a bad reputation for years, but we were lucky in that we went just after a long period of wet weather. The tenor was rung by the popular District Master of the Northern Division, Mr. A. Saunders, I myself calling Middleton's 5,056 from the 6th. I may add that six of the band are still alive and can verify my statement. Some time after this peal the late Mr. W. Pye took a band there to attempt another Surprise peal, but, although stripping to the skin, they had, after several fruitless starts, to admit defeat, the simple reason being the weather.

I hear these noble bells are to be rehung in an entirely new frame and fittings, and, if so, they will be a valuable addition to the ringable bells of Essex.

Colchester.

W. KEEBLE.

'MEDALS,' BUT NOT OF GOLD.

Sir,—The letter from the pen of Mr. J. Hunt questioning as it does the opinion of the Rev. C. E. Wigg re the condition of the heavy six at Wing is nothing short of colossal impudence. I was one of a party (including the Rev. C. E. Wigg) who rang at Wing on August 4th last. We rang from the ground floor and I was invited to ring the tenor to 120 Bob Minor and call it. The tenor hunted itself to lead, but it required the proverbial 'gas engine' to hunt it back to 6th's place again, and I was glad to give in at the end of a course. The Rev. C. E. Wigg afterwards rang it to a course of Cambridge Minor, but not without great physical effort. We all respect Mr. J. T. Dyke as one of the finest heavy bell men the Exercise has ever known. Should he, however, go to Wing with the idea of attempting a peal and see for himself, I, for one, cannot believe he would be so foolish as to start. The bells at Wing are not unpealable? Oh, no! So roll up the men who put difficulties in the way of bad-going bells being rehung by attempting peals on them, and men who must ring a peal at any price. What price will they have to pay at Wing? They will go home minus a peal and any glory whatsoever. Of medals they will collect plenty, but not of gold. The sort I refer to are sore, blistered hands, aching shoulders and strained stomach muscles, and that will not be half of what they will deserve.

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coventry.

LUTTERWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR.

METHOD AND COMPOSITION BY E. W. TIPLER.

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42316875	56234	—	—	—
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42361857	45236	—	—	—
24638175	24536	—	—	—
42683715	53246	—	—	—
24867351	25346	—	—	—
28463715	32546	—	—	—
82647351	65324	—	—	—
86243751	36524	—	—	—
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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

VISIT TO LOWICK.

A special meeting of the Thrapston Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at St. Peter's, Lowick, on Saturday week. The bells, a peal of six, have recently been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The visiting ringers, who came from a wide area, were very interested in the fine old church, which contains marble and alabaster tombs and beautiful stained glass windows.

Ringling commenced at 3 o'clock. At the Guild service held later the Rector (the Rev. P. W. Worster) gave a short and helpful address. After tea at the White Horse Inn thanks were expressed by the president of the branch for the use of the bells and to the hostess for such a fine spread.

Afterwards the ringers returned to the tower, where ringing, from rounds to Cambridge Surprise, was done. All were pleased with the 'go' of the bells, which were lowered in peal at 8 o'clock. Nineteen towers were represented, viz., Aldwinckle, Great Addington, Brigstock, Burton Latimer, Geddington, Kettering, Islip, Keyston, Pytchley, Raunds, Ringstead, Great Staughton, Swindon, Sudborough, Stanwick, Warkton, Woodford, Titchmarsh, Twywell and the local band.

NEWPORT RINGER'S LONG SERVICE.

FIFTY-SIX YEARS AT ST. WOOLLOS.

In honour of Mr. F. Atwell, who has given 56 years' service at St. Woollos', now the pro-Cathedral Church of Newport, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) was rung for evening service on February 7th: E. Howlett 1, F. Crabb 2, A. Slatter 3, F. Atwell 4, J. Bullen 5, F. Greedy 6, C. Greedy (conductor) 7, R. Lewis 8, W. Phillips 9, A. Thomas 10. After the service the ringers were entertained to supper in the Deanery by the Dean, the Very Rev. J. L. Phillips.

During his long service Mr. Atwell has seen the bells of St. Woollos' increased from six to eight, then the eight recast and two bells added to make ten. He hopes to see them increased to twelve in the near future.

'LESSNESS' SURPRISE.

NAME TAKEN FROM AN OLD ABBEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—To anyone unacquainted with North Kent, the name given to the new Surprise method in your issue of March 5th certainly is rather puzzling, and I am not surprised that you mention it in 'Belfry Gossip.'

Mr. Cullum, in naming it 'Lessness,' has perpetuated the name of an old Abbey which existed at one time in the parish of Erith, and from which the town of Abbey Wood (still in the civil parish of Erith) takes its name.

Lessness Woods, presumably part of the Abbey grounds, were acquired some few years ago to form part of London's 'green belt.' Crayford.

E. BARNETT.

SERVICES AT RINGERS' MEETINGS.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION DISCUSS THE QUESTION.

One of those now rare phenomena, a fine day, coincided with the meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association at Chiswick. This brought some old friends from a long hibernation, as well as the 'regulars,' the attendance reaching 40. A very good assembly at the appointed hour proved too unusual and proceedings were quickly interrupted with a broken rope. The doughty Joe then took the visitors in hand, and by the riverside they were treated to a discourse on rowing. The appearance of the Oxford crew at practice set the critics' tongues wagging, and it was agreed that the Dark Blues looked safe for a place! The raising of the delinquent bell announced the resumption of ringing activities and the 'watermen' were soon back at the ropes.

A short service, with a very reasoned discourse on the difficulties of the Church to-day, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Rich. Tea, ably served by Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Thurley and friends, followed in the Schoolroom. The Vicar came along and gave a greeting and handshake to everyone. Before leaving he was thanked for his hospitality by the vice-president, Mr. J. A. Trollope.

It is said an Englishman takes his pleasures sadly. If we said slowly and with great deliberation we should aptly describe how ten minutes' business took an hour to transact!

Arising out of the minutes, the question was raised on the amount of notice required to move a motion with the object of omitting the usual service at monthly meetings. After much cross talk, it was ruled from the chair that the matter was solely one for the annual general meeting of the association.

Returning to the subject later, an effort was made to direct the secretary to approach the clergy on the point when meeting arrangements were made, but this was rejected by the meeting. The tone of the meeting certainly appeared against any change in the usual practice of holding a service. Some speakers appeared convinced that at heart the clergy would rather have their Saturdays free from duties of this description, but no evidence from present incumbents was produced. Indeed, the secretary said his experience indicated that the clergy were delighted with the idea of the monthly service. The question, therefore, appears to be not whether the clergy want the service, but whether the ringers do not. And that question was not decided.

It was agreed to apply for Feltham bells for a meeting on May 8th, and Sunbury and Hampton on June 5th. The annual meeting of the association is to be held on April 17th at Cripplegate, and no district meeting was arranged for that month.

On the motion of the secretary, it was agreed to invite the Surrey Association to the three Guilds (Guildford, Oxford and Middlesex) meeting at Staines and Egham, provisionally fixed for August 28th.

The question of Coronation ringing was discussed, and the secretary agreed to make what arrangements he could with regard to ringing at towers with depleted band, or no ringers at all. Any volunteers for this work on May 12th should get into touch with Mr. Goodfellow at once.

News of an accident to Mr. C. S. Bird, of Heston, on the Great West Road, was received with much regret, and the best wishes of the meeting were sent to him, congratulating him on his escape from more serious injury.

And so the meeting closed with hearty thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Thurley for their labours in providing for the comforts of their visitors. Further ringing was curtailed to an hour. Rounds and methods including Surprise Major were rung under the able direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

MARRIAGE OF MR. E. P. DUFFIELD.

CEREMONY AT COLCHESTER.

The marriage took place at Lion Walk Congregational Church, Colchester, on March 4th, of Mr. Edward Patrick Duffield, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Duffield, of Mill House, Saxlingham Thorpe, Norwich, and Miss Doris May Piper, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur William Piper, of Cranbrook, Fitzwalter Road, Colchester. The ceremony was attended by a large congregation, for both the bride and bridegroom are actively connected with the church and well known in Colchester.

The Rev. L. J. Tizard officiated at the service, which was choral. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Muriel Peck and Miss Christine Cross (friends). Mr. W. C. Duffield, the bridegroom's brother, was best man. A reception was held at the Albert Hall, Colchester, and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Duffield left for a honeymoon in the South of France.

Mr. E. P. Duffield is one of the best known ringers in the Exercise and served for two years as Master of the College Youths, concluding his term of office last November.

The bride, whose father is an Alderman and ex-Mayor of Colchester, is local hon. secretary of the Surgical Aid Society and assistant hon. secretary of the Colchester Operative Society, in whose past productions she has taken a prominent part.

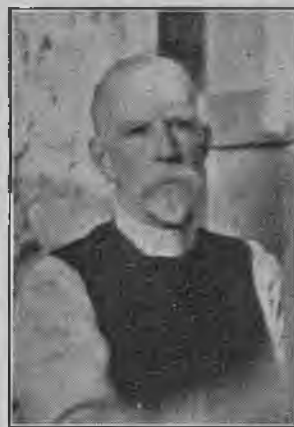
Mr. and Mrs. Duffield's residence is Acland Lodge, Acland Avenue, Lexden, Colchester.

DEATH OF THE REV. E. W. CARPENTER.

SECRETARY OF TWO ASSOCIATIONS.

We much regret to record the death of the Rev. Edward Westall Carpenter, who passed away at his home at Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk, at the advanced age of 81 years, on February 9th.

In a quiet way, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter did a great deal to further the art of change ringing and raise the status of the ringer. He was not among those who made a name by peal ringing, but it was in organising that his services to the Exercise will be best remembered.



THE LATE REV. E. W. CARPENTER.

While Vicar of Bobbing, Kent, in 1889, he succeeded the Rev. R. Knatchbull Hugessen as hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, and during the time he held this office, the association, mainly at his instigation, was divided into districts for administrative purposes. In 1891 he removed to Margate, and gave up the post of secretary, in which he was followed by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

Later, Mr. Carpenter was preferred to the living of Thorpe, near Chertsey, Surrey, and for four years, from 1902 to 1906, was hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, in which he was succeeded by the late Rev. C. E. Matthews, who afterwards held successively the offices of Master and president.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter was for a long period a member of the Central Council. He was first elected to represent the Kent County Association, and when he

retired about two years ago he had been an honorary member for many years. For a considerable time he shared the rather arduous duties of the Analysis Committee.

Mr. Carpenter was a scholar of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and took his B.A. degree in 1878, proceeding to his M.A. in 1881. He was ordained deacon in 1881 at Canterbury and priest in the following year. He was curate at Milton-next-Sittingbourne 1881-83, and Vicar of Bobbing 1883-1891. After a curacy at Margate he returned to Milton as Vicar in 1893 and remained there until 1900, when he became Vicar of Thorpe. This living he held until 1907, when he was preferred to the Rectory of Boothby Pagnell, near Grantham, Lincs, and remained until 1917. He continued to reside in the diocese of Lincoln until 1933 when he retired to Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk. Even in his advancing years he taught a band to ring in this parish, and our photograph shows him in the belfry.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS.

Last Saturday, the North Notts Association paid its first visit to Barnby, where 28 ringers met to try the light six (tenor 6½ cwt.). The following towers were represented: Balderton, Eastwood, Farn-don, Hough-on-the-Hill, Lincoln Cathedral, Newark Parish Church, Nottingham (St. Mary's), Ordsall, Sutton-on-Trent and the home tower. Ringing commenced at 2.15 and went on until 9 o'clock except for the interval for tea.

The Vicar of Barnby, in opening the business meeting, welcomed the association to his tower, and paid a warm tribute to the local band who did so much for the church in that small village.

The hon. secretary (Mr. R. Towler) announced that arrangements were being made for the joint meeting of the Doncaster District of the Yorkshire Association and the North Notts Association at Blyth on April 3rd. The annual meeting had been altered to April 10th.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, in replying to the Vicar's welcome, also complimented the Barnby ringers. They were, he said, very enthusiastic and had done great good in the district.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for providing an excellent tea were passed.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson raised the question of reports of the association's meetings being sent to 'The Ringing World' for publication, and proposed that the secretary be asked to forward a short account to the Editor. Mr. T. Vessey seconded, and the secretary replied that he would attend to the matter for this and future meetings.

A set of handbells was produced, and the company was delighted to hear courses of Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandshire Triples and Caters. On returning to the tower, further methods were rung, and a very successful meeting brought to a close towards 9 p.m.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Doubles, with ten callings, was rung for morning service on January 31st: S. Bristow 1, J. Manning 2, F. Alderman (conductor) 3, L. Alderman 4, H. Bristow 5, J. Alderman 6.

'MARCH 4th' AT APPLETON, BERKS.

On Saturday, March 6th, the 119th anniversary of Appleton bells was celebrated in the usual way. Visitors from many parts assembled and some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were brought round. Many young ringers from far away rang their first rounds on ten bells and were delighted with that experience. Between forty and fifty sat down to dinner at The Thatched Tavern, and no one 'went empty away.'

After the tables had been cleared and 'The King' toasted, tune ringing and song singing were the order of the evening, during which, for the benefit of many whose first visit it was, the veteran, Mr. G. Holifield, gave his usual interesting history of Appleton bells and the things that have been done there. One thing they have to be proud of is that from a population of only 400 there is once more a local Stedman Caters band, which is really a remarkable thing.

The evening was too short for most of those present; in fact, more than one was heard to say, 'Well, I shall come again, but next time I shall stay the night.'

R. T. H.

BLIND RINGERS.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Having read with interest the letters published in your journal re 'blind ringers,' I should like to mention one, John Kittle, who, having been blind from the age of four years, learned to ring here at St. Peter's Church, Colchester, in the year 1890, and rang several 360's of Bob Minor on an 'inside' bell. He was a very capable ringer on handbells, ringing two 'inside' bells and conducting 720's of Grandsire, Bob, Kent and Oxford Minor. He also rang double-handed several quarter-peals of Bob and Grandsire Triples, and just before he died rang half-way in an attempt for a 5.040 Bob Major.

G. M. RASHBROOK.

Colchester.

BLIND ORGANIST—RINGER.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the correspondence in 'The Ringing World' with reference to blind ringers.

At Chiseldon, Wilts, the organist, Mr. H. Whittaker, who is blind, is also a regular ringer, having learnt to ring long after he lost his sight.

He rings and conducts several methods of Doubles from any bell in the tower (five bells, tenor 14½ cwt.), and has rung in at least one quarter-peal.

W. A. FARMER.

Shrewsbury.

MR. J. J. PARKER, 84.**COMPOSER OF THE FAMOUS 12-PART.**

On Monday, March 8th, on the occasion of the 84th birthday of Mr. J. J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, the bells of Hitcham Parish Church were rung to a 720 of Oxford Bob Minor and touches of Kent and Little Bob, Farnham Royal bells not being available. It was also a birthday compliment to the father of the captain of the Hitcham company, Mr. Berry, who has reached the age of 82 years. The ringers were Martin A. Blamey treble, Peter A. Blamey 2, George J. Berry 3, Bryan O'Neill 4, John E. Taylor 5, George Gilbert tenor. With the exception of Mr. Berry, all are members of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham. This was the Blamey brothers' first 720 of Oxford.

Oxford Bob was rung as it is a favourite method of Mr. Parker. A message of greeting was sent to the old gentleman by the young bloods of Burnham.

The bells at Stoke Poges were also rung in honour of Mr. Parker's birthday.

Mr. Parker, as most of our readers know, is the composer of the famous 12-part peal of Grandsire Triples and scores of other peals.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SWINDON BRANCH AT HIGHWORTH.**

A good number of members and visitors attended the quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at Highworth on Saturday, March 13th, and some very useful practice was obtained in the standard methods and Double Norwich and Cambridge Major.

At the business meeting the places for the next three meetings were provisionally arranged as follows: Purton, South Marston and Bishopstone.

Ringers were present from Bishopstone, Blunsdon, Cirencester, Coventry, Faringdon, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret, Southwark and South Cerney.

NEW VICAR'S INDUCTION.

At St. Mary's Church, Frensham, Surrey, on Saturday, March 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): N. Overington 1, G. Ackerman 2, Miss D. I. Aslett 3, E. J. Pepler 4, A. J. Clutter (conductor) 5, K. Dalton 6. First quarter-peal by ringer of the tenor. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Canon L. G. Buchanan, M.A., on the occasion of his institution and induction to the benefice of Frensham.

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GOOD FRIDAY.

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Correspondents are reminded that all matter intended for publication must reach our office **NOT LATER THAN MONDAY.**

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The sympathy of the whole Exercise will go out to the Essex veteran, Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, in the bereavement he has sustained by the death of his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Nevard had been married for 59 years.

The hon. secretary of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association must look a poor, harassed old bachelor. When he visited Highworth the other day to arrange a meeting, he was asked if he had come to have the banns 'put up'!

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, whose death is reported, was one of the very few men who had had the distinction of serving two different associations as general secretary. He was secretary of the Kent County Association and afterwards of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, was formerly secretary of the Warwickshire Guild. Mr. George Williams has been secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, after serving as a divisional secretary of the Sussex Association.

Mr. Challis Winney celebrated his 73th birthday on Wednesday, the day after his old friend, Mr. Francis E. Dawe, reached his 75th birthday. The Exercise will extend their good wishes to these two veterans.

The report of the Dudley and District Guild annual meeting will appear in our next issue.

PEOPLE'S MEMORIAL TO CANON ELSEE.

RINGERS' PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER COMMEMORATION.

On Sunday, March 7th, another memorial was dedicated to the memory of the late Canon H. J. Elsee, who had been president of the Lancashire Association for 45 years. The Church Lads' Brigade subscribed for a tent and altar rail, the local clergy have also a scheme in hand, so have the local Hospital Committee.

On Sunday the memorial was that provided by the congregation of St. George's, Bolton, where Canon Elsee had been Vicar for the past forty years.

The memorial is in three parts, comprising panelling to the baptistry, four pew frontals to the east end of the nave, and two choir screens in the chancel, all in oak.

The panelling to the baptistry is constructed as a background to the font, and it harmonises with the adjoining panelling to the main columns. Rising above the centre of this part of the memorial, at the angle of the north-east corner of the church, are two oak panels to which are secured bell-metal tablets referring to the late Canon and mentioning that he was Hon. Canon of Manchester Cathedral, Hon. Chaplain of the Forces, Rural Dean of Bolton, Proctor in Convocation and president of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers. Surmounting these tablets is a carved oak quadrant of a bell, and inside the bell is a light to illuminate the tablets with a floodlight effect.

The details for the pew frontals are in accord with the adjacent choir and clergy stalls. The late Canon frequently expressed a desire that the seating accommodation to the centre and wings of the nave should be completed in this manner. The choir screens are also designed to match the choir stalls and are required to shield the choristers from draughts. They are fitted with leaded lights, glazed with two shades of amber glass to correspond with the new clerestory windows in the chancel. The latter, the gift of Mr. Thomas Booth in memory of his wife, were also dedicated.

The gifts were dedicated by the Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Warman) in the presence of a large congregation. The bells were rung from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and also after the service, in touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, by ringers from many parts of Lancashire, including the hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Shuker) and hon. treasurer (Mr. C. I. Davies).

A ringers' memorial has been occupying the attention of a committee for some time. The late Canon had often expressed a wish to see a peal of ten in Bolton Parish Church, and the fact that he was the Rural Dean caused efforts to be made towards that object, but it proved too big an undertaking for ringers only. It had been hoped to get the co-operation of other sections. Steps are, however, being taken to put St. George's bells into first-class order. It has been suggested that they should be put into a new frame at a lower level in the tower, and, if the response is good enough, add two trebles. If the church authorities grant permission for this, an appeal will be made for subscriptions.

HISTORIC PERFORMANCE RECALLED.**HOW HOLT'S ORIGINAL WAS FIRST RUNG 'SILENT.'***A Jubilee Celebration.*

A unique celebration took place a week ago, when, on Thursday evening, Mr. John Christopher Mitchell entertained a small party of ringing friends at his charming home in West Norwood. It was the fiftieth anniversary of a wonderful handbell performance. On March 11th, 1887, four College Youths, of whom Mr. Mitchell, then 19 years of age, was the youngest, rang Holt's Original 'silent' for the first time. The other members of the band were W. H. L. Buckingham, C. F. Winney and G. T. McLaughlin, and the peal was rung at the old headquarters, the Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard, a hostelry which has since disappeared.

Of those who took part, Mr. Buckingham and Mr. Winney survive with Mr. Mitchell, but Mr. McLaughlin died some years ago, and the two umpires, Messrs. J. W. Rowbotham, of the College Youths, and W. Baron, of the Cumberlands, are also no longer with us.

**AFTER FIFTY YEARS.**

Standing: Mr. J. C. Mitchell (left) and Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham. Seated: Mr. C. F. Winney.

The little gathering that met last week as the guests of Mr. Mitchell included, in addition to Messrs. Buckingham and Winney, Messrs. E. H. Lewis (Master of the College Youths), A. A. Hughes (treasurer), F. E. Dawe (who was one of the unofficial witnesses of the peal) and J. S. Goldsmith, while other members of Mr. Mitchell's family present were Miss H. Mitchell and Mr. B. Mitchell. Unfortunately the weather prevented Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the College Youths) from joining the party, but during the evening he was greeted on the telephone with good wishes and returned his congratulations.

After a happy meal together, during which tongues wagged and reminiscences of past days were retold, the proceedings were continued in the lounge, where handbell ringing took place and the three heroes of the great event of half a century ago showed they had lost little of their ability. When they sat down for the first touch, with F. E. Dawe at the tenors, Winney was asked to call a bit of Grandsire, but, presumably from force of habit, said 'Go Stedman,' and these youths, whose ages totalled 293 years, made no 'bones' about it. (Continued in next column.)

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.**THE VALUE OF THE SURPRISE MAJOR COLLECTION.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I make one or two short comments on your interesting article in last week's issue?

Personally, I am quite satisfied with the effect that the Major Methods Collection has had. I never expected that there would be an immediate increase of peals in Plain Major methods, for it takes a long time before the Exercise is ready for any great advance in such matters. The number of these methods that have been rung is greater than perhaps some people suppose and the full effect will not be seen for many years.

At present most ringers think that a Surprise method must be a better thing than a Plain method and so rather neglect the latter. Actually the average Plain method is better than the average Surprise method, and especially so on ten and twelve bells. Our Minor Methods book revolutionised six-bell ringing, but it was futile to imagine that a similar thing would happen on eight bells, at any rate for many years. But it is instructive to compare a list of the new methods rung in (a) the 18th century; (b) the 19th century; (c) the present century before the war; (d) the present century since the war. You have there a conclusive reply to those people who think that the Central Council books have not done an enormous amount to extend method ringing.

The new Surprise book is intended not only to make a large selection of methods available for ringers, but also to give information which is interesting to the great mass of ringers who have not the opportunity of actually practising new methods—information which will further the development of the art indirectly in many ways. When I was preparing it I considered the question of giving diagrams, and my then connection with 'The Ringing World' (from which I have benefited more than I should have thought possible) enabled me to get some information, from which I reluctantly came to the conclusion that the cost was prohibitive. You know much more about that than I do, but I fancy you will agree.

Of the value of diagrams there can be no question. When dealing with the Surprise methods I worked them all out and the selection was made from the diagrams in the first instance and not from the figures. If we could be sure of a sale of five thousand copies of the book spread over twenty or twenty-five years, it would be good business to have the blocks made. But where is the necessary capital to come from? I feel that a good deal can be done to improve the books which the Council publishes, and I am sure that the new Surprise book is on the right lines. For one thing, it is a book to be read and studied, and not merely a collection of figures which are of interest only when a band wants something new to ring.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

LONDON TOWERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I had almost the same experience as Mr. Corby described in your last issue, and it was only by hearing the bells that I found the church. Even the 'Bobby' I asked didn't know. A good suggestion, Mr. Corby!

F. WARRINGTON.

Over, Cambs.

SUCCESS FOLLOWS MANY FAILURES.*(Continued from previous column.)*

Afterwards other touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major were rung in which all present shared, and old times discussed until the little party broke up, with thanks to Mr. Mitchell for his hospitality and the hope that, despite the advance of 'Anno Domini,' these veterans might be spared to meet again.

In the days when this memorable peal was rung Messrs. Mitchell and Buckingham were living at St. Albans, but, being in business in London, were able to meet constantly for practice. It was Challis Winney's 'bright idea' that they should attempt the Original 'silent,' and they met at all hours of the day and night, often at Mr. Winney's home in Chelsea. On one occasion, when Mr. Mitchell was detained at business until 10 p.m., they started for a peal at nine minutes to 11 and finished at twenty minutes past one next morning. This peal was rung without bobs being called, but trips were corrected. Mr. Bill Garrard was the witness and it was the eighth meeting the band had had.

This was on February 25th, 1887, and enthusiasm had reached almost fever heat. On February 28th over half a peal was rung in strict silence. On March 2nd two-thirds of the peal was accomplished under similar conditions before it came to grief. On March 8th, 4,600 changes were rung. This peal was lost, so it was said at last week's gathering, because 'Buck' thought he heard St. Paul's Cathedral clock strike thirteen when it should only have struck eleven. Next evening nearly half a peal was rung, but nothing daunted by these failures, a further attempt was made on the 11th and triumph was achieved in 2 hours 39 minutes.

Many ringers heard the peal in an adjoining room and testified to the perfection of the performance, which stands out as one of the finest handbell achievements of all time.

It was fittingly the anniversary of the first silent peal of Stedman Triples rung 33 years earlier at the Whitlington and Cat. Bethnal Green, by J. Cox, W. Cooter, H. Huley and M. Wood.

BROADCASTS FROM ST. MARTIN'S-IN-THE-FIELDS BELLS TO BE RUNG IN FUTURE.

In future, when the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields are broadcast they will be rung instead of chimed.

This announcement was made by the Vicar of St. Martin's (the Rev. Pat McCormick) on Saturday, at the annual dinner of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the society which is responsible for the service ringing at the celebrated church in Trafalgar Square. The announcement will be received with great pleasure by ringers everywhere, for the chiming that has been heard for years has been a miserable travesty of church bell music, and in no sense befitting the dignity of the services which have followed.

The Rev. Pat McCormick was responding to the toast of 'The Church,' and, in reference to the increasing difficulty of getting ringers to ring for service in London, said it was a matter which rather perturbed him, because he was hoping very much that the Cumberland Youths were going to do another bit of work for St. Martin's.

I am sure all of you here, he said, will be glad to hear that arrangements are nearing completion and I hope will eventuate by the next broadcast service from St. Martin's (loud applause).

There are one or two reasons why I would like to have the bells pealed properly. One is because it will save me a great deal of correspondence (laughter). Not only do I get letters from bellringers protesting against this chiming, but also crowds of letters from other people saying that our bells are out of tune. As you know, it is nothing to do with the bells, but with the hammers. If the hammer is the slightest bit out of place where it strikes the bell, the bell sounds out of tune. I have to write back to all these people and explain so often that I get 'fed up' with it (laughter).

The other reason is, I think it is rather a scandal, having such a magnificent peal of bells as we have got, that they should not be rung properly so that people all over the world are able to hear them (applause).

We shall, of course, get a great many criticisms. We shall get criticism from the old ladies who love to hear the hymn tunes played on the bells. It is quite extraordinary what a number of people do like that. I suppose it brings back old tunes to them, or something of that sort, but we all know that is not the method of ringing bells.

I had hoped it would be possible to begin the new arrangement to-morrow. When I spoke to the Religious Director of the B.B.C. the other day he said, 'When are you going to have your bells properly rung?' I said, 'We are waiting for you, please.' Things of this sort have to pass through so many channels that they had not then been able to trace the correspondence, but the Director himself is also 'fed up' with the chiming of the bells of St. Martin's, so I am glad to be able to announce that we hope in future to have them rung (applause).

I am sure you will agree, continued the Vicar, that not only in the interests of bellringing, but also in the interests of what I may call the 'pride' of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, it is right that the bells should be pealed (applause). It means, however, that you will only be 'on the air' a short time. None of your running over time (laughter), because even if the bells are faded out I do not want to have to compete with the bells when I am taking the service. We cannot give you more than ten minutes to ring, because, as some of you probably know, we have a 'preparation service' before the broadcast service, and it would mean that that preparation would have to be cut down and would not be of the value that it is and ought to be. I believe that little preparation service, when we practise the hymns and say a prayer, is one of the chief factors which enables St. Martin's services to get over the air and be of such infinite value to listeners all over the world (applause). I hope you will all enter into the spirit of it and that by next time a broadcast takes place we shall have the bells properly pealed (applause).

We shall do away with the services of Mr. Blewitt, and for that I am sorry. He has played the bells ever since the first broadcast and has never missed once (applause). I shall be sorry for him, because I know he loves it, but he has retired actually from St. Martin's and has been coming up for this only bit of his duty left to him. I shall be sorry for him, but I am quite convinced, for everybody's sake, that the bells ought to be properly rung (hear, hear).

Speaking later, Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council, said he was very pleased to hear what Mr. McCormick had said about the ringing of St. Martin's bells for the broadcasts. He hoped the Society of Cumberland Youths, when ringing for these services, would show some other parts of the country what broadcast ringing should be like. He got into trouble a while ago for some fairly pointed remarks about certain broadcasts, but he was not in the least repentant. They had had some better ones since. The last he heard was Croydon and it was really a treat to listen to. At Stepney, in view of the fact that a number of the band were comparative beginners, the broadcast was quite successful. They had a delightful course of Superlative from Pudsey, except for one trip, which was far better than certain broadcasts from another county in the North.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION MEET AT SNOWBOUND LONGWOOD.

The West Riding of Yorkshire had been practically snowbound for over a fortnight, and the winter was showing its very worst side on Saturday, yet it was in such conditions that the Western Division held their annual meeting at St. Mark's, Longwood. Only a few days before the meeting there had been another exceptionally heavy fall of snow and many of the roads on the Yorkshire Moors were impassable. The stalwarts of the Western Division made light of these difficulties, however, and one party at least travelled over 40 miles by road, through snow and fog—such was their enthusiasm. When the first of the visitors arrived, Mr. Rothery and the local company were busily engaged in excavating their church from the snow. Over 40 members were present from 20 towers and all helped to make a very successful meeting.

St. Mark's, Longwood, has a fairly modern tower, which was added to the church in 1914, and the peal of eight which it contains is one of the finest in the county. The bells were raised about 2.30, and, excepting for the tea interval, were kept moving until after 9 o'clock, when they were finally lowered in peal. The striking throughout the day was of a particularly high standard for meetings, and another pleasing feature was the number of young ringers who are being trained in the district.

The Rev. W. M. Griffiths, M.A., conducted a short Litany service in the church prior to the tea, and gave an inspiring address which was greatly appreciated. An excellent tea was served in the schools by the local ringers, to which over 30 members sat down. This was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. W. H. Senior in the absence of the vice-president, who was called away immediately after the service.

A telegram was read from the association's president, Canon Marshall, expressing his regret at his unavoidable absence, and wishing the meeting every success. A letter was also read from Mr. Knight, of Stanwick, enclosing a short history of St. Mark's, and this was greatly appreciated by all present.

The three retiring members of the committee, Messrs. F. W. Dixon, J. Hardcastle and R. Bottomley, were elected for a further period of three years.

MR. JOE BROADLEY RESIGNS RINGING MASTERSHIP.

A letter had been received from Mr. Joseph Broadley, the retiring Ringing Master, expressing his desire to resign the office on account of his age. Mr. Broadley, who is now 78 years old, recently rang his 400th peal for the association.

It was decided to defer the appointment of a successor until the next quarterly meeting in June, when due notice would be given for nominations for the office.

The Chairman voiced the thanks of the association to the Vicar and wardens for kindly granting the use of the bells and for the welcome which had been received. He particularly thanked the Vicar for his inspiring address, which they had all enjoyed.—This was supported by Mr. Knight.

The Rev. W. M. Griffiths, M.A., in replying, said how sorry he was that the weather had been so bad, but assured the members, amid laughter, that he really was not responsible for it. He delighted his hearers by recounting his earliest experiences with ringers, and showed how, from his boyhood, he had always appreciated the comradeship which their calling implied.

Mr. Leslie Morris proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local company for their splendid arrangements and for providing such an excellent tea, also to the organist for officiating at the service. This was supported by Mr. Hutchinson, and Mr. Ralph Williams replied for the local company.

The association's thanks are also due to Mr. Mellor for kindly placing Lindley bells at the disposal of the meeting, and had the weather been normal there is no doubt that both towers would have been fully occupied all day. The secretary reported that in his advertisements in 'The Ringing World' he had erroneously described the Lindley bells as having been recast. This was an error, as the bells had only been retuned, and whilst perhaps little difference would be noticed between the two, he wished to correct the matter so that no wrong impressions would be gained.

Two new members were elected—Mr. T. Lancaster, of Middlesbrough, and Mr. Andrew Blackburn, of Longwood.

The Chairman mentioned that as there had been some discussion on the subject of forming a district society round Huddersfield, he felt that there was plenty of scope, and if carried on in harmony with the Yorkshire Association he was sure that nothing but good would result. The Western Division covered a very wide area embracing over 80 towers, and as they only had four meetings every year, it was obvious that some considerable period must elapse between their visits to individual places.

An invitation had been received to hold the June meeting at Giggleswick, but owing to the great distance it was felt that it would be more advisable to try a place a little nearer, and so cover the whole of that area equally as well. It is, therefore, hoped that a meeting can be arranged in the Kildwick district about the second Saturday in June, but an announcement will be made later.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Almondbury, Armley, Batley, Elland, Huddersfield Parish Church, Idle, Kirkburton, Lindley, Longwood, Meltham, Holbeck, Queensbury, Rothwell, Thadlington (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Rippenden, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Friesland, Heninghrough and Mirfield.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

ANNUAL DINNER REVIVED.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths held a very successful dinner in London on Saturday. It was a revival after a great many years, and members from many distant places rallied to the committee's effort. After ringing at several churches in the afternoon, the company, numbering altogether 92, including 22 ladies, assembled at the Bedford Head, Maiden Lane, Strand, under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. George H. Cross). Among those present were the Rev. Pat McCormick (Vicar, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president, Central Council, and Master of the College Youths), Mrs. G. H. Cross, Mr. T. Bevan (senior steward) and Mrs. Bevan, Mr. J. Bailey (junior steward), Mr. G. W. Steere (hon. treasurer), Mr. N. Summerhayes (assistant hon. secretary), Mr. F. Smith (trustee), Messrs. J. Parker (Edmonton) and G. Gilbert (Maidenhead), Central Council representatives; Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master, London County Association), Mr. T. W. Taffender (hon. secretary, London County Association), Mr. J. Waugh (Master, Northern District of London County Association), Mr. W. Bottrill (vice-president, National Police Guild), Mr. G. Williams (Master, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (Dorset), Mr. G. Pullinger (Bishopstoke). There were also members and visitors from Maidenhead, Northfleet, Gravesend, Guildford, Brentwood, Romford, North Stoneham, Hampstead, Sevenoaks, Bishopsgate, Dartford, Swanscombe, Chiselhurst, St. Olave's, Hart Street, Shoreditch, Woodford, Broxbourne, Burnham, Christchurch, Oxford, etc. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the Rev. A. Taylor (St. Bride's), the Rev. Wellard (St. Olave's, Hart Street), Messrs. A. Hardy (trustee), G. Card (hon. secretary), J. Hunt (Taunton), H. Hopkins (Whitstable), A. H. Pulling (Guildford) and many others.

SERVICE RINGING IN LONDON.

The Master, at the conclusion of the meal, submitted the loyal toast, and afterwards, in thanking the company for making the gathering such an excellent one, expressed the hope that it would prove the forerunner of many more and that the next would be even better attended than this. There were, he said, two old friends who would specially be thinking of them, Mr. George Card, the secretary, who was in hospital, and Mr. Arthur Hardy, one of the trustees, who was absent through a family bereavement. He (the Master) thought they should write and tell these old members what a good gathering they had had.

Proceeding, the Master proposed the toast of 'The Church.' This was Coronation year, and the Church, he said, had a very important task to perform, namely, that of blessing the new reign. In that connection ringers would be expected to do their part in ringing at all the churches where ringing was possible. Sunday service ringing in London, said Mr. Cross, was very difficult, and he appealed to members of the society to give their fullest support to the service ringing for which the society was responsible. In conclusion, the Master said this was an interesting year for ringing in London, for the College Youths would celebrate their tercentenary. The Cumberlands all wished them the best of success (applause).

The Rev. Pat McCormick, in responding to the toast, said they in the Church knew they could not do without the bellringers. The close friendship between the two must always exist. The churches depended on the ringers, but the ringers also depended on the Church, because there were very few bells they could ring that were not in churches. He was glad to hear what the Master had said about ringing for services. He agreed that it was a very difficult thing for the London churches. It was all right in the country, because ringers lived, generally, fairly close to the church, but the position was rather perturbing him, as he was very much hoping the Cumberland Youths were going to do another bit of work for St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

The Vicar then went on to speak of the proposed ringing of St. Martin's bells before the broadcast services, which is reported under a separate heading. Then, returning to the subject of the toast, he said that this was a very important year for the Church, not merely on account of the Coronation, but in the whole life of England. If only taken properly he believed this year might be a year of real advance for the Church.

HISTORICAL REVIEW.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, one of the oldest members of the society, proposed the toast of 'The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.' The Cumberlands, he said, had two legs to stand on, and they went back before 1745. He thought he might put the toast by asking them to drink to the Ancient Society of London Scholars and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. He thought one or two historical facts might be interesting to the younger members and encourage them to think that this old society was worth supporting and worth working for. In 1702 a work upon change ringing was published by two members of the London Scholars. Those members, with other members of the old society, must have known a good deal about campanology even at that early day. A few years later, in 1716, a peal of Caters was rung on the bells of St. Bride's. This was recorded on a tablet in the belfry and it was the first performance ever known in the way of a full peal. He saw no reason for refusing to accept Mr. Osborne's statements contained in the MSS. in the British Museum. Just as the great fire of London in 1666 destroyed the early documents belonging to the Ancient Society of College Youths, founded

in 1637, so the early records of the London Scholars were lost and their foundation was unknown. What fragments of history of these ancient societies had survived showed that both had manned the bells of the churches of London with never failing efficiency on all important occasions. The two old societies were promoting the art and science of ringing three hundred years ago.

A turning point in the history of their own society was in 1745, when they lost touch with the London Scholars, after the rebellion in the North, when there was a battle royal between Bonnie Prince Charlie, grandson of James II., and William Augustus, second son of George II. The latter proved the victor and received the title of Duke of Cumberland and a pension of £25,000 a year. The use of the name 'Cumberland' became fashionable. Streets and inns were named Cumberland, and the ringers who practised at Shoreditch either had that title bestowed upon them or acquired it by some unknown means. When the Duke returned to London by the road which entered the city by the old church at Shoreditch there was great rejoicing and no doubt the bells were fully employed.

In the year 1747 a new code of rules was drawn up by the society under its new title, and in 1748 a peal of Bob Major was rung at Shoreditch, which was the beginning of the long list of ringing records to be found to-day in their Volume I., which contained a portrait of the patron Duke on the front page.

Mr. Fussell went on to recall the Cumberlands' song of 1802, which said:—

For Cumberlands we are,
And Cumberlands we will be
To perform with any ringers
In town or country.

He regretted to find there were a few old faces missing—men who had been members for over 50 years. They remembered Ben Foskett and Edwin Barnett, but they were pleased to have with them Mr. George Williams in his 80th year (applause). He (Mr. Fussell) was elected a member of the society in the belfry of St. Giles in 1881. Mr. Fussell concluded by remarking that the present Royal Family, through Queen Mary, were in direct line of succession from the famous Duke of Cumberland, and if they wanted to compliment the youngest member of that royal house, they could ring a peal on the birthday of Princess Margaret Rose (applause).

WELL WORTH SUPPORTING.

Mr. Norman Summerhayes expressed great regret at the absence of Mr. George Card, the hon. secretary, who was ill in hospital at Fulham. Mr. Summerhayes gave a long list of apologies from members and friends and went on to refer to the fact that since the last time they had held a dinner they had lost Mr. J. D. Matthews, who was their Master for 21 years. During the time he was Master he built up the society into a strong organisation and had a great deal of support from the members. It was Mr. Matthews' great desire that the society should long continue to flourish and grow, but with his passing there was a falling off in the vigour that was shown. Members who had been very enthusiastic supporters failed to maintain their enthusiasm as they might have done. The society was well worth supporting and deserved the support of all the members. Last year they made 45 new members, and he thought they would agree that that was a very good year's work (applause). If they could do that in one year they could do it the next, and if the old members would continue to support them, they could progress and build up a position which would be the envy of all other societies (applause). He hoped this year would be one of renewed activity and that they would have the support of all the members. They had made a very good start with that dinner (applause).

Mr. George Gilbert proposed 'Kindred Societies.' He said they, unfortunately, often found that the spirit of 'kindred' was left out of relations between ringers and societies. He had found that there was a little too much of the 'peal at any price' in some quarters; and much of not wanting to ring with 'so and so.' That was not 'kindred' and it was not 'society.' He would like to see a little closer association at the root of the societies. In the past there had been petty bickerings, even to the extent of 'hammer and tongs' arguments, instead of a friendly rivalry to advance the science. They were told, said Mr. Gilbert, that ringers could not be got. He challenged that statement in any village. They would not come, but they could be got if the ringers would go out and fetch them. He had often wondered how many ringers rang to the honour and glory of God? If they did not ring to the honour and glory of God, then, he said, they had never heard bells rung as they should be rung. On behalf of the Cumberlands present and many who could not get there, including Mr. Harry Hopkins, of Whitstable, who joined the society on January 14th, 1872, he wished success to kindred societies.

CORONATION OPPORTUNITIES.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in replying to the toast, said he had been much interested in what Mr. Gilbert had said, and he agreed with a great deal of it, particularly about the quality of ringing. He felt very strongly there was a great opportunity for ringers in this Coronation year, when a large part of the public will be expecting a great deal of ringing, to show what they can do in the way of quality. He hoped all the bands who rang during the Coronation ceremonies would only attempt what they could ring perfectly and not go in for new or complicated methods with which they were not quite familiar. They should ring so well that people will say how nice it is. In that way they could recover some of the sympathy for ringing which he was afraid they had lost in previous years, owing to the prevalence in many parts of the country of striking that was not good.

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Friendship Between London Societies.

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Continuing, Mr. Lewis said that in years gone by there was a good deal of bitterness between their society and his society, but he hoped that was a thing of the past (applause). 'Although we are mutually exclusive,' said Mr. Lewis, 'we can, I hope, be very good friends (applause). We, at any rate, wish to be friendly with you, and I feel certain you wish to be friendly with us (hear, hear). Before I received the invitation to this dinner, my Dinner Committee had already decided to send an invitation to your Master to our tercentenary dinner on November 6th this year' (applause).

Referring to the subject of getting ringers, Mr. Lewis said he agreed it was quite possible to get them in a village, but he was convinced the first thing to do was to pick their recruits from the congregation, who were already churchpeople. He knew that occasionally they could get someone outside who was not a churchman and eventually, perhaps, interest him in the church, but it was far better, to his mind, to begin at the other end and pick their recruits from members of the congregation. Then, he thought, they would not find a difficulty in keeping them as ringers, provided they gave them plenty of interest in their ringing. Mr. Lewis illustrated his point by quoting his own experience at Brasted, and spoke of the advantages of teaching absolute novices, by being able to train them to handle their bells properly.

VISITORS WELCOMED.

Mr. G. W. Steere proposed 'The Visitors,' whom he welcomed. There were some, he said, who were not ringers, but he hoped their presence would increase their interest and that they would come again. With regard to the feeling between their own and other societies, their society was only too willing to be friendly with any other society in London or the provinces (applause).

Mr. F. E. Dave replied to the toast. He remarked that he joined the College Youths fifty years ago, and while he had many old and good friends in that society, he also had a remarkable number of friends in the Cumberland Society, for whom he had the greatest possible respect. He was one of those who regretted that the project, put forward about 50 years ago to permit anyone residing more than 25 miles from London to belong to both societies, was rejected. Mr. Dave mentioned many of his friends among the Cumberlands of a bygone day whom he knew well, and particularly John Cox. He had, he said, many letters from him, as he also had from men like Jasper Snowden and Henry Johnson, and when he had time he intended to collect them and hand them over to the Masters of the various societies. Through his friendship with old Cumberlands he was able to call five peals of Cinques, divided between St. Martin's and St. Bride's. There was one tower left in London where he would like to call a peal, and that was at Shoreditch. He did not know whether it would be possible to make arrangements for him to do this by ringing it for the old St. James' Society, which was now the London County Association. He would very much like to do it. In conclusion, he wished both his old and his young friends in the Cumberland Society, good health and long life to carry on the ever pleasant and interesting science in which they were engaged (applause).

MORE PUBLICITY NEEDED.

Mr. J. E. Bailey proposed the toast of 'The Press.' He said they often heard of the difficulty of getting young ringers because of the counter attractions that were offered. Other forms of entertainment attracted young people by publicity, and he thought it was up to them as ringers to meet their opponents on their own ground and to use greater publicity through the local and national Press. Mr. Bailey paid a warm tribute to the services rendered to ringing by 'The Ringing World' and its Editor, whose name was coupled with the toast.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, in responding, said it gave him special pleasure to do so as an old Cumberland. Ringing to-day, he said, was well treated by the Press in general and this year offered a great opportunity to ringers everywhere to show the Press that ringing was a great art and worthy of consideration and sympathetic treatment.

This concluded the toast list, in the course of which a course of Stedman Cinques, and songs by Miss Dawson had been interspersed. Miss Dawson greatly delighted the company with 'Ring, bells, ring,' and 'Bells across the meadows.' Mr. V. Harrington was the accompanist. Later an entertainment of a varied kind, which was thoroughly enjoyed, was given by the Co-optimists Concert Party, and further handbell ringing took place. The success of the evening was largely due to the efforts of the Dinner Committee and particularly of the energetic dinner secretary, Mr. J. E. Bailey.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, January 31st, at the Church of St. John, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. T. Mitchison 1, M. J. Morris 2, F. Price (conductor) 3, R. C. Ingram 4, G. H. Williams 5, F. W. Rushworth 6, G. F. Swann 7, C. Davies 8. Longest length as conductor from non-observation bell.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, February 28th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. E. Spice 1, P. Spice 2, A. S. Boar 3, F. Bennett 4, G. Kenward 5, J. W. Unwin 6, G. H. Spice 7, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 8. Rung to celebrate the 76th birthday of Mr. W. Spice, sen.

NOTICES.

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ECKINGTON, Nr. Sheffield.—Ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt.), restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. A ringers' gathering will be held on Saturday, March 20th. Tower open from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 p.m.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Marham on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock (not 5 p.m. as previously announced). Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Special methods, Cambridge Court Bob Major and St. Clement's Bob Triples. This meeting is held jointly with a meeting of the Ladies' Guild.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m., and meeting to follow. Further ringing until 7.30 p.m., when there will be a short service.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—The new ring of 12 bells (by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, March 20th, at 3.30 p.m. The Dean and Chapter, together with the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, invite visiting ringers to tea in the Guildhall after the service. Admission will be by ticket only. The Cathedral bells will be available for ringing from 6 to 8.30 p.m., by kind permission of the Very Rev. the Dean of Winchester.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A joint meeting will be held with the Middlesex County Association on Saturday, March 20th, at All Saints', Edmonton. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. (not 5 p.m. as previously announced). Tea (1s.) at 5.30 p.m. All those requiring tea please notify Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex. — M. L. Cross, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. per head. Meeting after tea for election of officers, etc.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — Half-yearly meeting to be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mr. W. T. Clark, Gable Mount, Broughton-in-Furness. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The eighth annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 20th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Market Parade, Gloucester, at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets, 3s. The following towers open for ringing: Barnwood (8) at 1 p.m. if required; St. Mary de Lode (6) 2.30 to 3.30; St. Mary de Crypt (8) 3.45 to 4.45; St. Michael's (10) 4.45 to 5.45 p.m.—W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Sec., G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney, Glos.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting is to be held at Redbourn on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Short service, tea and meeting. Come along and extend your knowledge of Minor methods. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

JOINT MEETING OF THE LADIES' GUILD (Southern District) AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District) at Chiddingfold, Saturday, March 20th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea at Swan Hotel, 5.30 p.m. — Miss H. F. Mills, Maidencombe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot; G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — Quarterly meeting at Anstey on Saturday, March 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. All welcome.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Penn (6 bells) on Saturday, March 20th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls', Bolton, on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. No business meeting.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on Saturday, March 20th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Address by the Vicar. Tea and business meeting after. I hope for a good attendance of old friends and new.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

POYNTON, NEAR STOCKPORT.—Special services for the reopening of the bells on March 21st, at 10.45 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Ring of 6 rehung by John Taylor and Co.

OXEHAMPTON, Devon.—Two trebles added to complete the octave, tenor 15½ cwt., and hung in a new frame for eight by Gillett and Johnston. Dedication service by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Wednesday, March 24th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM. — The ring of 8, tenor 17½ cwt., recast and rehung in new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated on Thursday, March 25th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 57th annual general meeting will be held at Ashford on Easter Monday. The association service will be in St. Mary's Church at noon (preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Maidstone), followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards to elect officers, and consider the adoption of the revised rules, etc. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: Wye (8) (after meeting), Mersham (8), Willesborough (6), Eastwell (6), Great and Little Chart (6), Hothfield (6). Ashford bells will be available at 10 o'clock till noon and after the meeting. Luncheon, free to practising members, 2s. 6d. to others. Application for tickets must be made on or before first post Wednesday, March 24th, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope and a list of names attending. After this date no application can be entertained.—Fred M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Neots on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells available from 12 noon. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea, 4 p.m., followed by business meeting. Other towers: Eaton Socon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m.; Eynesbury, 2 to 3 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Huntingdon, All Saints', 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Honiton on Easter Monday, March 29th. Service, 4.30, St. Michael's Church. Tea and meeting, 5.15, Gill's Café. Bells (6) available 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8). All are welcome.—J. H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 29th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.45 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Rev. J. F. Hastings, M.A., clerical secretary. Tea (non-members 1s. each) provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, March 24th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. Swithun (6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. only). 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, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m., with address by the Dean. Towers open as follows: Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (6), St. Michael's (6), 12 noon to 1 p.m.,

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Heanor on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided at 5 o'clock to those who notify Mr. A. Elliott, 82, Milward Road, Loscoe, by Thursday, March 25th. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Nottingham, Easter Monday, March 29th. Towers open: St. Mary's (10 a.m. to 3.50), St. Peter's (10 a.m. to 3.40) and St. Paul's, Daybrook (10 a.m. to 3.15) and after the general meeting. Committee meeting 3 p.m., St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate. Service, St. Mary's Church, 4 p.m. Address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Neville S. Talbot, D.D., M.C. Tea, in the Institute, immediately after service, 1s. 6d., to all applications received by Miss I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham, on Wednesday, March 24th; after that date 1s. 9d. General meeting follows.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the association will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, March 29th. 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. Christopher H. Flack, M.A., Rector of St. Augustine, Norwich. 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, Gen. Sec. and Treas.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff (in lieu of Cardiff owing to tower repairs) on Easter Monday, March 29th. Cathedral bells available in the afternoon. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. The Dean will preside.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday, March 29th. The twelve bells will be available throughout the day. Business meeting 2.30 p.m. in the Parish Room. Business: Election of officers, etc., and, most important, proposed rules. Owing to the lengthy agenda and weddings at the Abbey, there will be no service arranged. Tea will be provided after the general meeting, or, if necessary, the meeting will be adjourned for tea. It is essential that a large number of members should attend to deal with the proposed rules, which can be obtained beforehand by enclosing one penny stamp. This will bring a copy of the annual report direct to each member.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol 2.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, March 29th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be avail-

able from 10.30. St. Peter's (6) from noon. The tea and business meeting will be at St. Peter's Church Hall at 5 p.m. Tea 1s. per head.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, by first post Wednesday, March 24th. — F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on March 30th. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Heckington, near Sleaford, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells of St. Andrew's Church (8) open from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea will be provided in the Village Hall at 1s. each to all who notify Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks' Lane, Heckington, Sleaford, by April 1st.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Aston, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (12) available at 3.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify Mr. W. Davies, 99, Rosary Road, Erdington, regarding tea not later than March 31st.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clive on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 30th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meale Brace, Shrewsbury.

THORLEY, near Bishop's Stortford.—On Sunday, April 4th, at 11 a.m., the Bishop of Bedford will dedicate the bells which have been restored and augmented to a ring of five by John Taylor and Co.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at West Malling (8 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Usual arrangements. Details later.—A. Waddington, Dis. Sec.

CALLING ALL CARS!—HITCHIN, Saturday, April 17th. Special meeting as farewell to Rev. R. F. R. Louth, President of Hertford County Association, who is leaving the county. District secretaries in Herts and South Beds please do not clash with this date. Full particulars later.—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. H. Webb (late of Rugby) has now removed to 68, Brownhill Green Road, Radford, Coventry.

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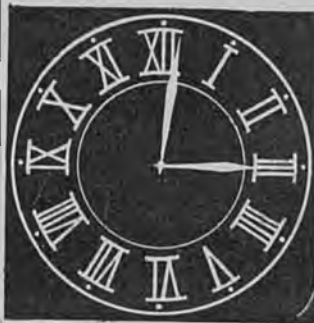
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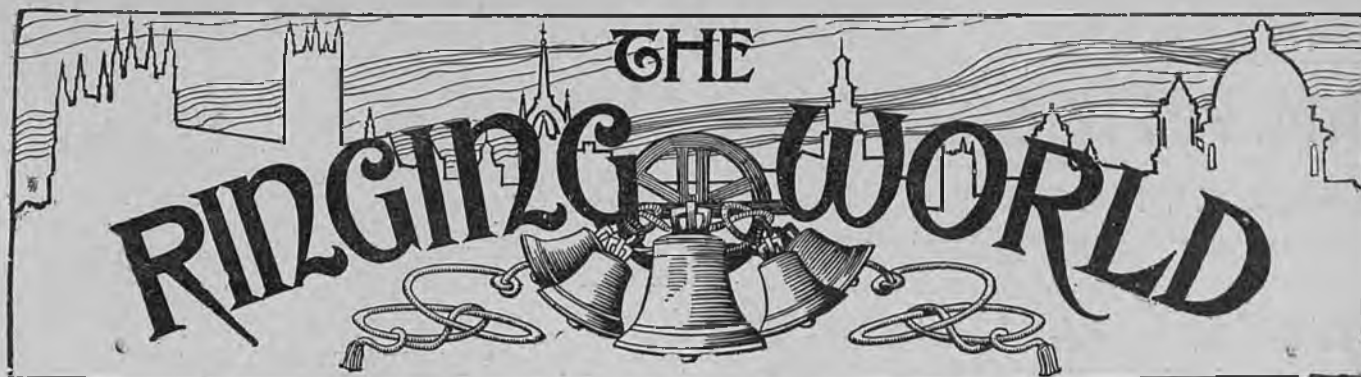
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The opening of the new ring of twelve bells at Winchester Cathedral is a reminder of two things; one the vast improvement that has been effected in the last three decades in the art of the bell founder; the other the great and crowning dignity which a noble peal of bells gives to a church of the grandeur of Winchester Cathedral, internally one of the finest ecclesiastical buildings of this country, and hallowed by centuries of Christian worship. There are few churches in England that can claim with positive documentary evidence the possession of bells in the eleventh century, before the coming of the Conqueror, but the authentic history of the bells at Winchester goes back at least as far as a gift of two by King Canute. Nine hundred years of bell history! And at intervals since that time generous benefactors have added to the number and dignity of the bells in the Cathedral of the ancient city which was the seat of government of King Alfred. These bells must have rung for the Coronation of most of the Sovereigns through these ages, and now, for the crowning of King George VI, a new peal of twelve bells of glorious quality will be heard over ancient Winchester. They take the place of a ring of twelve which had come at different times through the last two centuries from several different founders, and, for the first time for two hundred years, Winchester has a peal of bells all of one 'family.'

Those who remember the old ring, of mixed age and quality, will find in the new peal a revelation of the modern founder's art, something entirely satisfying in its tonal qualities and robustness. Founders to-day are able to produce bells of deeper note and finer qualities with less metal than their predecessors, thanks, of course, to the tuning methods which they now apply, by which the whole bell contributes to the purity and perfection of the tone. In these days, indeed, there is no need for peals of excessive weights to produce all that the critical ringer can desire. There are, perhaps, a few ringers, who like to think of tenors in tons of metal, who will disagree with us when we say that in these days peals up to forty hundredweight are sufficiently heavy for all practical purposes. We know that modern hanging can make much heavier bells pealable single-handed, by a handful of men of exceptional strength and skill, but with the present high state of craftsmanship in turning out perfect bells, peals of the size and weight of Winchester or thereabouts are amply satisfying both from the average ringer's and the public standpoint. Do not let it be thought that under any circumstances we deprecate the installation of heavier bells, but the circumstances need to be very exceptional to justify it;

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and when it comes to putting in a peal with a four ton tenor, as is contemplated in Liverpool Cathedral, we confess we can see little practical purpose if general use is to be made of the bells as a ringing peal. Bells considerably more than twice the weight of Winchester, tuned under modern conditions, will, we feel, prove something of a 'white elephant' from a ringers' point of view.

TEN BELL PEAL.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

TOM D. WHORTON Treble	HAROLD SHUCK 6
ALFRED ROWLEY 2	STANLEY PRESTIDGE 7
WILLIAM GREEN 3	NORMAN G. LEECH 8
GILBERT GUEST 4	HENRY HUBBALL 9
JOHN GOODMAN 5	*ERIC FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by B. JEALOUS.

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN.

* First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mr. W. Green, also the birthday of Mr. B. Gough.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WEST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FRANCIS E. DAWE 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	HENRY G. MILES 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 7
ARTHUR B. WIFFEN 4	GEORGE H. CROSE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This peal was specially arranged for and rung on the conductor's 75th birthday, and at his native village.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 17, 1937, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER Treble	CECIL NICE 5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method by all the band and by the association.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ... 5
*MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	†CECIL ALDOUS 6
CHARLES CLARKE 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

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

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HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
MISS N. CAWTHORNE 2	ARTHUR FIRTH 6
TOM BROTHWELL 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
LESLIE HEYWOOD 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

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

SHEENSTONE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

* P. GEORGE GOLDER Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
HAROLD SMITH 2	ADREY M. PICKERING 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
† HOWARD HOWELL 4	ALBERT J. HUBBLE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BOSWELL.

* First attempt for a peal on eight bells. † 50th peal.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

LEONARD HOLDEN Treble	WALTER GRINSELL 5
DENNIS HOLDEN 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
DAVID HINGLEY 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
FREDERICK HOLDEN 4	BERT HORTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal on the bells, a new ring by Messrs. J. Taylor, which give entire satisfaction. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. B. Gough, of Coseley, and the composer.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

* FRANK MASON Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
J. GEOFFREY GRARY 2	ALFRED BALLARD 6
GEORGE E. PRIESTNALL 3	FRANK R. MEASURES 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	ALFRED DEBENHAM Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS (No. 82). Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

* First peal of Major.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 2	PERCY NEWTON 6
MISS KATHLEEN E. FLEICHER 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	HENRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDEFF.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Three extents of Plain and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN Treble	EDWIN C. SIMPSON 4
CHARLES W. PARKER 2	PERCY K. PARKER 5
OLIVER J. KIDBY 3	JOHN R. CROOKS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of St. Clement's, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK LORD Treble	* HAROLD JUDD 4
* FRED LACEY 2	ERNEST BRITAIN 5
BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents: (1) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (2) Thelwall and Childwall Bob; (3) Cambridge Surprise; (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (6) College Single Reverse; (7) Double Court. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

CLIFFORD BIRD Treble	CECIL B. EBBERTSON 4
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	HERBERT C. READ 5
GEORGE MAVERS 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in more than one method on the bells. First peal for the association in eleven methods contained in seven true extents.

SHILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles and 30 of Grandsire Doubles.

Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

STANLEY GRAVESTOCK Treble	JOHN CHURCH 3
FRANCIS BEAUMONT 2	PERCY TOMPKINS 4
	LEWIS H. BYWATERS Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

First peal on the bells.

TENDRING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE A. BUTTON Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY 4
GEORGE E. JENNINGS 2	EDWARD E. DAVEY 5
HARRY J. MILLAT 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

REEDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

* MISS FRANCES SALES Treble	† GEORGE HEWITT 3
MRS. R. WILLIAM BARBER 2	* JAMES TAYLOR 4
	R. W. BARBER Tenor

Conducted by R. W. BARBER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung by St. John the Baptist Sunday service ringers. It is the first peal recorded on the bells.

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THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores each of St. Dunstan's, Stedman and St. Simon's, and ten each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, with 30 different callings.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HAROLD C. R. VINE	1 table	GILBERT W. RENDALL	...	3
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP	...	E. T. P. FIELD	...	4
* PETER N. G. RAINEY		...	Tenor	

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal in six methods. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rebung in a new frame, and are believed to be the heaviest 'five' in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Pring very hospitably entertained the band after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At TRENTWOOD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY	...	1-2	JACK BRAY	...	5-6
FRANK LORD	...	3-4	ERNEST BRITTAIN	...	7-8

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by F. LORD.

SEDBERROW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. J. D. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

MISS KATHLEEN M. JOHNSON	1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	...	5-6
* MISS AMY R. JOHNSON	...	JOHN THOMAS	...	7-8
THOMAS W. LEWIS		...	9-10	

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Caters 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A WELCOME TO BISHOP'S CLEEVE.

A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Bishop's Cleeve on Saturday, March 13th. Ringing took place from 3 o'clock onwards on this fine peal of six bells. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. Jesson), who also gave a very interesting address. By the kind invitation of the Rector and Mrs. Jesson, the ringers were their guests at tea in the spacious hall of the Rectory.

A short meeting afterwards took place, the Archdeacon of Cheltenham being in the chair, supported by the Rev. T. Jesson, Mr. J. K. Armstrong and upwards of 40 members from most of the towers in the district.

Reference was made to the sad loss of Canon Edgar Male, who for long had been a valued member of the association, and those present stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Several new members were elected and it was decided to hold the annual outing on June 19th, the route chosen being Warwick, Banbury, etc.

The place and date of the next meeting were left in the hands of the secretary to arrange.

Mr. Walter Rose proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. Jesson, Mr. G. Tolley (tower captain) and all at Cleeve who had helped to make the meeting so successful, also to Archdeacon Sear for taking the chair. The Rector, responding, said how pleased he was to see so many present, and added that he would be pleased to welcome the ringers at any time.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Towcester Branch was held at Cold Higham on Saturday, March 13th, when about 30 members attended. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. — Carpenter), who gave an interesting address. Having travelled a great deal, he has seen the Great Bell of Moscow, a monument of the founder's work, but as a bell of no use at all. He also referred to the bell on the Mount of Olives, which could be heard for miles.

At the tea which followed, the Master (the Rev. E. S. Powell) and Mrs. Powell were present, and the Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and all who helped to make the meeting so enjoyable.

FOR BEGINNERS.

CALLING STEDMAN TRIPLES.

There are many ringers who are fond of ringing Stedman Triples, but never trouble themselves about the calling of it, yet Stedman Triples is a very interesting method to conduct. It is a method that keeps the conductor specially alert by reason of the constantly changing coursing order of the bells.

In this method, as in any other, the young conductor should aim at a certain amount of proficiency in keeping the bells right, and he can obtain it by study and practice. There are some ringers who can follow the working of the bells 'in the slow,' wherever they may be themselves, and while that is the ideal standard to which every Stedman conductor should try to attain, there is no reason for a ringer to be discouraged if he finds his abilities do not reach as far as that. He can content himself with much less and still have a good working knowledge of his job, if he will really study the subject on paper as well as in the tower.

It is hardly necessary, perhaps, to tell the budding Stedman conductor that a bob in the method can be made at any 'six.' The bob change is the first change of the 'six,' and, therefore, has actually to be called before the end of the previous 'six'—usually at the handstroke change before the 'six-end.'

Usually touches and peals are composed with the 7th as the 'observation' bell, and, except sometimes at singles, it is not usually disturbed. In order to do this, bobs have to be made when the 7th is below 5th's place, which means that they must come when the 7th is in 5-4 down, in the slow, or when it is a quick bell.

There are six sixes when a bob may be called while the 7th is a 'slow' bell and two in which a call may be made while it is 'quick,' without disturbing its course. The bob places are known by the number of the 'six' in the course.

A bob at 3 is called when the 7th is completing its dodging in 5-4 (down) before going in 'Slow.'

A bob at 4 at the first handstroke of the first whole-turn.

A bob at 5 at the handstroke of the 3rd's place before the first half-turn.

A bob at 6 at the handstroke before the last half-turn.

A bob at 7 at the first handstroke of the last whole-turn.

A bob at 8 at the handstroke in 3rd's place before going out of the Slow.

A bob at 12 is called when the 7th is completing its dodging in 5-4 (down) before going in 'Quick.'

A bob at 13 at the handstroke in 2nd's on the way out.

Usually bobs come in pairs in Stedman; that is, a bob at 3 is followed by one at 4; a bob at 5 by one at 6; a bob at 7 by one at 8; and a bob at 12 by one at 13.

A pair of bobs at 3-4 is sometimes indicated by the letter S (meaning 'Slow'); at 5-6 by H (meaning half-turn); at 7-8 by L (meaning Last whole-turn); and at 12-13 by Q (meaning 'Quick'). The calling of your touch or peal may be written either way. For instance, here is a touch of 252:—

2314567	5-6	12-13	2314567	H	Q
3452617	—	—	3452617	—	—
4263157	—	—	4263157	—	—
2314567	—	—	2314567	—	—

At any time you want two courses, or 168, you can get it by calling any one of the pairs of bobs in each course; thus 3-4 twice, or 5-6 twice, etc. Three courses are produced by calling any one pair twice followed by another later pair twice as 3-4, 3-4, 12-13, 12-13; but, remember, the two middle pairs are in the same course.

This is how you can work out touches for yourself:—

For 2 courses, call either S.L., S.Q., or L.Q. and repeat.

For 3 courses, in addition to those mentioned above, you can call either S.H.L. or H.Q. three times.

For 5 courses either S.H., S.H.Q., H.L. or H.L.Q. five times.

You can join some of the touches together to lengthen them, as long as in doing so you do not ring more than a plain course without a bob. You may run the risk, in some instances, of ringing a false touch (by a repetition of changes), but that is not a serious matter when you are practising calling. For instance, if you have rung two courses produced by calling S.L. twice, you cannot get a true touch by tacking on Q. twice, because S.L.Q. is a touch which produces rounds, and would, therefore, bring you back to changes which you have already rung.

Evidence that composition is not as simple as it looks is provided by the figures of the quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples by H. J. Trim, which we published in the Beginners' article last week. Examination shows them to be false. In the first the leads of the plain course are repeated; in the second two leads in each part repeat with two leads in a previous part.

BIRTHDAYS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. Michael's, Yorktown, Surrey, on March 14th, for evening service and the birthdays of F. Marchant and H. Noakes and the 'coming of age' of S. Beck; H. J. Hunt 1, F. Parr (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, F. Marchant (conductor) 3, S. Beck 4, H. Noakes 5, Edwin Hunt 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE LONDON MEETING.

Minutes of the first Session of the Sixteenth Council (44th Annual Meeting), held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, in the City of London, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 2nd, 1936, at 11 o'clock.

The Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Dr. Matthews, offered a hearty welcome on behalf of the Church and the Lord Mayor and Corporation. Dr. Matthews opened the meeting with prayer and the president took the chair.

Present:

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. Eye 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. Routh.

Irish Association—Mr. G. Lindoff.

Kent County Association—Mr. J. H. Cheesman, 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. Perry.

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. Post.

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. Stearn.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society—Mr. B. Horton and Mr. H. Knight.

Suffolk Guild—The Rev. H. Drake, Mr. C. Mee and Mr. Stedman E. 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. Lanxon.

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. Hardcastle, 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. H. Wood and Mr. E. Alex. Young.

MEMBERSHIP.

The hon. secretary called attention to the new rules, and reported on those governing affiliation as follows:—

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 have advised me that they could no longer show a minimum membership of 75, and the Sussex County Association are considering the matter at their meeting on June 20th. The North Wales Association have 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 has 88 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 honorary 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.

ADDRESS TO H.M. THE KING.

On the motion of the president, it was resolved to send the following message of loyal congratulation:—

'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.—E. H. Lewis, President.'

During the day a reply was received 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.

President.—The hon. secretary reported that Mr. Lewis had been nominated for re-election by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge, sen. The resolution was put to the meeting by Canon Coleridge and carried unanimously.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.—On the motion of the President, Mr. G. W. Fletcher was re-elected.

Hon. Librarian.—The Standing Committee recommended the election of Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, and, on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, the recommendation was adopted.

Hon. Auditors.—On the proposal of Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. A. A. Hughes were re-elected.

Hon. Members.—It was reported that Mr. F. Griffin had tendered his resignation, which it was agreed to accept with thanks for past work.

On the motion of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the following retiring 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.

On the proposal of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. C. H. Jennings, supported by the Rev. H. Drake and Mr. E. Alex. Young, it was agreed that, subject to his lordship's consent, the Earl of Shaftesbury be elected a member.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS.

The following were presented to the president in accordance with Rule 11: Messrs. J. W. Milner, H. Parker (Chester), C. W. Cook, F. Warrington (Ely), E. P. Duffield, L. W. Wiffen (Essex), J. K. Armstrong, W. B. Kynaston (Gloucester and Bristol), A. Harman (Guildford), H. E. C. Goodenough, the Rev. R. F. Routh (Hertford), T. B.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OFFICIAL MINUTES.

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Worsley (Lancashire), J. Bray (Lincoln), C. H. Perry (Llandaff and Monmouth), J. A. Waugh (London County), W. G. Wilson (Middlesex), A. J. Harris, W. H. J. Hooton (Midland Counties), A. Thompson (North Staffs), A. D. Barker, E. H. Post (Oxford Diocesan), G. Gilbert, G. W. Steere (Cumberland Youths), B. Horton (Stafford), Stedman H. Symonds (Suffolk), C. Lanxon (Truro), D. H. Angyle (Warwickshire), S. T. Holt, C. H. Woodberry (Worcester).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. E. V. Cox, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, J. P. Hyett, J. D. Johnson, A. King, J. W. Parker, C. D. Potter, C. W. Roberts, C. J. Sedgely, F. Wilford and C. W. Woolley.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH.

The death of the following members and past members was reported by the president:—

Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee (1891-1935); Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (1919-1935), hon. librarian of the Council; Rev. C. A. Clements (1895-1902, 1927-1935); Rev. E. C. S. Lock (1927-1935); Mr. R. A. Daniell (1900-1911); Mr. E. E. Richards (1891-1896); Mr. J. W. Rowbotham (1903-1905, 1909-1911).

The president also referred to the death of Mr. A. R. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

The Council expressed their sympathy with the bereaved by standing in silence.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.

On the proposal of Mr. J. H. Swinfield, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, the minutes published in 'The Ringing World' on April 10th, 1936, were approved and taken as read.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards reported that action was taken on the motion passed last year, urging the provision of peals of bells in new housing estates, and a letter was addressed to all Bishops and Archbishops. Of 24 replies received, 17 were favourable, and these included the replies from four Archbishops.

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 ON LIBRARY AND PUBLICATIONS.

Owing to the death of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, the report was presented by the hon. secretary and was published in 'The Ringing World' on June 5th, 1936.

The president stated that Alderman J. S. Pritchett had now completed the revision of the pamphlet, 'The Law Affecting Church Bells,' and had considered the question of insurance of ringers.

On the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. E. J. Butler, the report was adopted.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The annual accounts were presented by the hon. treasurer and published in 'The Ringing World,' June 5th, 1936.

The accounts had been audited, and on the proposal of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. G. T. Coles, were adopted.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

The report was presented by Mr. E. Alex. Young and published in 'The Ringing World' on June 19th, 1936.

The trustees recommended the appointment of Mr. A. G. Driver as an additional demonstrator.

The report and recommendation were adopted on the proposal of Mr. E. A. Young, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

A formal report was presented by the hon. secretary, stating that the agenda has been considered and recommendations would be placed before the Council.

In moving the adoption, the president drew attention to the fact that the Standing Committee did not try to rule the Council, but that, by its previous consideration of the agenda, it endeavoured to assist the conduct of the business.

The report was adopted.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.

(Note.—In 1933 the Council agreed that the Standing Committee should consist of (1) the president, hon. secretary and treasurer, hon. librarian and conveners of committees ex-officio; (2) twelve elected members.)

It was proposed by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. E. Denison Taylor and carried, that the two auditors, Messrs. C. T. Coles and A. A. Hughes, should also be ex-officio members of the committee, together with the ex-president, Canon Coleridge, and ex-secretary, Mr. E. Alex. Young, who are still members of the Council.

It was proposed by Mr. E. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield and carried, that the following six members be re-elected: Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Messrs. W. A. Cave, W. T. Cockerill, C. F. Johnston, A. Paddon Smith and E. Denison Taylor.

For the remaining six vacancies, twelve names were proposed and seconded, and after ballot the following were declared elected: Archdeacon Parry, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, R. Richardson, A. Walker and S. H. Wood.

REPORT OF THE PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The report published in 'The Ringing World' on May 29th, 1936, was presented by Mr. G. Lindoff, who also moved the adoption. The motion was seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton and carried.

Election of Committee.—On the proposal of Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. G. H. Cross, the following members were re-elected: Rev. E. S. Powell, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. G. Lindoff, G. R. Newton, G. R. Pye, C. W. Roberts, J. A. Trollope, with the addition of Mr. T. B. Worsley in place of Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, resigned.

On the proposal of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. G. R. Newton, Mr. Lindoff was appointed convener.

REPORT OF METHODS COMMITTEE.

The report was presented by Mr. J. A. Trollope and published in 'The Ringing World' on May 29th, 1936.

The Standing Committee reported the receipt of the book on Surprise Major Methods and recommended that printing be deferred in view of the estimated cost, to enable some opinion to be formed as to possible demand. The officers of the Council to consider the matter and if necessary to obtain permission from the Standing Committee to print, otherwise to report again next year.

The report and recommendation were adopted on the proposal of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. S. H. Wood.

Election of Committee.—On the motion of Mr. E. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, the following were re-elected: Messrs. J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner and S. H. Wood, and on the proposal of Mr. E. J. Butler, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, Mr. Trollope was appointed convener.

REPORT OF THE PEAL ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE.

The adoption of the report published in 'The Ringing World' on May 22nd, 1936, was moved by Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. G. R. Pye.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith proposed and Mr. C. T. Coles seconded that the peal of Minor rung at Wistaston for the Chester Guild on July 15th, 1935, be deleted from the Council's records, as it did not conform to any decision of the Council regarding a peal of Minor. (Note: The peal was stated to contain three 480's of Little Bob.)

The amendment was accepted by the committee and the report was adopted.

In reply to an inquiry by Mr. F. W. Rogers, the president stated that the Chester Guild must withdraw the peal.

Mrs. Fletcher reported that since the publication of the report the record peal of Stedman Cinques had been proved false, and would, therefore, be deleted from the records.

Instruction to Committee.—It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. G. L. Grover and carried, that it be an instruction to the Analysis 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.

Election of Committee.—It was proposed by Mr. G. R. Newton, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer and carried, that the following be re-elected: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. C. Dean, G. L. Grover and G. R. Pye, with Mrs. Fletcher as convener, proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. R. Richardson.

REPORT OF THE TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE.

The report published in 'The Ringing World' on June 5th was presented by the president, who also reported on the steps taken to obtain the reopening of the Chesterfield bells, the ringing of which had been banned by the architect.

The committee reported on the Davis silencers and recommended the use of such silencers as well worth a trial in those 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 this, the silencers were very well worth trying. The committee thought it desirable, before purchasing a complete set, that trials should be made to find the most suitable thickness of leather and steel, as each tower required to be treated on its merits.

The report and recommendation were adopted on the president's motion.

Election of Committee.—It was proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith and carried, that the following be re-elected: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. E. Alex. Young and Mr. J. Hunt, and, on the motion of Mr. S. H. Wood, seconded by Canon G. C. Marshall, Mr. Lewis was appointed convener.

REPORT OF THE LITERATURE, PRESS AND BROADCASTING COMMITTEE.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards presented the committee's report, which reviewed the notice given to ringing during the year by the Press and others, together with a report on broadcasting published in 'The Ringing World,' June 19th, 1936.

After a lengthy discussion on broadcasting, it was agreed, on the suggestion of Mr. F. W. Rogers, supported by Mr. E. P. Duffield, that the committee should approach the B.B.C. and endeavor to obtain advance information of bell broadcasts for the next twelve months and try to influence the various local incumbents and local bands to give the best possible ringing.

The report was adopted on the motion of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Crewe Branch was held at Church Lawton, and members visited this delightful spot from Alsager, Acton, Crewe, Wistaston, Lawton, Kidsgrove, Norton, Northwich and the Potteries.

Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. George Biddulph.

A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. R. England), and the Vicar of Mon Cop (the Rev. W. McTear) preached a most eloquent sermon.

Tea was afterwards served in the Institute, kindly given by Mr. Hollinshead, of Lawton.

The Vicar, in a happy speech, welcomed the visitors most heartily to Church Lawton, and hoped they would arrange to come each year.

Ringing again took place after tea, and some good practice was put in, ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

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Election of Committee.—On the proposal of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. J. Hunt, the following committee was re-elected: The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith, A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker, and on the motion of Mr. W. A. Cave, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, the Rev. F. L. Edwards was appointed convener.

REPORT OF THE PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. H. Hollier presented the committee's report (published in 'The Ringing World' on June 26th, 1936), which was adopted on the motion of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. A. L. Coleman.

On the proposal of Mr. T. Groombridge, seconded by Mr. G. H. Cross, the committee was re-elected as follows: The Rev. C. E. Wigg, Messrs. W. Ayre and W. H. Hollier, and on the motion of Mr. G. H. Cross, seconded by Mr. H. Barton, Mr. Hollier was appointed convener.

REPORT OF THE BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE.

The adoption of the report published in 'The Ringing World' on June 5th was moved by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave and carried.

The following committee was re-elected on the proposal of Mr. H. Barton, seconded by Mr. C. H. Jennings, Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Messrs. W. A. Cave and J. S. Goldsmith, and on the motion of Mr. G. H. Cross, seconded by Mr. S. F. Palmer, Mr. Goldsmith was appointed convener.

THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES.

On the president's motion, the thanks of the Council were accorded to all members of committees for their work during the past three years.

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BY HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

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Bob 16423857

First rung on Feb. 6th, 1937, at Aldenham, Herts, by the Hertford County Association, conducted by the composer.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.—On Monday, March 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: The Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 1, W. J. Key 2, W. J. Key 2, W. J. Andrews 3, H. J. Corry 4, H. J. Rowe 5, W. J. Baker 6. First in the method on the bells by a local band and for all except the conductor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Moulton Radio handbell ringers have been requested to go 'on the air' again on Good Friday, 4 p.m. to 4.30, in connection with the Rev. Walter Pitchford's talk on church bell chime music. All are members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The ringers gave such satisfaction to the officials at Birmingham on New Year's Eve that they were urgently requested to come again. This time they are playing in conjunction with the B.B.C. Choir and Orchestra, the items being transmitted to all stations, and an Empire broadcast.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, have received the contract for the restoration of the bells at Great Toller Church, Dorchester, Dorset. The work includes new frame and fittings and the addition of an Ellacombe chiming apparatus.

Heartiest congratulations are extended to Mr. George Henry Coombes, of 25, Swanmore Road, Isle of Wight, who (D.V.) celebrates his 94th birthday on Easter Day. This grand old veteran has been a ringer at All Saints' Church, Ryde, since 1886 (when the bells were installed in the tower), and he continues to ring regularly for divine services and seldom misses the weekly ringing practice on Tuesday evenings. He is the oldest ringing member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and is believed to be the oldest 'active' service ringer in the British Isles.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has been preferred to the living of Chearsley-cum-Nether Winchendon, near Thame, Oxon, and will be inducted about the end of April. At present he is filling a curacy at High Wycombe.

Everyone will wish success to the band of the Oxford Guild who on Monday will attempt to break the Major record by ringing a peal of 19,040 Double Norwich at Kingham, Oxfordshire, where the tenor is about 12 cwt.

The band comprises W. F. Judge (conductor), the Rev. C. E. Wigg, F. E. Taylor, P. E. May, H. Alexander, A. D. Barker, F. D. Boreham and R. A. Post. A start will be made at 8 a.m.

Attention is directed to the notice of the Ely Association's annual meeting on Easter Monday, with changed time of ringing at Eynesbury.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

FORTHCOMING DEDICATION.

The recast and augmented ring of 12 bells for Leicester Cathedral (St. Martin's) will be dedicated (on the floor of the church) on Saturday, April 10th, by the Lord Bishop of Leicester (the Rt. Rev. C. Bardsley, D.D.), with sermon by the Provost (the Very Rev. F. B. Macnutt, M.A., P.R.Hist.S.). Admission to service by ticket only, owing to limited space available. Will subscribers to the Restoration Fund who wish to attend please apply to Mr. Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester, at once, and any towers which have not sent in special appeal forms please do so at once, as Mr. Morris wishes to close this fund as soon as possible? St. Margaret's (12) will be available for visiting ringers from 6 to 7 p.m. on this date.

HIS 75th BIRTHDAY.

MR. F. E. DAWE CELEBRATES IN HIS NATIVE VILLAGE.

Mr. Francis E. Dawe, a well-known College Youth, who has made one of his hobbies in life the ringing of peals at as many cathedrals as possible—there are now only two or three left at which he has not been successful—reached his 75th birthday on March 16th.

To celebrate the event, a peal, specially arranged for the occasion, was rung at West Meon, Hampshire, his birthplace. The large, picturesque thatched house, wherein he first saw the light, still stands in the middle of the street—always greatly admired by visitors to this delightful spot in the Meon Valley. The church bells nearby were ringing for service on the Sunday morning in 1862 when he was born. His eldest brother was one of the ringers, and three other brothers were sitting in the belfry as well.

The peal last week was Kent Treble Bob, Mr. Dawe conducting his own composition. After coming into rounds, the bells were 'fired' eight times.

The band and other friends were entertained to dinner at the Red Lion Hotel. When this was over Mr. E. A. Young (who always attends as an honoured guest) in a neat little speech affectionately expressed the congratulations and good wishes of the assembled company. This was acknowledged by Mr. Dawe, who, unfortunately, was suffering from a severe chill and had been in pain all through the peal. He endeavoured heartily to thank those present for coming so far to oblige him at much inconvenience to themselves on a day in mid-week, and particularly Mr. T. H. Taffender for undertaking the arrangements, there being many difficulties in the way of raising a band of the right quality.

Double-handed Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major on Mr. Young's handbells by the London contingent was greatly enjoyed by other visitors in various parts of the building.

It is interesting to recall that peals had been rung at West Meon previously for Mr. Dawe's 50th, 60th and 70th birthdays, but on this occasion, in consequence of the heavy downpour of rain, the usual photograph of the party had to be abandoned.

THE NEW PEAL AT WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

RING OF TWELVE DEDICATED.

Bishop and English People's Love of Bells.

Amid civic pomp and with inspiring religious ceremony the new ring of twelve bells at Winchester Cathedral was dedicated and opened on Saturday. The Mayor and Corporation of the City attended the service in State, and the Lord Bishop, supported by the Dean and Chapter, the Honorary Canons and a large number of other clergy, performed the dedication. Many hundreds of ringers, Friends of the Cathedral and citizens of Winchester were present, and the impressive event will long leave pleasant memories with all who were privileged to share in it.



THE CENTRAL TOWER OF THE CATHEDRAL.
The small windows under the Louvres light the Ringing Chamber.

[Photo by F. E. Dawe.]

The great scheme for the recasting of the bells was carried out by the generosity of the Friends of the Cathedral and the liberality of the Emma Barron Bell Trust. At first it was intended only to rehang the old peal, but the larger scheme was eventually decided upon and it has been carried through to a highly successful conclusion. It was found possible to retain the old frame, part of it put in with eight bells cast in 1734 by Richard Phelps. The bells, however, have been increased in weight and the tenor now weighs 35 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. The present work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and they have given the Cathedral a truly magnificent peal, worthy of the grand old building which for so many centuries has been a great centre of religious life in this country.

KING CANUTE'S GIFT.

Winchester Cathedral had bells in Saxon times, and from some historical notes by Canon Goodman compiled in connection with the dedication, we find that King Canute is recorded in the 'Annals of Winchester,' under the year 1035, to have given two bells to the church.

Bells are mentioned on various occasions through the centuries. In 1248 'a vane fell from the tower of St. Swithun's at the time when the evening peal was ringing.' In 1334 Prior Alexander in London ordered the monks of St. Swithun's to assemble in church, ring the

bells and sing a Te Deum, praising God and their patron saints for the happy reconciliation of Bishop Adam, of Orlton, with King Edward III.

In the winter of 1630-31 a new frame for the bells was made, in view of the alterations in the tower carried out in 1634. Previously the tower had been an open lantern, now it was arched and the present ringing chamber constructed over the new ceiling.

Before the Restoration there were seven bells, but in 1734 the Dean and Chapter delivered 'all the Bell metal belonging to the said Cathedral Church' to Mr. Richard Phelps, of Whitechapel, who undertook to make 'eight new musical Bells of the weight of Five Tunns or thereabouts, the Tone of the Tenor to be in D sol re agreeable to the tone of the Organ in Saint Michael's Cornhill in London.'

At various times between 1734 and 1936 all but two of Phelps' bells were recast, the tenor in 1891.

In 1892 two additional bells, increasing the number to ten, were given respectively by the city and the Diocesan Guild, and two others to complete the ring of twelve were given as a ringers' memorial of those comrades who fell in the Great War.

INSCRIPTIONS ON BELLS.

Treble.—Gillett and Johnston Founders Croydon 1921. Sociis, qui morti se pro suis [dederunt] MCMXIV—VIII.

2nd.—Gillett and Johnston Founders Croydon 1921. Has ambo memor vovet gilda MCMXXI.

3rd.—Mears et Stainbank, Londini, fecerunt. Me cives Wintonenses vt laudes Domini celebrem Deo et Ecclesiae S Swithuni dederunt: A.D. 1892.

4th.—Mears et Stainbank, Londini, fecerunt. Ad te Domine levabo vocem meam me S Swithuno dedit pulsatorum in diocesi Winton gilda. A.D. 1892.

5th.—R. Wells : Aldbourne : fecit : 1772.

6th.—Theodore Ecclestone Esqr 1742 T.L.

7th.—Mears et Stainbank, Londini, fecerunt. Quinta Dei resonat quans quondam tertia laudes Conflata CCCCCXXXIV Fracta recoctaq : CCCCCIII.

8th.—James Wells Aldbourn Wilts fecit 1804.

9th.—R : Phelps Londini fecit 1734.

10th.—James Wells Aldbourn Wilts fecit 1814. The cost of refitting this peal of Bells in 1937 was partly defrayed by the Friends of Winchester Cathedral. E. G. Selwyn, Dean. W. Andrews, Captain of Ringers.

11th.—R : Phelps Londini fecit 1737. To the Glory of God this ring of twelve Bells was recast as the gift of The Barron Bell Trust, 1936. Emma Barron, Founder. F. Hopkins, C. M. Walrond, H. W. Eldred, Trustees.

Tenor.—Mears and Stainbank Founders London 1891. Horas avolantes numero mortuos plango: vivos ad preces voco: Jam Georgi Sexti iubeor resonare Corouam; Regis et inscriptum nomen adornat opus. MCMXXXVII.

The tenor originally had the name of King Edward VIII. inscribed on it, but the words 'Edwardi Octavi' have been crossed out and the words 'Georgi Sexti' substituted.

On each of the bells it is recorded that it was 'Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1937.'

IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION SERVICE.

The service in the Cathedral was a most impressive one, and the great nave was well filled with a congregation that began to assemble an hour before the ceremony. Ringers came from all parts of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and others were present from the neighbouring dioceses of Salisbury, Oxford and Guildford, and even farther away still. The ringers and their friends had reserved seats on one side of the aisle and the Friends of the Cathedral on the other. Shortly before 3.30 a civic procession entered the west door. Beadles, with their maces, preceded by a burly police officer, led members of the Corporation, wearing their robes, up the centre aisle, with the town clerk and the city macebearer, followed by the Mayor, bringing up the rear. At the same time the choir passed along the south aisle to meet a procession of invited representatives. Headed by the cross-bearer and the choir, this procession passed slowly up the Cathedral. It included the officers of the Diocesan Guild of Ringers, the representatives of the bellfounders, the Friends of the Cathedral and the Managing Trustees of the Barron Bell Trust, the chairman of the Hampshire County Council and the clergy of the Rural Deanery, the Honorary Canons of the Cathedral and the Dean and Chapter.

The procession moved solemnly on its way to the strains of the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God.' At first its notes came from the choir at the west end, but soon it swelled in great volume to the high vaulted roof as the congregation joined in singing the words, so familiar at ringers' gatherings.

While the procession was slowly making its way, the Bishop, attended by his chaplain, passed almost unnoticed to his throne.

The Precentor offered the prescribed prayers, and the lesson from Isaiah LV. was read by the Mayor of Winchester. Then came the hymn, sung to a special setting, made up of three stanzas from well-known lines in Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' prefaced by an appropriate verse, specially written for the occasion and sung by the Lay Clerks only:—

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BISHOP AND BELLS.

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Ring forth, O bells, across the vale,
Ring forth the Gospel's glorious word,
Let good St. Swilhun's peal be heard,
Far through the land o'er hill and dale.

While this hymn was being sung the Bishop was escorted to a place in the choir underneath the central tower, accompanied by representatives of the donors, the Mayor of Winchester and other clergy.

The Dean having requested the Bishop to dedicate the bells, his lordship offered special prayers and then pronounced the dedication. A prayer invoking the blessing of God upon all those 'by whose labours and gifts this work has been done and these bells restored to Thy service,' concluded the ceremony, and as the Bishop proceeded to the pulpit the bells rang out from the tower overhead with the Cathedral ringers at the ropes. In the Cathedral it was difficult to hear them fully, but the booming notes of the larger bells came down with a satisfying effect to the eager listeners below.

ENGLISH PEOPLE FOND OF THEIR BELLS.

In his address the Bishop of Winchester said: After an interval of many months, the Cathedral bells have once again rung out. For centuries past the bells have been rung from this great Church of God, calling people to praise and thanksgiving and prayer, and in commemoration of great events which have taken place both in Church and State. As long ago as the year 1035 there is a record that two bells were given to this Cathedral by King Canute. Since then, at various times, the bells have been changed and new bells have been given. Continuously bells have been rung from the Cathedral, but of late years from various causes bellringing became difficult here. So it was decided that the whole peal should be recast and rebung, and through the liberality of the Friends of the Cathedral and the Emma Barron Trust, which has already done so much for the bells of this county, it was possible to do this. The bells were taken down, sent on their long journey, and now they have returned home and once again we have heard them sending forth their message to the people.

We English people are, indeed, fond of our bells. Throughout Christendom bells are a characteristic feature. There are countries in which bells are rarely, if ever, heard; there are lands in which the worshippers are summoned to their places of prayer either by the beating of a gong or by the call from the minaret. There are even lands in which until quite recently bells were heard; now they are silent. In Russia and in Turkey no longer are bells heard. They have been silenced by the enemies of Christianity. But in Christian lands, where worship is freely allowed, the bells ring forth their message to rich and poor.

PEOPLE ARE PROUD OF THEIR BELLS.

It is true there are some who from time to time complain of the ringing of bells. The Bishop, I suppose, is the first to hear such complaints, but those who make those complaints are not speaking for the great mass of the people. The majority of the people of our country are proud of their bells.

As long as they are rung well, as long as they are well tuned; as long as they are not rung at all hours and at unreasonable times, the people are proud and thankful for their bells.

Certainly this is the case in our own county. In village after village there are to be heard good sets of bells well and faithfully rung. Parishioners take a real pride in their bells, and when sometimes bells have to be silenced for rebanging or recasting, I have heard parishioners say that during the time of silence it seemed as if their church was gone.

Our bells are associated in our minds with many recollections and many memories. I think the real reason why people are so fond of their bells and regard them as so characteristic of English life is that they have so many associations. There are, of course, the historical associations, and bells had at one time an active part in the social and political life of the community, whether that community was to be found in town or in country. There are many people, too, who have their own individual reaction and associations connected with bells. Bells not only recall places, but events in their lives; you look back to moments in the past which are evoked again by the sound of the bells.

But first and foremost our bells are associated with God. They speak to us of God and of the Unseen World. Even on the bells themselves there are inscriptions, as there are on these bells, speaking of the praise they offer to God. From the bells there goes up to Almighty God praise, thanksgiving, intercession and petition, and as the bells ring forth they give a call from God, to come together to worship God in His house.

BELLS AND THE RECALL TO RELIGION.

We hear to-day about the recall to religion, and one aspect of this recall should be a summons to those who have become careless about churchgoing, to return once again to join in the weekly corporate act of prayer. As you listen to the bells, calling you to come with your fellows and to worship God, calling you to come, with Christians all over the world, to join in praise of the Most High, that is one of the messages which they are seeking to give us all. They are calling also to the individual in his everyday life. The rush of life is so great that God is often forgotten in the clamour and noise around us. Amid the distractions of daily life the bells ring out with their

message to us, whether in the fields, or whether in places of business, in shops or in the streets, calling us for just a moment to think of God and his claims on our life.

When you hear these bells or the bells of your own parish church ringing out, sometimes on a weekday as well as on Sunday, if you are not able to respond by going to church, at any rate for a moment think of God; think of Eternity.

I think the bells, especially in these days, give us another message. Bells are often associated with peace; I suppose it is because so often they have been rung at the declaration of peace. The bells which have been ringing this afternoon are wrought of the metal which must have rung on various occasions in the past when peace at last has come to an anxious nation. Bells are associated with the call to peace. The world needs peace; but the world seems to be drifting towards war; statesmen and people seem almost powerless in the face of a doom that seems to be hanging over mankind. Man is failing; but where man fails God can succeed. The world is shuddering and shaking and trembling to-day because it has so largely forgotten God. Without God we cannot have permanent and righteous peace; with God in the hearts of individuals and ruling over the destinies of nations peace can come. So, sometimes, when the bells ring, offer up a prayer for peace; pray that the statesmen of the world may be guided so wisely that the peril of war will fade; pray that people of the world may be filled with the passion for peace—for righteousness and peace; pray that God may give us all that peace which He alone can give, the peace that passeth all understanding.

The service ended with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' and the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop. The collection was on behalf of Winchester Guild and the funds of the Friends of the Cathedral. As the congregation dispersed the Cathedral company rang the bells in a touch of Grandsire Cinques, which gave visitors the opportunity of wandering into the Cathedral Close and listening to the new peal. The only criticism which was offered was that the shuttering up of the belfry windows had been rather overdone, but we understand they remain as they were with the old peal. Certainly the residents round about the Cathedral will have no cause to complain of excessive noise. In the city streets the bells can hardly be heard. In the ringing room the bells are a little noisy, but that will be remedied when the 'trap' in the ceiling has been sealed down again.

Visiting ringers and their friends were entertained to tea in the City Hall, and in the evening when the bells were open for ringing scores of ringers flocked to the great ringing chamber—nearly 40ft square—and tried their hand at the bells. Many rang on twelve for the first time, and, as is often the case on such occasions, some of the ringing was indifferent. However, many courses and touches of Stedman Cinques and courses of Grandsire Cinques were brought round, and an excellent course of Double Norwich showed up the back eight to great advantage. Everyone was delighted with the bells, which are a well-balanced and really noble peal.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, March 6th, when members attended from Heathfield, Brighton (St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Battle, Hastings (All Saints'), Willingdon, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's and St. Mary's), Mr. Piper and members of the local band. Mr. H. R. Butcher (Master of the association) was also present.

The service was conducted by the Rev. M. G. Handiside, who gave a very much appreciated address on 'Peace.'

The Master presided at the tea and business meeting which followed. He referred to the great loss both to the Eastern Division and the association of Mr. G. W. Stokes, who had passed away since the last meeting, and as a mark of respect the members stood in silence for a few moments.

Mr. W. Booth was elected to the Committee of Advice in the place of Mr. G. W. Stokes, and the remaining officers were re-elected.

Three new members were elected, one from Christ Church and two from St. Mary's, Eastbourne.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. M. G. Handiside for conducting the service, to Mr. A. Piper for defraying part cost of the tea, and to the lady helpers at the tea.

A collection for the Benevolent Fund realised 12s.

Some of the members then returned to the tower, the remainder going on to St. Saviour's, where the bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.—On Monday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Maddock 1, James Robinson 2, John Robinson 3, T. Robinson 4, H. Ludkin (conductor) 5, J. W. Gardner 6, J. Dunbavin 7, W. Robinson 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 1, 2 and 7.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.—On Sunday, March 7th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service and Confirmation by the Bishop of Grimsby, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. Chambers 1, James Goddard 2, Harold Eastoe 3, Miss Alison Goddard 4, George Johnson 5, James Chapman 6, Joseph Atkinson 7, A. W. Hoodless 8. Longest length in the method by the 4th ringer and first attempt in any method by the ringer of the 6th.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**PRESENTATION TO BE MADE TO THE HON. SECRETARY.**

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley Parish Church on Saturday, March 6th. The weather was very wintry, but a large number of members attended. The bells were at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock until 4.30 p.m., when the usual Guild service was held, conducted by the Ven. Dr. A. P. Shepherd (Vicar and Archdeacon of Dudley and president of the Guild). The lesson was read by the Rev. W. H. Waring (curate), and the address was given by the Rev. B. H. Green (Rural Dean of Dudley and Vicar of St. John's). A substantial tea, provided by funds collected by the hon. secretary from prominent members of St. Thomas' congregation and other friends, was served in the Parish Hall, the tables being presided over by Messdames Tait, Barry, Clarke, J. Goodman, sen., and J. Goodman, jun.

At the business meeting, the president occupied the chair, supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. J. McD. Tait and W. E. Barry), the Rev. B. H. Green, the Rev. W. H. Waring, Messrs. Herbert Shepherd (hon. secretary) and John Goodman, jun. (hon. treasurer).

The Chairman heartily welcomed the Guild again to Dudley and said how pleased he was to meet them once more. The large attendance that afternoon showed their real interest in bellringing.—The hon. treasurer then presented the balance sheet, which compared very favourably with those of the last few years. The statement showed that for the year ended February 25th, including a balance from the previous year of £14 15s. 10d., there was a credit balance of £11 7s. 0d.—The Chairman congratulated the treasurer and members on the satisfactory financial position of the Guild.

The Ven. Dr. A. P. Shepherd was re-elected president, and, in thanking the members for the honour they had conferred on him, he said he would do all he could to further the interests of the Guild.

The vice-presidents were re-elected as follows: The Rev. E. L. Warren (Vicar of Netherton), the Rev. Prebendary H. W. Jones, M.A., R.D. (Vicar of Wednesbury), Dr. P. S. Blaker, Messrs. J. McD. Tait, W. E. Barry, W. Shuttleworth, J. W. Naylor, C. E. Lloyd, A. E. Meredith, Arthur Spittle and A. Winbow.

Mr. Alfred Davies (Netherton) was unanimously elected as Ringing Master to succeed Mr. Clifford Skidmore, who wished to retire. Mr. Herbert Sheppard was again elected as hon. secretary, Mr. John Goodman as hon. treasurer, and Messrs. G. T. Guest and T. H. Justice as auditors. All were thanked for their services.

Several new members were elected, and it was left with the secretary to try and arrange the next meeting either at Enville or Cosley if possible. The annual peal was proposed to be attempted at Dudley, the Vicar readily giving his consent.

Mr. Tait and Mr. Barry spoke in terms of appreciation of the ringers' services at their several churches and especially at Dudley, and said they were glad to see the spirit of goodwill and brotherly feeling that existed among them.

Mr. John Goodman, jun., referred to the poor attendances at the quarterly meetings. He urged upon the members to see if they could not attend these meetings in little stronger force, as it was discouraging to those Vicars who gave permission to hold the meetings at their churches and to the local members who made the necessary arrangements to see such a small number present.

Mr. S. J. Hughes said that since he came into the room he had heard that that was the completion of 25 years' service to the Guild of Mr. H. Sheppard as hon. secretary. He thought that a slight recognition of Mr. Sheppard's valuable services should be shown to him, and he proposed that a presentation be made.

The proposal was received with approbation, and the President suggested that a small committee should be formed to carry it through. Messrs. John Goodman, jun., S. J. Hughes, C. Skidmore and J. H. Cox were elected to form the committee, and any ringing friends who would like to contribute to the presentation fund should remit their contributions to Mr. John Goodman, jun., 45, Holcroft Street, Burnt Tree, Tipton, Staffs, who will acknowledge all amounts received.

On the motion of Mr. S. J. Hughes, seconded by Mr. J. Goodman, jun., the best thanks of the meeting were given to the Vicar of Dudley, to the Rev. W. H. Waring, the Rev. B. H. Green and to the organist, and also special thanks to the donors to the tea fund, and to the ladies who presided at the tables and prepared and served the tea.—The Vicar replied to the vote and then closed the meeting with prayer.

Afterwards several members again kept the church bells merrily going in various methods until nearly 9 o'clock, when another happy and successful meeting was brought to a close.

FATHERS' AND SONS' LOCAL QUARTER-PEAL.

Three fathers and three sons took part on Sunday, March 14th, in the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung by an entirely local band in the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. This was at St. Catherine's Church, Gorseinon, and was rung by J. Williams 1, C. Pettit (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples) 2, A. W. Dobbins 3, L. Williams 4, J. Hanson (first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples) 5, W. Dobbins 6, H. Dobbins (conductor, aged 18 years) 7, Reg. Dobbins 8.

CORONATION RINGING.**AN EXAMPLE FROM THE GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild is not leaving the question of church bellringing on Coronation Day to chance. A questionnaire has been sent to all towers in the district by the hon. district secretary (Mr. G. Grover) inquiring as to their arrangements and whether they required assistance from the Guild to ensure that their bells should be rung.

A report on the questionnaire was presented by Mr. G. Grover at a meeting of the Guildford District at Chiddingfold on Saturday, when the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Ernest Smith) presided. From the replies received it was elicited that in two towers—Bramley and Dunsfold—the ringers would be unable to ring. Bramley, in their reply, stated that they would have no objection to any band going to their tower and ringing what they liked, as all their ringers would be otherwise engaged. Dunsfold stated that they had not enough ringers, and if anybody liked to go there for a peal they would be welcome. There was also a conditional promise on behalf of Albury that visitors could attempt a peal by arrangement.

Among other towers the following is an extract of the replies: Chiddingfold propose to attempt a local peal; Cranleigh will be able to ring for the Coronation, but will not attempt a peal; Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas', Guildford, were making their own arrangements; Grayshott will ring for the Coronation, but they did not want any help; Haslemere proposed to attempt a peal; Pirbright and Warpleston were making arrangements for ringing, and if there was any peal ringing they would make their own arrangements; Pittingham would be able to ring, but they did not propose to attempt a peal; Shere proposed to attempt a peal; West Clandon will ring for the Coronation and will perhaps attempt a peal; Wonersh will ring for the Coronation and will attempt a local peal; Ewhurst were ringing on Coronation Day and during the year would attempt a peal; Shalford were ringing and probably a peal would be attempted.

Mr. Grover also stated that he understood that Ockham bells would be available on Coronation Day. Their captain, unfortunately, was in the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

Mr. J. Bartlett said he would try and arrange for a party from Chiddingfold to ring at Dunsfold, and Mr. Leslie Hunter promised that he would see if Shalford could make arrangements for the ringing of Bramley bells.

A pertinent question was asked the chairman as to what constituted a Coronation peal. The chairman replied that he assumed that a peal rung during the week before the Coronation and the week after could be classified as a Coronation peal.

The election of Mr. John O. Weller as a compounding member previous to the ringing of a peal at Godalming was confirmed. Mr. W. E. Coe and Mr. B. F. Coe (Holy Trinity, Guildford) were elected Guild members.

The meeting, which was held in conjunction with the Ladies' Guild, was highly successful, and was attended by over 40 ringers. The Rector (the Rev. C. H. R. Baldwin) conducted the Guild service and was thanked at the tea which followed at the Swan Hotel for placing the bells at the Guild's disposal and for his helpful address.

THE CORONATION YEAR 'PUSH.'**SUFFOLK GUILD TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT.**

At the meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Stowmarket on Saturday, March 6th, consideration was given to the leading article in 'The Ringing World' of the previous day, advocating support for the suggestion for a Coronation year 'push' to encourage an influx of new ringers. It was agreed that during this Coronation year a great effort should be made by all who are interested in bells to get every bell in the county put into good ringing order. Moreover, it was pointed out that as good ringing of bells would be wanted at the time of the Coronation, in every parish (and, therefore, places would not be able to help one another) attempts should be made at once to obtain new recruits for ringing everywhere; also that arrangements should be made without delay to teach such beginners.

Mr. H. G. Herbert, of Sudbury, was elected secretary to fill up the interval till the annual meeting, which is to be held at Sudbury on April 3rd.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**CENTRAL BRANCH AT WHITTLESEY.**

By the absence of Ely members the Central Branch meeting at Whittlesey might have been a dismal failure, but visitors from Peterborough and Ramsey made it more harmonious and successful. These very welcome visitors included Mr. Willis (Ramsey), Messrs. Goakes, Rose, Vaughan and Waldren (Peterborough). Ringing, which commenced about 3 p.m., reached a good standard, the methods rung including Superlative, Treble Bob, Spliced Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Bob Major and Stedman Triples. Tea was partaken at Mr. C. Brittain's (an old Whittlesey ringer), a very nice hour being happily spent. Both peals of eight were tried, but St. Mary's were most in demand. These are a nice Taylor job. St. Andrew's is a lovely peal, but there is something not quite right about their 'go.' An overhand might do good. Although only a small number were present, a most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent.

NOTICES.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—There will be ringing for service on Easter Sunday at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch (12), commencing at 10 a.m. All ringers welcome. The usual monthly practice at Shoreditch, which should take place on the 25th, has been cancelled as it falls in Holy Week.—N. Summerhayes, Asst. Hon. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

LURGAN, IRELAND.—The ring of 8 (tenor 21 cwt.) rehung in new frame by Messrs. Gillatt & Johnston will be rededicated by the most Rev. C. F. D'Arcy, D.D. (Primate of all Ireland) on Sunday, March 28th, at 11 o'clock. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 57th annual general meeting will be held at Ashford on Easter Monday. The association service will be in St. Mary's Church at noon (preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Maidstone), followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Business meeting afterwards to elect officers, and consider the adoption of the revised rules, etc. The following towers will be open for ringing during the day: Wye (8) (after meeting), Mersham (8), Willesborough (6), Eastwell (6), Great and Little Chart (6), Hothfield (6). Ashford bells will be available at 10 o'clock till noon and after the meeting. — Fred M. Mitchell, General Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at St. Neots on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells available from 12 noon. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea, 4 p.m., followed by business meeting. Other towers: Eaton Socon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 7 to 9 p.m.; Eyresbury, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Huntingdon, All Saints', 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please note change of time at Eyresbury; those bells are not available during afternoon as previously advertised. — Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, March 29th. Business meeting in the College Hall at 2.45 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., Dean of Worcester. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m., with address by the Rev. J. F. Hastings, M.A., clerical secretary. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints' (10), St. John-in-Bedwardine (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. Swithun (6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. only). 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, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgborough, Evesham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m., with address by the Dean. Towers open as follows: Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (6), St. Michael's (6), 12 noon to 1 p.m., and again at 2.30 p.m. St. Peter's (10), 2.30 p.m.; Sandridge (6), 11.30 a.m. It is advisable for those wishing to ring at the six-bell towers to inform me, so that someone may be in attendance. Meat tea, 2s. per head, in the Abbey Institute immediately after service, followed by business meeting. Let your secretary know if you are coming to tea not later than Easter Eve.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Nottingham, Easter Monday, March 29th. Towers open: St. Mary's (10 a.m. to 3.50), St. Peter's (10 a.m. to 3.40) and St. Paul's, Daybrook (10 a.m. to 3.15) and after the general meeting. Committee meeting 3 p.m., St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate. Service, St. Mary's Church, 4 p.m. Address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Neville S. Talbot, D.D., M.C. Tea, in the Institute, immediately after service. General meeting follows.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Easter Monday, March 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in the Parish Hall, Sylverdale Road. — F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting of the association will be held at Norwich on Easter Monday, March 29th. 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. Christopher H. Flack, M.A., Rector of St. Augustine, Norwich. 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, Gen. Sec. and Treas.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandaff (in lieu of Cardiff owing to tower repairs) on Easter Monday, March 29th. Cathedral bells available in the afternoon. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30. Business meeting to follow. The Dean will preside.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, March 29th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 10.30. St. Peter's (6) from noon. The tea and business meeting will be at St. Peter's Church Hall at 5 p.m. Tea 1s. per head.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on March 30th and April 27th, St. Magnus' on April 1st, 15th, 29th. Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 13th, St. Andrew's on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Combined practice will be held at All Saints', Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, on Wednesday, March 31st, at 7.30 p.m. Come and help the newly-elected members of your association. — K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —Sleaford District.—Quarterly meeting at Heckington, near Sleaford, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells of St. Andrew's Church (8) open from 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea will be provided in the Village Hall at 1s. each to all who notify Mr. J. H. Clark, 6, Banks' Lane, Heckington, Sleaford, by April 1st.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—A quarterly meeting will be held at Glastonbury on April 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Street bells (8) available after tea.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston

Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Brigstock on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business to follow.—W. J. Whitmore, Marshall's Road, Raunds.

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BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Aston, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (12) available at 3.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Please notify Mr. W. Davies, 99, Rosary Road, Erdington, regarding tea not later than March 31st.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Clive

on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 30th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meale Brace, Shrewsbury.

LADIES GUILD (Lincolnshire Branch) AND LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Lincoln District).—A joint

meeting will be held at Dunholme, near Lincoln, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 31st?—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT

ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. G. Hall, Brown Edge, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than March 31st? — Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSO-

CIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting. Please advise for tea. Practice meeting at St. Werburgh's on Friday, April 9th.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.

—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bishops Cannings on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Southbroom bells available from 7 p.m. Friends from the Marlborough branch especially welcomed.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley

District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Hill, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — The annual meeting will be

held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing all day at St. Gregory's (8 bells) and St. Peter's (8). 4.30, service at St. Gregory's, with sermon by Rev. Canon Round-Turner. 5, tea in the Parish Hall, 1s. each. 5.30, meeting follows. Names to H. G. Herbert (sec. pro tem.), 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The

quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Soham Toney on Saturday, April 3rd. Ashill bells will also be available.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSO-

CIATION.—The newly recast bells of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, will be open to ringers on Saturday, April 3rd, from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Tea will be at the invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens and those whose intention it is to attend should notify Mr. L. Venus, 93, Salisbury Terrace, Darlington, by Wednesday, March 31st.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guils-

borough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lilbourne (5 bells) on Saturday, April 3rd. Usual arrangements. Please notify honorary secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade

District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcomed. Please come. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting

will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, April 3rd. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting will be held at Blyth (6) on Saturday, April 3rd, commencing at approximately 3 p.m. Rounds to London Surprise, but look up Double Oxford and York Surprise for practice. Please come and make this new venture a success, and send a card for tea to R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.—E. Cooper and R. Towler, Hon. Secs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The

next meeting will be held at South Anston (8 bells) on Saturday, April 3rd. For tea please notify Mr. H. Stenton, 32, Sheffield Road, South Anston, near Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

THORLEY, near Bishop's Stortford.—On Sunday,

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN

GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A meeting of the district will be held at Blackmoor on Wednesday, April 7th, for practice. Bells (6) available from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale

Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 10th. The local captain informs me that his band will be in attendance from 3.30; so what about it? You will expect your secretary to be there, why not come and keep him company? You will be welcome. — J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury, Lanes.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Newburn-on-Tyne on Wednesday, April 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. — W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, County Durham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 6th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Southern Division, for election of officers, etc., will be held at Southover, Lewes (10 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m. Those intending to be present please inform the undersigned by Wednesday previous to meeting. It is hoped that the proposed form of association service will be tried at this meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by service. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, April 6th. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting after tea. All who intend to be present must send word not a day later than Wednesday, April 7th, to Mr. A. Rigbye, Tannersmith Lane, Maudesley, Ormskirk. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Election of officers, etc. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by April 7th, please.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at West Malling (8 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Please send names or numbers for tea to Mr. W. A. Sloman, St. Leonard's Street, West Malling.—A. Waddington, Dis. Sec.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Mickleton on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hon. Sec., Hinton, Evesham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service

in church at 4.15. Tea in Hackforth's Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Please notify Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, by Thursday, April 8th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—Next meeting, Hathern, April 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those advising me by April 8th. Subscriptions accepted.—H. O. Over, Dis. Sec., 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote, near Leicester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Fenham (SS. James and Basil) on April 17th at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Method to be practiced: Double Bob Major. I expect all Northern District members to attend.—K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Saturday, April 17th. Ringing at Cripplegate and other City churches. Particulars later.—C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 24th. At a service at 3.30 p.m. the Lord Bishop of Guildford will dedicate a memorial, erected by the Cathedral ringers, to the late Provost E. C. Kirwan. Tea and meeting will follow the service. Full details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley (10 bells) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in Café at 5 p.m. to all who notify before April 22nd. Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beeslev Green, Worsley, Manchester; 1s. each.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

LONDON.—The London County Association will be pleased to welcome visitors to the City at St. Mary-le-Bow on Easter Sunday at 5.30 p.m.—J. G. Prior, Sec.

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At the business meeting, which followed tea in the new Church Hall, the Vicar (the Rev. P. B. Brass) presided. Apart from routine affairs, the chief concern was the selection of a gift for the late Vicar (Canon H. E. Hone) and Mrs. Hone, who are now at Godalming, Surrey. A choice of presents, brought by the president (Mr. C. D. Potter), was on view, and it was eventually unanimously decided to present Canon and Mrs. Hone with a set of solid silver hors d'œuvre dishes, to be suitably inscribed and forwarded to them.

Canon Hone was honorary president, and both he and Mrs. Hone had always been ready to further the objects of the society.

After the usual vote of thanks, further ringing continued until 9 p.m. Although the variety of methods was rather restricted, some good 'spade work' was put in which it is hoped some day will have good results.

Felkirk was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on April 10th.

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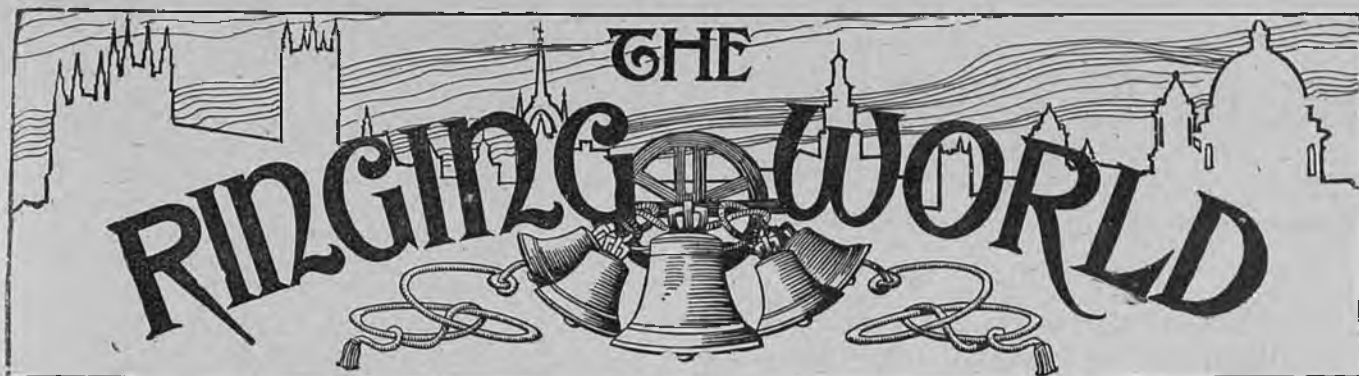
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Hitherto only the scappiest of information has been available to the Exercise concerning the history of the old society. Those who have been fortunately placed have had the opportunity of examining the ancient records of the Youths, but even to the general body of members there has been nothing available in the shape of history except the sketchy outline, published in the rule book revised in 1928. For the ringer outside the membership, there has been up to the present no authentic history available, for at no time has there been published for all to read any account of the society, let alone one which did justice to its long existence and the important role which it has played in the art. That omission it is now hoped to make good. For many years Mr. J. Armiger Trollope worked upon a history of London Ringers and Ringing in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries, in which the activities of the College Youths and the personalities which made up its membership occupied a prominent place. Mr. Trollope's exacting researches led to the discovery of many hitherto buried facts, which have thrown an extensive light upon the art in those distant days. The portion relating to College Youths has been drafted into a separate volume, and, although it was completed without any idea of associating it with the society's tercentenary, there could be no more opportune time than this year to issue it to the world. It will prove one of the most deeply interesting,

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Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

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HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

* JAMES ROBINSON Treble	THOMAS HESKETH 5
JOHN ROBINSON 2	EDWIN C. BISKETT 6
JOHN W. GARDNER 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7
THOMAS ROBINSON 4	WILLIAM ROBINSON Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal of Triples.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr. 2 lb.

ALFRED SMITH Treble	CHARLES LOOME 5
FREDERICK C. ROPER 2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
STANLEY W. COPLING 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt, 19 lb. in F.

HIRZEL EDWARDS Treble	HERBERT DEVONISH 5
ARTHUR H. EVERETT 2	HARRY BRADLEY 6
HARRY WARR 3	HORACE MANSFIELD 7
SYDNEY TAYLOR 4	FRED CHALK Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HIRZEL EDWARDS.

First peal in the method by all except the 3rd, 4th and 5th ringers.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt, 3 qr, 7 lb. in F. sharp.

* HAROLD CLARK Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
* MISS JOAN WHEELER 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	ROWLAND F. CLARK 7
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 4	EDWARD C. WHEELER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Miss Wheeler is the first lady to ring a peal on these bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SS. JAMES AND BASIL'S GUILD.)

On Friday, March 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JAMES AND BASIL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of an extent each of Thelwall, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt, 10 lb. in F.

* STANLEY WALKER Treble	PETER WISHART 4
† DONALD REAY 2	THOMAS W. CROWE 5
REGINALD H. HEWITT 3	KENNETH ARTHUR Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First extent of Thelwall by all. First peal on the bells using the new set of silencers, which give entire satisfaction.

ABBOTS LEIGH.—On March 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Bennet 1, N. Coombs 2, L. Moore (conductor) 3, Ed. Frampton 4, Eric Frampton 5, G. Chamberlain 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: G. Chamberlain 1, L. Moore 2, G. Bennet 3, N. Coombs (conductor) 4, Eric Frampton (first 720 of Bob Minor) 5, Ed. Frampton 6.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 4
ROBERT J. STEED 2	ARTHUR R. WOODWARD 5
FRANK W. J. ROPER 3	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN A. CRACKNELL.

First peal as conductor.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently.

* DOUGLAS BARKAWAY Treble	VICTOR MORLEY 4
† DONALD JENNINGS 2	DOUGLAS JENNINGS 5
† HOWARD SAMS 3	RONALD SOCKLING Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SOCKLING.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

THE CHART, LIMPSTFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Single Bob, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED E. EVEREST Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY 4
* JOHN S. IGGLESDEN 2	JAMES W. KNIGHT 5
FREDERICK W. BODGEN 3	JOHN O. WELLER Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 20, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

* CHARLES H. TOMKINS Treble	* LESLIE EVANS 4
* GEORGE T. COUSINS, JUN. 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN 5
* STANLEY T. YAPP 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Minor as conductor. Also the first peal of Minor on the bells. The quarterly peal for the Hereford District of the Guild.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Woodbine Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY G. SMITH Treble	GEORGE R. FINCH 4
HENRY J. VINCE 2	WILLIAM F. SMITH 5
ALDERMAN LING 3	ARTHUR E. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SMITH.

First peal as conductor.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

* HAROLD NEWELL Treble	FRANCIS GLEAVES 4
* VICTOR CHAPMAN 2	ARTHUR WILSON 5
KITTY WILLERS 3	† FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 200th peal for the Ely Diocesan Association. Rung with fully muffled clappers.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of College, St. Clement's Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Fulbeck Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*ERIC WIGLEY 1 Treble	ARTHUR WHITING 4
ARTHUR HIBBERT 2	KENNETH LEWIS 5
ALAN J. BROWN 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods away from treble.
‡ First peal in seven methods. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. Costigan, a member of the local band, which took place at this church prior to the peal.

SILSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. James.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Kent and three of Oxford Treble Bob (called differently). Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT HAINSWORTH ... Treble	KENNETH SIMPSON 4
MISS A. MARY WHITE 2	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 5
ALLEN RUSHWORTH 3	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR BAIRSTOW.

First peal on the bells since 1921. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Bairstow and Miss M. Hainsworth.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... Treble	* HARRY THELWELL 4
RICHARD T. HILDING 2	* JESSE BAYLEY 5
* FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in four methods. Mr. A. Crawley's 200th peal, and his and his son's (F. H. Crawley) 80th peal together.

A QUARTER PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

(Continued from next column.)

The bell that 'makes' the first bob of either of these pairs—that is the bell that makes 5th's and turns round in 4-5—is always a *quick* bell, and, if four bobs are called, makes the last as well as the first bob, but being then (as the *second* of a pair) always slow.

Pairs of bobs called at Q. have precisely the opposite effect both on the bells in 6-7 and the bells making the bobs.

These are some of the simpler things which we advise young conductors to assimilate and then to make a further study of touches for themselves to see how the calling of bobs transposes the relationship of the bells.

Here is the calling of a famous quarter-peal which you may like to try your hand on:—

2314567

2463517 S. L.
4325617 S. H. Q.
3425167 H.

(Repeat that calling four times. Your other part ends will be:—

4531267
5142367
1253467
2314567

We would ask those who are interested in calling Stedman to make a careful study of this quarter-peal, because we shall return to it later on.

SUSSEX WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, March 27th, at St. Deny's Church, Rotherfield, the wedding was solemnised between Miss Dolly Hammond, of Rotherfield, and Mr. Ernest Holt, of Mayfield. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hammond, of Rotherfield. The bride's father, who is a local ringer, has been a member of the St. Deny's Guild of Ringers for over 25 years and is the steeplekeeper. As the bride and bridegroom left the church a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung: C. Brasier (conductor) 1, J. Hack 2, R. Mitchell 3, A. F. Lewry 4, E. Bishop, sen. 5, F. H. Hicks 6, H. Hinson tenor (covering).

On Sunday, March 28th, for evening service in honour of the occasion and with the bride's father taking part, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples was rung: J. Lovell (first quarter in the method) 1, R. Mitchell 2, A. F. Lewry 3, S. Russell 4, F. Hammond 5, E. Bishop, sen. 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, H. Hinson 8.

FOR BEGINNERS.

AIDS TO CALLING STEDMAN TRIPLES.

If the young conductor of Stedman will carefully study the method, he will find many things that will assist him in 'keeping the bells together.' He must not expect to see everything at once—only practice will enable him to become a master of his job—but there is no need to wait for things to become apparent by constant occurrence. Study of the figures will enable the 'bob caller' to pick up many useful hints to make himself a 'conductor.'

For example, you probably know that the bell immediately in front of you and the one immediately behind you in the dodging are going into the work in front, in the opposite way to you. If you are a 'slow' bell, they are 'quick'; if you are 'quick', they are 'slow.' The mere knowledge of the fact will often enable you to prevent a trip when you see a hesitating blow on the part of either of these ringers.

Again, when you are dodging up, the bell you are dodging with will go *in*, the same way that you have come *out*. This applies on all numbers, but we are more particularly concerned here with Triples.

Another very useful thing to bear in mind is the relationship between two bells, not actually coursing in the dodging, but separated by a six. When you have trained yourself to know, subconsciously as it were, what the bells thus separated are doing, you have a very helpful knowledge of what the majority of the bells are doing.

You already know that the bell in front of you and the one behind go out into the 'slow' (for that is a general way of describing the work of the front three bells, even if the six happens to be a 'quick' six) the opposite way to yourself. If you are 'slow' they are quick and they are soon out of the way; if you are quick you leave them both in the slow, and, as they are separated in their work by a six, if you know what one is doing, you automatically know what the other should be doing. That, with your own bell, gives you a grasp of five of the seven bells.

The relationship between these 'separated' bells is not difficult to follow. In between the quick sixes—when one has finished and before the other begins the quick work—they dodge together in 4-5, and while one is in 'quick' the other is in 6-7. This dodge in 4-5 is the only time they dodge together while in this relationship. At other times when they are dodging one is in 4-5 (up) when the other is in 7-6 (down); when the latter is in 5-4 (down) the former is in 6-7 (up).

When they get into the 'slow' together the first one in does its last half-turn when the second one does its first whole turn; and when the first one does its last whole turn the last one does its first half-turn.

Now, when your own bell is in the 'slow,' you can, with the above in mind, keep your eye on both the slow bell ahead of you and the slow bell behind you. And in the spaces between you have a pair of 'quick' bells, in similar relation to each other.

Suppose you are ringing the 7th in the plain course, when you go into the slow you find the 4th there; as the 4th leaves the treble comes to its slow work. Here you will see it in figures:—

3467251	4175236
4376521	147
347	174
374	7142563
734	
743	1724653
4735612	127
	217
7453162	271
754	721
574	7126435
547	
457	1762345
4751326	716
	761
7415236	671
471	617
417	1673254

Examine the relationship between the 4 and 7 and then between 7 and 1. You cannot expect to get all the detail into your head in one 'go,' but study and practice will teach you quite a lot, which, presently, will become as much a part of your ringing as is the actual method itself.

The real difficulty in following Stedman, of course, is the rapid changes caused by the bobs; but here again you can go on picking up 'tips' if you use pencil and paper at home and use your eyes in the belfry.

The orthodox touches and peals of Stedman Triples have bobs only in pairs, and, although odd bobs can be used, we are not troubling about that now.

You remember what we said last week about the calling places for pairs of bobs being designated S. H. and L. for the three pairs 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 respectively, and Q. for the 12-13. One useful thing to remember is that the bell dodging 7-6 (down) at either S. H. or L. is always a *quick* bell afterwards; and consequently the bell dodging 6-7 (up) is always a *slow* bell afterwards.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

MINUTES OF THE LONDON MEETING.

(Continued from page 193.)

MOTIONS

It was proposed by Mr. S. H. Wood, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles, and carried, '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 "sises" 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 that the words 'provided' to 'intact' be deleted was lost.

The above motion was by permission substituted for the motions numbered 14 and 15 in the published agenda.

On the motion of Mr. F. E. Dawe, seconded by Mr. E. Alex Young, 'To call attention to the present very inadequate support given to "The Ringing World," and to consider what steps can be taken to increase the circulation,' the following resolution, proposed by Mr. G. W. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. F. E. Dawe, was carried: '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 suggestion be considered by the officers of the Council and Mr. Goldsmith, and that a report be circulated to all members.'

It was proposed by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher: '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.'

As an amendment, it was proposed by Mr. E. P. Duffield, seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, supported by the Rev. H. Drake, and carried, that the words 'which if possible shall be submitted to the Church authorities for approval,' be deleted. This to give the Council the opportunity of agreeing the recommendations before they are submitted to the Church authorities.

The motion in its amended form was carried.

It was proposed by Mr. G. Pullinger and seconded by Mr. F. W. Rogers: 'That in the opinion of this Council the morning session of the Council meeting should where possible commence at 10 a.m.'

An amendment to fix the time at 10.30, proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, was lost, no one voting.

The motion was also lost.

It was proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis (president), seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher and carried: '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 collection.'

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was decided on the proposal of Mr. F. M. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, to hold the next meeting at Canterbury.

OTHER BUSINESS.

On the proposal of Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse, it was decided to send a letter of greeting and congratulation to the church and ringers of Hobart, Tasmania, on the occasion of the dedication of the new tower and bells of St. David's Cathedral.

On the president's motion, it was decided to convey the Council's congratulations to the handbell band at Oxhey, who had rung a peal in four Spliced Surprise methods 'in hand.'

Mr. C. T. Coles reported the completion of the William Ewe Memorial, and, on behalf of the Memorial Committee, tendered thanks to all who had assisted the scheme.

VOTES OF THANKS.

On the president's motion, the thanks of the Council were accorded to the Lord Mayor and Corporation for the use of the Council Chamber, the Dean of St. Paul's for his welcome, H.M. Office of Works and Church authorities for the use of bells, and to all steeplekeepers.

To the following associations and their representatives for making arrangements: Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. A. A. Hughes; Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr. G. H. Cross; Essex Association, Mr. E. J. Butler; Middlesex Association, Mr. C. T. Coles; London County Association, Mr. T. W. Taffender; Kent County Association, Mr. F. M. Mitchell; Surrey Association, Mr. C. H. Kippin.

Thanks were also given to Mr. A. A. Hughes, who was solely responsible for obtaining permission to use the Council Chamber for the meeting.

On the proposal of Canon Coleridge, a vote of thanks was passed to the president, and, on the president's motion, thanks were accorded to the hon. secretary.

The meeting terminated at about 5.30.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

CORPORATE COMMUNION SERVICE AND MEETING AT ARMLEY.

The Leeds Society invaded Armley for their biennial visit on Saturday week, and at this meeting the nominations for officers for the forthcoming year were received. The bells were rung up at 3 p.m. and ringing continued until 4.15 p.m., when in place of the usual evensong, a ringers' corporate communion service was held. Twenty-two ringers attended. Instead of a sermon the Vicar of Upper Armley (the Rev. Dr. J. S. Hollingworth, M.A., D.L.L.) gave the society a warm welcome to the church and the ringing chamber. He referred to the service, which he understood to be an innovation, and said he was pleased to be associated with it. Although not held in the early morning, as some desired it, nor yet as a supper as when first instituted, the time was immaterial if the spirit of approach was right. He was glad that the ringers gathered that day were showing people that they not only invited others to church, but themselves attended.

After the service the Vicar showed some of the ringers the main points of interest of the church, which is of early English design with wonderful Gothic arches. The reredos is of Caen stone, the chancel and baptistry floors are laid with Italian marble.

Owing to insufficient numbers having sent in requests for tea, the members present were divided into small parties and invited to tea at the homes of the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president (Mr. Senior) being in the chair. Members were present from Batley, Birstall, Bramley, Burley, Bradford, Drighlington, Guiseley, Headingley, St. Chad's, Holbeck, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Shipley, Sherburn, Sutton and the local company. Two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. James Hodgson and Arthur Barlow, of Liversedge.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar of Upper Armley and the local company was proposed by the president and seconded by Mr. A. E. West.—Mr. Lofthouse replied for the local company.

Mr. R. H. Vigor proposed that special methods be named for practice at the monthly meetings, and after discussion (during which it was pointed out that claiming one meeting for one method did not help the society in ringing or attendance) it was decided that individual attention should be given to new methods with a view to trying them out at meetings.

The following nominations were received: President, Mr. W. H. Senior; three vice-presidents, Messrs. H. Davidson, T. W. Strangeway and S. Barron; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Lofthouse; trustees, Messrs. F. Rayment and L. W. G. Morris; auditors, Messrs. F. Rayment and F. Hutchinson.

The general meeting is to be held on April 24th at Leeds Parish Church.

LINK WITH FOUNDATION OF BAGSHOT CHURCH.

RINGER FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.

A link with the early history of St. Anne's Church, Bagshot, Surrey, has been severed by the passing of Mr. Thomas Gould, at the age of 79 years. He was a member of the band of ringers formed when the bells were dedicated in 1885, and previously had been a chorister from the foundation of the church, having been present at the laying of the foundation stone.

Although a cripple, Mr. Gould attained considerable skill in the art of change ringing. At the time when there were only six bells, Bagshot boasted an exceedingly efficient company of ringers, whose achievements are commemorated by records now hanging in the ringing chamber, and the name of T. Gould occupies a very prominent position.

Although in more recent years his health did not permit him to attend service ringing as regularly as was his custom for many years, his heart was always in the belfry, where his valued assistance and ready wit were always welcomed and appreciated.

His loss will be keenly felt by St. Anne's band of ringers, in which a gap is left that will be exceedingly difficult to fill.

Mr. Gould died suddenly in his chair on Sunday, March 14th, while the bells were ringing for evening service.

SHAFTESBURY BELL RESTORATION.

On Sunday evening, March 7th, the bells of St. James' Church, Shaftesbury, were dedicated after restoration by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The Archdeacon of Dorset performed the ceremony and also preached to a large congregation. The collection for the bell fund amounted to £14.

After the service visiting ringers rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor.

The tenor is 6 cwt., and the inscriptions on the bells are:—

- No. 1.—Draw near to God. 1875.
- No. 2.—O praise God. 1597.
- No. 3.—Sancte Iagobe Ora Pro Nobis (52).
- No. 4.—N.C.E.C.I.D. O give thanks unto the Lord. 1629.
- No. 5.—Serve God. 1875.
- No. 6.—Hope in God. 1875.

SURPRISE METHODS.

MAJOR THAT EXTENDS TO 10 AND 12 BELLS.

Below we print another Surprise method which is equally perfect on ten and twelve as it is on eight bells, and does not disturb the coursing order of the bells above 4ths.

It is Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's No. 61, as yet unring on any number.

Major	Royal	Maximus
12345678	1234567890	123456789012
21436587	2143658709	214365870912
12463857	1246385079	124638507912
21648375	2164830597	216483057912
26143857	2614385079	261438507912
62418375	6241830597	624183057912
62143857	6214385079	621438507912
26418375	2641830597	264183057912
62481735	6248103957	624810395712
26847153	2684019375	268401935712
28641735	2864103957	286410395712
82467153	8246019375	824601935712
28647513	2864091735	286409173512
2685731	2684907153	268490715312
62487513	6248091735	624809173512
64285731	6428937153	642893715312
	4682970513	468297051312
	4862795031	486279503112
	8426970513	842697051312
	8246795031	824679503112
False C.E.'s		
24365		
46253	2864759301	
65432		
53624		
32546		

Royal and Maximus have clean proof scale. Whole pull behind at lead end. The bob is made on the last three bells.

OKEHAMPTON'S NEW OCTAVE.

DEVON'S LEAD IN BELLS.

The Bishop of Exeter (Dr. C. Curzon), on Wednesday, March 24th, dedicated two new bells and rededicated the six old bells in a ceremony which he stated to be the first he had performed.

Of the six old bells, four have been recast, the tenor being added to, to make its weight 16 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb., and the octave rebung in a metal frame with modern fittings.

The old peal of six was cast in the churchyard by T. Wroth in 1750. The old inscriptions have been added to by reference to the Coronation year of George VI. The additional trebles weigh 4 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. and 4 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. The total cost of the scheme has been £253, of which only £50 is left to be raised.

The Rev. F. R. Burnaby, Vicar of Samford Courtenay, acted as the Bishop's chaplain, and the Revs. R. Y. Holmes (Monkeokehampton), C. Lister (Belstone) and the curates at the Parish Church of Okehampton were in the procession. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. B. Welchman).

In a short address the Bishop referred to the fact that the Exeter Diocese had more than 1,000 bells in excess of any other diocese in the country, and, therefore, he supposed, 1,000 more ringers. He rejoiced in the tongues of the bells because they seemed to voice 'the deeper things in life which cannot be spoken.'

At the dedication rite in the tower the patron of the living, Mr. Charles Calmady-Hamlyn attended with the Bishop and robed clergy. Mr. Cyril Johnston was also present.

The local band rang the opening rounds, after which teams from North Tawton and Winkleigh, as well as a band of 'Guild' change ringers, who rang touches of Stedman and Bob Major, continued the ringing. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston did the work in their usual excellent style and are to be congratulated on adding another fine and handy octave to the 53 or so octaves in Devon. The 'go' and 'tone' were appreciated by 'old hands.'

QUARTER PEAL AT QUEEN CAMEL.

On March 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Queen Camel by Dr. C. N. Vaisey 1, G. J. Hawkins 2, F. C. Mogford 3, G. H. Cross 4, S. Woodburn (conductor) 5, H. Ellis 6. Dr. Vaisey is from Freshford and it was his first quarter-peal.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster for evening service on March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1.259 changes): B. Weaver (first quarter of Caters) 1, C. P. Bradley 2, R. Owen 3, J. W. Braithwaite 4, F. W. Corney 5, G. J. Constable 6, L. Daggit (conductor) 7, F. Osgerby 8, W. Middleton 9, J. Wilson (first quarter of Caters) 10. This quarter-peal was arranged for ringers of 1 and 5, who were on an excursion to Beverley from Woodford, Essex, and who wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Middleton for their hospitality before and after the ringing.

POYNTON BELLS REOPENED.

SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF RINGERS' EFFORTS.

After months of untiring effort by the local ringers, the bells of Poynton Parish Church, Cheshire, were reopened on Sunday week, after having been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Special services were held and the preachers were, in the morning, the Vicar, and in the evening the Rev. A. J. Humphreys, Rural Dean, who delivered an appropriate address, taking as his text verses from the 8th Chapter of Proverbs, beginning from 'Doth not wisdom cry out, understanding put forth her voice, etc.'

The preacher referred to the great number of church towers and steeples which are dotted all over our English countryside, and said he imagined that the bells from each tower called out to the other towers, like deep calling unto deep. Bells had also a peculiar interest in our literature, as, for example, in 'The Chimes' by Dickens, in Tennyson's immortal poetry, and in more recent years in the play 'St. Joan'. He said he thought, perhaps, the reason why some people disliked the sound of church bells could be traced to the fact that they recognised the invitation given to attend worship, and through neglect by getting out of the habit of thanking God for His mercies, they came to resent being reminded by the bells of their slackness. Then, in times of rejoicing, such as jubilees and coronations, where should we be without our bells? Throughout the ensuing Holy Week he thought the bells would remind us, and particularly on Good Friday, of the significance of the message of Easter, and he hoped they would say to the many people who were intent on getting abroad at this time, 'Is it nothing to all ye who pass by?'

There was a good attendance at both services, but, owing to it being Sunday, very few outside ringers were able to be present. Those who managed to attend, however, found that a decided improvement has been effected in the going of the bells, and the ringers of Poynton have good cause to be proud of their efforts so that their bells might be put in good order once more.

The first 720 on the bells since their rehanging was rung prior to evening service, being 720 Plain Bob: G. Turner (Poynton) 1, T. Downes (Poynton) 2, A. Barnes (Reddish) 3, S. Smith (Poynton) 4, K. Lewis (Marple), conductor, 5, H. Jackson (Poynton) 6. The method was Plain Bob.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT LAMBETH.

A very successful meeting of the Southern District was held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, March 20th. There was an attendance of nearly 40 members and friends, and 28 sat down to an excellent meat tea at the Parish Institute.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. Mance, the District Master, two new members were elected, viz., Mr. P. A. Corby, of Beckenham, and Mr. W. A. Stote, of Coventry.

The place of next meeting was fixed for Barnes, subject to permission being granted, and the date suggested was May 22nd, as the usual third Saturday was Whit Saturday.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. A. Llewellyn Jones, Vicar of Lambeth, for kindly granting the use of the bells, Messrs. W. Hardy and T. Wyatt for their valuable help with the arrangements, and Miss Hare and helpers for the first-class tea provided.

The hon. district secretary (Mr. A. P. Cannon) mentioned that he had a large number of the new reports for sale at 6d. a copy, and urged everyone present to buy one.

He was supported in this by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, and their remarks apparently had the desired effect, as 25 were sold in a very short time.

The business meeting over, members returned to the tower and continued ringing until 8.45 p.m., with a break at 7.30 p.m. to attend the usual evensong.

During the proceedings touches and courses in the following methods were successfully accomplished: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

APPEAL FOR SUPPORT FOR MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, March 20th, ringers being present from Sunderland, South Shields, West Hartlepool, Chester-le-Street, Whickham, Newcastle and the local ringers.

A short meeting was held, with Mr. R. L. Patterson in the chair. After the loyal toast, the Chairman said it was gratifying to see so many young ringers present, and it was up to the older members to help them and give them an interest to come to these meetings. He deplored the fact that some members did not support the meetings as they should do, and hoped they would come and see for themselves what happy meetings they were.

Mr. W. Robson proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, this being carried with acclamation.

The next meeting will be held at Gateshead on April 24th, and due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

The bells were kept going from 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., the methods rung being Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

Although there was only a fair attendance, it was an excellent meeting and all agreed it was a success.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING AT WATH.****Protest Against Peal Ringing on Meeting Days.**

The annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Wath on Saturday, March 20th, when the towers represented were Sheffield (Cathedral and St. Marie's), Eastwood, Wortley, Doncaster, Rawmarsh, Arksey, Adwick-le-Street, Felkirk, Penistone, Cawthorne and Wath. Previous to a short service a party was conducted over this fine old church by the Vicar (the Rev. Russell), who pointed out the various interesting features and gave a short history of the building. This inspection of the church was a real pleasure to all those who were present.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall and was followed by the business meeting. Owing to a previous engagement the Vicar was compelled to leave before the meeting and was heartily thanked for the use of the bells and Church Hall and for his very interesting address at the service.

In reply, he said how pleased he was to welcome the association, and while he was Vicar they need never be short of a meeting place. He would always be glad to see them at Wath.

Mr. G. Lewis (vice-president) took the chair at the business meeting, at which the following were elected members of the association: Messrs. R. Hill and J. T. White (Felkirk), B. Birkett (Arksey) and T. R. Hadon (Barnsley).

The Rector of Rawmarsh and the local company sent an invitation to the association to hold the annual joint meeting at their tower, and this was accepted, the date fixed being June 19th.

Owing to having been appointed hon. treasurer of the Yorkshire Association, the retiring Ringing Master (Mr. S. F. Palmer) was desirous of giving up the office, but no volunteer being forthcoming, he was persuaded to undertake another term of three years, with the best thanks of the members for his past services.

The retiring members of the local committee, Messrs. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), A. Panther (Wath) and T. C. Ryder (Rotherham), were also re-elected for a period of three years. Mr. Halksworth was also elected to the General Committee and all were heartily thanked for past services.

Some discussion took place on the subject of peal ringing by members on quarterly meeting days, and opinion was expressed very forcibly that it was not 'playing the game' for members to arrange peals on meeting days. It was decided to ask towers not to allow peal attempts on these days and to record this decision in the minutes of the district.

Votes of thanks to the local company for the arrangements made were moved, and replied to by Mr. Panther on their behalf.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AND THE LADIES' GUILD.**JOINT MEETING AT EDMONTON.**

Upwards of 40 ringers and friends attended an enjoyable meeting of the above societies, held at Edmonton on Saturday, March 20th. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Evill, at which Miss G. Church, a member of both societies, played the organ. The Vicar afterwards pointed out objects of great interest in this ancient and historic church.

To the regret of the company, the Vicar was unable to be present at tea, but Messrs. Edmunds and Barrett, churchwardens, attended.

Before the business meetings, the vice-president of the Middlesex Association (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) thanked the churchwardens for their attendance and asked them to convey thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in allowing the meeting to be held at short notice, and for conducting the service.

A brief interlude on handbells consisted of two courses of Stedman Caters, conducted by Mr. C. W. Roberts.

At the business meeting of the Middlesex Association, with Mr. Fletcher presiding, one new member was elected and four provisional elections confirmed.

Pinner was chosen for the next meeting on May 1st, and St. Laurence Little Bob Major as the special method. Mr. T. J. Lock, District Master, urged members to learn these special methods prior to the meetings. It should be noted that any, or all, of the usual standard methods may be rung at meetings; the special method is an attempt to widen the scope of ringing.

The hon. secretary made another appeal for volunteers for Coronation ringing from those members not engaged on that day. He would be glad to place such ringers with an otherwise short-handed band.

A question was asked about the bells at All Hallows', Lombard Street, and the hon. secretary stated that a letter sent to the Bishop of London had been forwarded to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and acknowledged by them as being under consideration.

At the close of the Middlesex Association meeting the mere men withdrew, leaving the Ladies' Guild in possession.

The chair for this meeting was taken by Mrs. R. F. Deal, vice-president. The place selected for the next meeting was Beckenham on Saturday, May 8th, whilst a mid-week meeting was announced for Wednesday, April 7th, at St. George the Martyr, Borough.

Ringing during the day included rounds and methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise and Spliced Surprise, and included Cambridge Court Bob Major and St. Clement's Bob Triples. These latter methods caused some little trouble, possibly due to lack of study outside the tower, a matter which may easily be remedied.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The band who rang the peal at Trowbridge on Monday would like to associate with it the name of Mr. W. J. Prescott, who was one of those who received an invitation to take part. Mr. Prescott, however, was engaged on more important business, for that afternoon he gave his daughter, Miss Kathleen Prescott, in marriage to Mr. Harold Hatherill. The ceremony took place at Bath Abbey.

In view of the attempt for the Major record on Monday, it is interesting to recall that on April 3rd, 1899, a 15,072 Double Norwich was rung at Erith, Kent, in 9 hours 24 minutes, conducted by the late William Pye.

One of the very earliest 'long' peals was rung 210 years ago yesterday. This was 10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung by Norwich men at the Church of St. Michael Coslany, in 6 hours 28 minutes.

Next Wednesday and Thursday are the anniversary of the 40,320 Bob Major rung at Leeds, Kent, in which James Barham and 13 others took part, in the year 1761. It occupied 27 hours.

Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. James Hunt and his family, of Taunton, in their bereavement by the death of Mrs. Hunt. The deceased lady had been a great sufferer for many years.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal of Bob Major at Enderby, reported in last week's issue, was Arthur Debenham, of St. John's, Leicester. and not Alfred as reported.

DEATH OF MR. ALBERT COPPOCK:

LOSS TO NOTTINGHAM RINGING.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. Albert Coppock, of 33, Hazelwood Road, Nottingham, leader of the St. Mary's Society, who passed away on Easter Day, after only three days' illness, from pneumonia.

Mr. Coppock came of a ringing family, and had been a leading personality in Nottingham ringing for many years.

He was a great-grandson of James Coppock, one of the band who used to ring with William Doubleday Crofts and who were known as the Sherwood Youths. They made quite extensive journeys in the latter part of the eighteenth century to ring at distant churches. On one occasion in 1775 they opened the new ring of ten bells at Grantham with a peal of Grandsire Caters. It took two men to ring the 9th, one of whom was Crofts, and three to ring the tenor, one of whom was James Coppock, who, being mentioned first in the record, was presumably 'on the box,' the other two being strappers.

Mr. Albert Coppock after the war resuscitated the Sherwood Youths and became Master. For some few years an annual dinner was held, and the society continues to hold frequent meetings at the towers round Nottingham.

It was largely owing to Mr. Coppock's continued pressure that the authorities eventually took in hand the recasting and rehanging of the bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham, and he effected a vast improvement in the belfry arrangements there.

Mr. Coppock's keenness and leadership will be much missed at St. Mary's, and the sympathy of a large circle of friends will go out to the widow and two daughters thus suddenly left in bereavement.

SILENT BELLS.

SMALL HAMPSHIRE PARISH'S GREAT NEED.

An appeal has been issued for funds to restore the tower and bells of Soberton Church, Hampshire.

This peal has now been silent for about 12 months, and it is beyond the resources of the parish to raise the £500 required for restoration unaided.

There are eight bells. The tenor (14 cwt.) was cast in 1623. Numbers 6 and 7 bells date from 1527. The present oak frame is too slight to carry the peal, and its movement, when ringing, has weakened the tower, thus greatly increasing the cost of restoration. It is proposed to put in a steel frame and new fittings at a cost of £332.

There may be ringers interested in Soberton who can help in this work of restoration. Any donation will be gratefully received by the hon. treasurer, Major E. P. Bickford, Corner Cottage, Soberton.

BELL BROADCASTS HEARD IN INDIA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read from previous issues of 'The Ringing World' much comment on the 'striking' during broadcasts of English church bells, I should like to know if many home listeners get St. Paul's on the air? I do, at the time of their Empire service relays. Congratulations to the College Youths on their well-struck Stedman Cinques. What a pity this band cannot 'ring the changes' with the interval signal. Some ringers have condemned 'stony' broadcasts; those we get very rarely, but the 'interval signal' daily.

On Sunday, March 7th, I much enjoyed the 'Grandsire' from Croydon Parish Church. The ringers did credit to a very musical peal.

To one who only has the pleasure of hearing daily the clanging of temple bells, the ringing from 'home' is a welcome change. I oftentimes wonder what many of our ringers would prefer. 'A mix up in change ringing' or 'a mix up of temple music'?—With best wishes,
L. H. BAYBUT.

Srinagar, Kashmir, India.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MR. G. RADLEY ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Plea for Wider Support for Benevolent Fund.

The annual meeting of the Hertford County Association was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, and the members had the opportunity of ringing on the Abbey twelve, the ten at St. Peter's and at St. Michael's and Sandridge. The customary service in the Abbey was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. C. O. Thicknesse), who also gave an address.

Following tea in the Abbey Institute, the annual meeting was presided over by the retiring president (the Rev. R. F. R. Routh, Vicar of Hitchin).

The hon. secretary in his annual report had a very satisfactory state of affairs to reveal. The association, he said, in common with other ringing organisations, stresses the importance of Sunday service ringing as an essential duty of every member, and it is gratifying to



MR. G. W. CARTMEL,

Elected Hon. Secretary of the Hertford County Association for the 34th time.

record that they have again done their best to observe this rule of honour. The advance made in change ringing of recent years, both on tower bells and handbells, by our members, in the ringing of Surprise peals in Spliced and other complicated methods, has brought our association prominently before the whole Exercise. Peal ringing suggests, in my opinion, better service ringing, and the incumbents of our churches, agreeing, many of them, with this assertion, have generously given our members permission to attempt, at least, the ringing of a peal, and have accepted the aftermath sometimes supplied by a disgruntled parishioner. Let me assure any of the clergy who may have had to endure complaints that they have the ringers' gratitude and sympathy, and the assurance of their desire always to minimise even the possibility of complaint from the outside public.

The peals rung on tower bells, during 1936, number 45, and 11 on handbells, in a variety of methods. The outstanding performances of the year, both for our association and in the history of change ringing, have been the ringing upon handbells of four 'Spliced' Major peals in four Surprise methods, by Messrs. Hodgetts, Woolley, Cashmore and Brinklow.

On tower bells, first peals of Uxbridge Surprise and Cassiobury Surprise Major have been rung, both peals without any previous practice whatever, a most exacting and praiseworthy performance. First peals for the association of Darlaston Bob Triples and Little Bob Royal have also been rung. The Apsley band, under the skilled guidance of Mr. Walter Ayre, have also created records in ringing a

peal in nine Surprise methods, and another in 14 Spliced methods, both on six bells. Incidentally, the latter brought Mr. Ayre's total number of peals rung to 400.

The Aldenham company have also scored their first local peal, a peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. C. H. Horton, and Lord Aldenham has generously given a tablet to commemorate the peal. Ten members have rung their first peal, and the number of members who have rung their first in a new method is too bewildering for me to analyse. The conductors of peals number 18 on tower bells and three on handbells.

REPORTS FROM THE DISTRICTS.

At the last annual meeting alterations made in the rules gave powers to each district to elect its own district secretary and committee, and, as far as I am aware, the scheme has worked successfully and given impetus in many directions.

From the Northern District, the secretary (Mr. D. Mears) reported that they had exceeded the usual balance in hand by approximately £4, partly owing to a number of members paying up arrears and partly owing to an increase in membership—some 24 new members having been added to the list—a good sign. The District Committee is also a new feature and has done good work. Eleven meetings were held and the average attendance had been good. The combined practices were something new for which the district deserved credit. It was a big venture, but, assisted by a president who takes such an active part, and the support which was received from the members, proved worth while. Some excellent work was done and very much appreciated by a great number.

These practices incurred no expenses upon the association, as a collection was taken at each meeting, which resulted in a balance in hand of 18s. 1½d. It was hoped these practices would be continued, as they are the only means of the association assisting members who do not attend the meetings. Next year it is hoped to see more of these meetings held in towers where ringers are really striving under difficulties or are at a standstill with regard to methods. A word of praise was added to Mr. R. T. Newman, of Baldock, who has taught a band of ringers at Baldock—and kept them interested.

From the Western District Mr. W. Ayre reported a very successful year of ringing, although mainly done by the Apsley band.

Mr. C. H. Horton reported from the Western District that during the year seven meetings had been held, at which 140 ringers attended. Peal ringing has been exceptionally good and the greatest praise should be accorded to the handbell band. Ten new members have been enrolled.

The secretary of the Eastern District (Mr. W. H. Lawrence) reported a successful year with good attendances at meetings.

From St. Albans District Mr. W. Nash reported that six meetings had been held with an average attendance of about 20. The joint meeting was a very happy affair, about 60 ringers attending. The general impression one got from these meetings was that the older ringers were attending and the proportion of young members very small.

Mr. Cartmel reported satisfactory progress of the Benevolent and Bell Restoration Funds, and said the library continued to flourish, and, after thanking Mr. George Debenham for his assistance, added words of appreciation of the services of the district secretaries. Between them, 30 to 40 district meetings had been arranged, which had meant a great deal of labour. Mr. Cartmel concluded: 'I am sure the members are grateful for all that is done for them, but in some districts greater support would bring cheer to the organisers. It is your society, and upon you rests its success, or otherwise. I would add my appreciation of the happy fellowship which I have enjoyed in common with you all, for so many years, and may I also express the hope that the truest and highest spirit of fellowship, which finds expression at Eastertide, may ever continue with the members of this association, for that is the only foundation upon which we can build and successfully maintain, the objects for which this association was formed.'

The financial statement, submitted by the treasurer (Mr. G. E. Debenham), showed that the balance in hand amounted to £7 9s. 11d., but actually on the year's work the association was 10d. down. Members' subscriptions amounted to £21 13s., while subscriptions from honorary and life members totalled £7 5s. 6d.

Mr. Debenham pointed out that the Benevolent Fund, which had a balance of £20 9s. 8d., was now getting to a position in which it could 'stand on its own legs' far better than in previous years, although there was still need for general support throughout the county. The Voluntary Bell Fund, which was now in its second year, had a balance of £2 16s.

Three new honorary members were admitted to the association, they being the Dean of St. Albans, the Sub-Dean (the Rev. G. W. Clarkson) and the Rev. A. M. Furguson (Vicar of St. Peter's, St. Albans).

The following officers, nominated by the committee, were elected: President, Mr. G. Radley (Broxbourne); treasurer, Mr. G. E. Debenham; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; assistant secretary, Mr. G. W. Debenham; librarian, Mr. H. V. Frost; representative to the Central Council, Mr. A. Lawrence (Hatfield); auditor, Mr. W. Mercer.

The meeting concluded with thanks to the Dean for his address, expressed by Mr. G. E. Debenham, and a vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and Sandridge and churchwardens of St. Stephen's for use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for their services, proposed by Mr. W. H. Lawrence and replied to by the Rev. Furguson.

A DERBYSHIRE BELL RESTORATION.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE PEAL AT ECKINGTON.

On Sunday afternoon, March 14th, in the presence of a large congregation, the Archdeacon of Chesterfield (the Very Rev. Dilworth Harrison) rededicated the bells and Westminster chimes of Eckington Church, Derbyshire.

The bells before the restoration were cast by John Warner and Sons, Ltd., London, in 1897, and, as on many other things in this world, time had taken its toll. Restoration became necessary. A meeting of the church authorities decided to make an appeal to the parishioners, who were asked to take a collecting box into their homes, and it was also decided to ask those interested in the bells of Eckington Church, round about the district, to support them in their effort.

The appeal was taken up with a spirit of enthusiasm by all, and left no burden for the church authorities to carry now the work has been finished.

As is usual when bells are dedicated, they were rung in rounds during the service by the Sunday service band: P. E. Tomlinson 1, A. Tomlinson 2, A. West 3, P. Jervis 4, H. Nelson 5, G. Graham 6, S. R. Morton 7, T. Howes Smith 8.

The company of ringers at Eckington are to be congratulated on the strides they have made towards the state of efficiency which all ringers like to hear when bells are rung.

The work done to the bells has been to recast 1 and 2, retune the rest, overhaul all the clappers and rehanging the bells on ball bearings. The work was carried out in a highly efficient manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

An open meeting was held on Saturday, March 20th, when the bells were available for all who cared to try their hand on the newly-restored ring. About 60 ringers were present. Tea was provided in the Parish Room, the Rector and churchwardens joining the party.

After tea the Rector gave a hearty welcome to all who were present and hoped they would be satisfied with the manner in which the work had been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. He also thanked the bellhangers and asked Mr. S. Roper to convey to the firm he represented his appreciation.

Mr. S. Roper thanked the Rector for his kind appreciation of the work done.

Mr. C. Haynes, president of the Sheffield and District Society, thanked the Rector and all concerned for the manner in which the ringers had been entertained.

Several touches on the handbells were rung, and then a move to the tower, where ringing until about 9 p.m. brought a most enjoyable day to a close.

THE TESTIMONIAL TO MR. C. T. COLES.

The C. T. Coles Testimonial Committee of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild ask that all who wish to subscribe to the testimonial to be given to Mr. C. T. Coles and have not already done so should send their contribution to either of the undersigned if possible by April 10th. The presentation is to commemorate Mr. Coles' 25 years' service as secretary of the Middlesex County Association, and is to be made at the annual meeting on April 17th:

W. H. Hollier, Hon. Treasurer, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

Ernest C. S. Turner, Hon. Secretary, 65, Kingsley Avenue, West Ealing, W.13.

All contributions will be acknowledged by the hon. treasurer.

CLERICAL RINGING WEEK.

TOURING ROUND EVESHAM.

What has now become an annual 'institution,' the Clerical Ringing Week, begins next Monday. The headquarters this year are Evesham, and the Rev. E. V. Cox (president of the Devon Guild) has again arranged an interesting programme.

The party meet at Ashchurch on Monday afternoon and afterwards visit Overbury, Bredon and Norton. On Tuesday they go to Elmley Castle, Little Comberton, Great Comberton, Eckington, Pershore Abbey, Norton and Hampton.

Wednesday's itinerary takes in Offenham, Badsey, Childs Wickham, Wellersey, Saintbury, Mickleton and Bretforton. On Thursday they go to Bidford-on-Avon, Alcester, Stratford-on-Avon, Snitterfield, Quinton, Chipping Camden, and, in the evening, ring at the Bell Tower, Evesham.

The only peal in the programme is arranged for Hinton-on-the-Green on Friday morning. Later in the day the party will visit Broadway, Stanton and Stow-on-the-Wold.

The party will comprise the Revs. E. G. Benson (Burghill, Hereford), H. G. Benson (Nyasaland), C. Carrow Cox (Lyme Regis, Dorset), E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke, Devon), P. L. Edwards (Kington Magna, Dorset), E. Banks James (Fareham, Hants), F. S. H. Marle (Deane, Hants), B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge), A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham, Berks), W. M. K. Warren (Binegar, Bath), G. Elliot Wigg (High Wycombe, Bucks) and R. F. Williamson (Orisall, Notts).

THE RECORD MAJOR ATTEMPT.

'SHIFT COURSE' PUTS END TO PEAL.

The attempt on the Major record at Kingham, Oxfordshire, on Monday, was lost after 3½ hours' ringing, owing to a 'shift course' after about 5,600 changes had been rung.

It is hoped to make another attempt on this record in the near future.

The present Major record is 18,144 Bob Major, rung at Bennington, Herts, in 1933. The attempt at Kingham was for 19,040 Double Norwich.

WING AND QUEEN CAMEL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Had the band that visited Wing said 'in their opinion' the bells were not pealable, no exception could have been taken. The definiteness of their statement makes them out to be an authority. In my first letter I gave an example of a definite statement made concerning a tenor bell as being unringable; then someone else rang it without any difficulty.

Here is another case of working hard at a peal of bells to make them pealable. In 1905 a party visited Lundy Isle on the off chance of ringing a peal. On arrival they found the bells in such a state it was no use thinking of ringing them, leaving out the question of a peal, without first putting in a lot of hard work. Then a start was made for Stedman Triples. But after half an hour's ringing it was found impossible, and the party, beaten and dispirited, prepared for their return voyage. Fortunately for them as it turned out, a gale had sprung up. The steamer could not risk the journey, and this gave the party another day on the island. Next morning, after an enormous amount of hard work, they made another start, and to their delight it was successful in 2 hours and 53 minutes. No one should, therefore, say definitely that any bells are unpealable.

With regard to Queen Camel, I am of the opinion that had the party gone there before the bells were rehung their verdict would have been the same as at Wing.

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

PEALS THAT DO NO GOOD.

Dear Sir,—Perhaps Mr. Hunt will agree there are peals rung where the bells are almost unpealable, but I would like to state that these peals do no good and hamper local authority from getting bells rehung. There is much difference in ringing a heavy bell with the late Mr. Pye's band than with novices. I, for one, know. I have tried both.

F. WARRINGTON.

Over, Cambs.

AN OFFER.

Sir,—May I ask Mr. J. Hunt if he would like to bring a friend for a peal of Minor on the Wing, Bucks, bells? I should be pleased to get four ringers to ring the front four bells. If he comes over afterwards he will be able to write to 'The Ringing World' and say if the bells are pealable or not.

F. VICKERS.

Linslade.

FIGURES AND DIAGRAMS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was interested in your recent leader and Mr. Trollope's letter on the prohibitive cost of producing diagrams instead of the figures of methods. Perhaps I may be allowed to trespass upon your valuable space to show how any ringer, keen enough, can possess a diagram book of methods at practically no expense whatsoever, except his own time.

All the would-be 'diagrammatist' need do is to purchase a suitable book to fit the pocket, which can be obtained from a penny or so up to a few shillings for a super-book, then produce pen and ink and transfer his methods from figures into diagrams. He can write out as many methods as he wants, or as few; those he regularly rings, those he is learning and, if he likes, those he would like to ring. It is quite easy to write these out, and after a little practice one gets quite expert at the job.

Many years ago, when I commenced ringing, I purchased such a book and wrote out all the methods I could lay my hands upon, including standard methods and the Central Council's Collection of Minor Methods; and, as methods have appeared from time to time in 'The Ringing World,' these have been added to the book. I still have this book, and not only has it been a source of pleasure to me in writing it, but it has been seen by quite a lot of ringers and commented upon, and has, on numberless occasions, been the means of enabling a ringer at an outing or meeting to 'polish up' an obscure method which he had not rung for some years and had half forgotten.

The excellent series of method books published by the C.C. should be in every ringer's hands, but it is an unfortunate fact (in my experience, at any rate) that ringers will not buy these books, whether on account of price or apathy I do not know.

BERNARD H. WELLS.

Merstham, Surrey.

HIGH TIDES AND FLOODS IN FENLAND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sure that many of us, during the flooding of the Fens, must have recalled those chapters of 'The Nine Tailors,' describing the bursting of the waters over the fenlands and the warning boom of the tenor bell.

Not only Miss Sayers, but another lady, Jean Ingelow, has also dealt with this theme, viz., in her 'High Tide on the Coast of Lincolnshire'—one of our most beautiful poems. If it were not that it runs to 22 verses, we might have had a reprint in your columns, for here again the bells play an important part. May I, however, give the first verse?

'The old Mayor climbed the belfry tower,
The ringers ran by two by three;
"Pull if you never pulled before;
Good ringers, pull your best," quoth he.
"Play uppe, play uppe, O Boston bells!
Ply all your changes, all your swells,
Play uppe 'The Brides of Enderby.'"

In no less than seven of the verses is there a reference to the bells of warning, they form a haunting curtain to the progress of the tragic story. Thus:—

'And all the aire, it seemeth mee,
Bin full of floating bells (sayth shee)
That ring the tune of Enderby.'

'Till, floating o'er the grassy sea
Came down that kindly messago free,
The "Brides of Mavis Enderby."'

And, lastly, whilst clinging to the roof amidst the swirl of waters:—

'And awesome bells they were to mee,
That in the dark rang "Enderby."'

I have asked several of my ringing friends if they could throw a light on this curious reference to our art, but to no purpose. (The late Mr. Law James was doubtful about it.) Miss Ingelow has been dead nearly 40 years, and we may never know the genesis of 'Enderby.'

It is a beautiful poem. Try reading it (as I have done) to a Lincolnshire man and watch his face.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

PEAL RINGING ON MEETING DAYS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It seems to be a sore point among many ringers that a local company or any band of ringers should attempt a peal on a day when the association or society of which they are members is holding its quarterly or annual meeting. Not only is it a sore point, but it shows bad taste and lack of interest in the association. It is also disappointing to the secretaries, who have more work to do than many ringers think and deserve all the praise they get; and to the local company where the meetings are held. It is a practice that, it seems to me, will be carried on for ever, unless these bands are penalised by all associations making a rule to have nothing whatever to do with or acknowledge any peal rung on a meeting day, unless, of course, they can show proof that it was for a very special occasion.

G. S. LEE.

Rotherham.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.
KENSINGTON RINGERS' DINNER.

The annual dinner of St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, was held at Slater's Restaurant, Knightsbridge, on Saturday, March 6th, when over 30 members and friends were present, some of them having taken part that afternoon in a peal of Stedman Caters, which was rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. Prebendary A. E. Smith, M.A., as Vicar of St. Mary Abbot's in succession to the late Rev. E. Brooks Jackson. Prebendary Smith presided, and was supported by Mr. H. V. Kenyon, J.P., and Major N. L. Garratt, the churchwardens of St. Mary Abbot's, and the Rev. Kenneth Wood, the chaplain to the Guild. After an excellent dinner, the toast of 'The Guild' was proposed by Mr. Kenyon, and Mr. W. E. Judd, the Ringing Master, replied, giving a brief summary of the activities of the Guild during the past year and expressing gratification at the attendances for the Sunday service ringing.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. G. J. Strickland, who paid tribute to the constant and valuable work of the ministers of the Church.

An adjournment was afterwards made to an upper room, where, with Mr. J. A. Dart and Mr. Roberts Thomas successively presiding at the piano, an enjoyable musical evening followed, which also included touches on the handbells and tune ringing by Mr. J. R. Mackman and Mr. Howard Mackman.

The assistance at the piano of Mr. Roberts Thomas, who was a visitor for the second year, was much appreciated by those present.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Andrew's, Backwell, Somerset, with bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. M. C. Lock, a quarter-peal of Doubles, four extents of Bob Doubles and six of Grandsire: W. Carpenter 1, L. Derrick 2, J. Young 3, E. Shearn (conductor) 4, J. Lott 5, R. Roberts 6.

NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Glastonbury on April 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Street bells (8) available after tea.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Aston, Birmingham, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (12) available at 3.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LADIES GUILD (Lincolnshire Branch) AND LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Lincoln District).—A joint meeting will be held at Dunholme, near Lincoln, on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea provided at 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. Hill, Wykin Lane, Stoke Golding, Nuneaton.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 3rd. Ringing all day at St. Gregory's (8 bells) and St. Peter's (8). 4.30, service at St. Gregory's, with sermon by Rev. Canon Round-Turner. 5, tea in the Parish Hall, 1s. each. 5.30, meeting follows. Names to H. G. Herbert (sec. pro tem.), 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Soham Toney on Saturday, April 3rd. Ashill bells will also be available.—W. J. Eldred, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The newly recast bells of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, will be open to ringers on Saturday, April 3rd, from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Tea will be at the invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcomed. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. (9d. each), for which please notify Mr. J. Fisher, Ellandene, Park Road, Coppull, near Chorley. Special invitation to Preston branch.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice will be held at Shenley (6 bells) on Saturday, April 3rd, at 5 p.m. A good meeting is desired. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY AND NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Blyth (8) on Saturday, April 3rd, commencing at approximately 3 p.m. Rounds to London Surprise, but look up Double Oxford and York Surprise for practice. Please come and make this new venture a success, and send a card for tea to R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.—E. Cooper and R. Towler, Hon. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North Southwark Diocesan Guild.—Meetings for April: Service ringing, April 4th, St. Clement Danes', 10 a.m.; April 25th, Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', 12th, at 6.45 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m., and 26th; St. Mary, Lambeth, 27th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at South Anston (8 bells) on Saturday, April 3rd. For tea notify Mr. H. Stenton, 32, Sheffield Rd., South Anston, nr. Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Rd., Sheffield 7.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Laverstoke on Saturday, April 3rd. Bells 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., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

THORLEY, near Bishop's Stortford.—On Sunday, April 4th, at 11 a.m., the Bishop of Bedford will dedicate the bells which have been restored and augmented to a ring of five by John Taylor and Co.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A meeting of the district will be held at Blackmoor on Wednesday, April 7th, for practice. Bells (6) available from 6 to 9 p.m.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Newburn-on-Tyne on Wednesday, April 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, County Durham.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. George the Martyr's Church, Southwark, S.E., on Wednesday, April 7th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; tea 5.30.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 27th; St. Magnus' on April 15th, 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 13th, St. Andrew's on the 22nd, 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.—The meeting which was arranged for Saturday, April 10th, is postponed.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Little Houghton on Saturday, April 10th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to me, please, by April 7th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends to come and spend a profitable half day.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Rural Deanery).—At Lathbury (5), Saturday, April 10th; 2.30, begin; 4, service; 4.45, tea.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmsford, on Saturday, April 10th. The local captain informs me that his band will be in attendance from 3.30; so what about it? You will expect your secretary to be there, why not come and keep him company? You will be welcome.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury, Lancs.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, April 6th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Southern Division, for election of officers, etc., will be held at Southover, Lewes (10 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, price 1s., 5 p.m. Those intending to be present please inform the undersigned by Wednesday previous to meeting. It is hoped that the proposed form of association service will be tried at this meeting.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by service. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, April 6th. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at West Malling (8 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Please send names or numbers for tea to Mr. W. A. Sloman, St. Leonard's Street, West Malling.—A. Waddington, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough (8) on Saturday, April 10th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Tea in Hackforth's Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Please notify Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, by Thursday, April 8th. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting after tea. All who intend to be present must send word not a day later than Wednesday, April 7th, to Mr. A. Rigbye, Tannersmith Lane, Maudesley, Ormskirk. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Election of officers, etc. All ringers welcome. Names for tea by April 7th, please.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Mickleton on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head). Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous.—J. E. Newman, Hon. Sec., Hinton, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—Next meeting, Hathern, April 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those advising me by April 8th. Subscriptions accepted.—H. O. Over, Dis. Sec., 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote, near Leicester.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Specially arranged at the Vicar's request before his departure. Make it a good meeting. All are welcome. For tea please notify me by April 8th.—Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A Gainsborough District meeting will be held at Lea (6 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Will all members requiring tea inform me by the Wednesday previous, as this tea is kindly provided by the Rector?—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Abbots on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at Purton on Saturday, April 10th. Heavy peal of six. On bus route. Tea at Vicar's invitation. Please advise if possible.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Will all members and friends please note the adjourned general meeting will take place at Matlock, Saturday, April 10th, when a good attendance is desired? A card to Mr. V. Taylor, Rydal, Limeton Road, Matlock, not later than Wednesday, April 7th, will ensure adequate arrangement for tea.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea in the Church Hall. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. W. Robinson, 23, Lower Court Road, Epsom, by next Thursday.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The above district will hold their first meeting at Ticknall on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Special Minor method for practice: Double Court. The success of this new venture depends upon the attendance. All ringers invited. Tea, 4.45, can be arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday, April 7th.—Joseph W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weedon (6), Saturday, April 10th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, April 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, April 10th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Please send notice for tea to Mr. G. Atkinson, West View, Thornton Curtis, Ulceby S.O., by Wednesday, April 7th, who cannot guarantee tea after that date. All welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, April 10th. Ringing at St. John's R.C. (6 bells) 3 to 4 p.m. 4 p.m., ringing and business meeting at the Parish Church. Tea in school 5.30.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. A. Barnes, 3, Longford Road, North Reddish.—Kenneth Lewis, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Wrangle on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Angel Hotel at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present please let me know by Monday, April 5th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please notify me by the 7th for tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, April 10th, when the bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be at our disposal. Service in East Retford Church will be at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by the business meeting. I hope all members will endeavour to be present. Please send a card for tea to R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Compton Dando on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Roll up and support the new secretary.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—A ring of 6, rehung in a new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by Prebendary W. H. F. Randolph, on Sunday, April 11th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall for all those who notify me by Wednesday, April 7th. All ringers welcome.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

WALGRAVE, NORTHAMPTON.—The ring of 5 (tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Chelsfield, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business of the day.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Rugby, on Saturday, April 17th. Further details will be given next week, but meanwhile please keep the date open.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

ALDENHAM, April 17th.—Ringing from 3.30. Tea at Village Club at 5.30. Herts Association. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

ALL SAINTS', KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Dedication of bells on Saturday, April 17th, by Lord Bishop of Southwark. Service 3 p.m. Ringing after service and again after tea. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Taffender, 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, April 17th. 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, 14th? This is essential. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at West Pennard on Saturday, April 17th. **Divine service and dedication of Memorial Tablet to the late Master (1925-1935), the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, will be performed by the Rev. L. S. Lewis, with address by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Master) at 4 p.m.** Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me by April 12th.—F. D. Rickards, 32, Burcott Road, Wells, Som.

ASHBURTON, DEVON.—On Saturday, April 17th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton; ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne St. John and Monk Sherborne on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Sherborne St. John Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by April 13th to Mr. G. C. Hammond, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 24th. At a service at 3.30 p.m. the Lord Bishop of Guildford will dedicate a memorial, erected by the Cathedral ringers, to the late Provost E. C. Kirwan. Tea and meeting will follow the service. Full details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley (10 bells) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in Café at 5 p.m. to all who notify before April 22nd, Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, Manchester; 1s. each. — W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

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DEATH.

HUNT. — On March 27th, at 5, Florence Terrace, Wellington, New Road, Taunton, the wife of James Hunt, after a long illness nobly borne.

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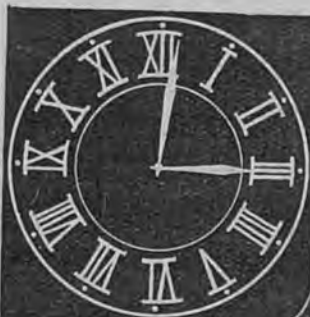
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On this occasion there is another extremely important point to bear in mind—one which has never arisen in connection with previous Coronations. The ceremony in Westminster Abbey is to be broadcast. Nearly everyone who can do so will be listening, at their wireless receivers, to the service, and that makes it essential that nowhere should ringers, however loyal and enthusiastic, ply their art to the disturbance of those who are listening to the proceedings in the Abbey. To do so would be not only an annoyance, but a breach of good manners, and would recoil on the ringers' heads. No doubt the desire of the majority of ringers themselves to listen to the historic ceremony will be sufficient to ensure the silence of the towers during the service, and the bells will come with all the more dignity and effect if they are heard at a more apt time.

It has been suggested in high quarters that ringers might take their cue from the bells of the Abbey itself, which will be heard as their Majesties leave the building. That seems to us very useful guidance, and ringers who are anxious to get to work as soon as possible after the ceremony can lay their plans accordingly. Apart from this, however, we feel that ringers, wherever they can, should herald the great and auspicious day by ringing as early as convenient in the morning. It would give an appropriate and cheerful start to the local celebrations, it would distinctively mark the festival and would not interfere in any way with broadcast reception.

Whatever ringing is done, however, it should be the aim of every responsible ringer, to see that it is the best that the band can produce. Ringing for the Coronation should not be made the opportunity of a practice, or even of a peal for ringers who are not capable of putting up a good performance. The ringing of the bells on that day will be expected by the public; they will be listening more critically than is usual with them, and it is a mistake to run away with the idea that the public do not know the

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difference between good ringing and bad. There may be some who, having heard nothing but bad ringing, say little about it, but the public do appreciate good ringing, and if a band is not capable of ringing bells well in changes, they should, for this occasion, be content to do something less ambitious. If every ringer will go into the belfry on Coronation Day realising that his reputation is at stake, the public will appreciate the bells, and a good turn will be done for the art, by helping to remove opposition, where there is any, to ringing on other occasions.

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On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD 2	*ERIC E. SPEAKE 7
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HERBERT KNIGHT 3	HOWARD HOWELL 9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 10
BERT HORTON 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
WILLIAM FISHER 6	HARRY GRIFFITH Tenor

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Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

* First peal on twelve bells.

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FRED HAYES Treble	*R. GORDON CROSS 7
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WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	*FRANK CORKE 9
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FRANK WEST 6	EDWARD CROXFORD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED HAYES.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-DE-MARTYR, LONDON BRIDGE, CITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES A. HUGHES Treble	RAYMOND G. CODSINS 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
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At the CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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Tenor 25½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 7
KENNETH SNELLING 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 8
*RAYMOND OVERY 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 9
FRED PAGE 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise Royal.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 6	*FRANK VARTY 7
LESTER L. GRAY 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 8
JOHN WILKINSON 3	*JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 9
*ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 6

Composed by W. Pye.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6	GEORGE R. PYE 7
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THOMAS J. LOCK 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 9
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Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb. in F. sharp.

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*KENNETH SIMPSON 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT 8
*ARTHUR ARMITAGE 4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 9

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.

* First peal of Surprise, and first attempt by ringers of 2 and 4.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

FREDERICK C. CASE 5	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 6
A. NUNNELEY WOOD 2	HARRY SEAR 7
FRANK J. GREEN 3	JOHN A. GREEN 8
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 4	ALBERT J. GREEN 9

Composed by J. A. GREEN.

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE LADD 5	SYDNEY E. ANDREW 6
CYRIL R. BDRRELL 2	GEORGE W. MILLS 7
ARTHUR J. FARR 3	JOHN T. NEWINGTON 8
*NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH 4	JOHN G. AMES 9

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung for the Easter festival.

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Tenor 30 cwt. 5 lb.

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HERBERT W. KNIGHT 2	PERCY N. G. RAINEY 7
FRANK SKIDMORE 3	RONALD G. BECK 8
KENNETH FORD 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9

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MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 27½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE 5	*H. R. NEWTON 6
FRANK SKIDMORE 2	PERCY N. G. RAINEY 7
KENNETH FORD 3	RONALD G. BECK 8
HARRY J. SANGER 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal in the method.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 5	ALFRED T. POULTON 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	WALTER TAYLOR 7
CHARLES L. SADLER 3	JOHN J. WEBB 8
H. ERNEST COX 4	WILLIAM POSTON 9

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Conducted by W. POSTON.

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On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours,

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Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

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WILLIAM BRAMMER 2	KENNETH LEWIS 7
*HERBERT MCKINNELL 3	ALAN J. BROWN 8
*JOSEPH SAUNDERS 4	DAVID VINCENT 9

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Conducted by K. LEWIS.

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MISS KATH BURCHNALL 2	LESLIE LUNN 7
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 8
*RICHARD M. HARVEY 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY 9

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Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

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GEORGE SPERRING 2		†HARRY PYE 6	
*ROBERT B. HULSE 3		PERCY SWINDLEY 7	
*JOHN BEST 4		*SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor	

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Tenor 16 cwt.	
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GEORGE SPERRING 2	*HAROLD WORRALL 6
*ROBERT B. HULSE 3	HARRY PYE 7
*THOMAS H. MATHER 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.	
STAFFORD H. GREEN Treble	FRANK VARTY 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
NORMAN HEAPS 3	LESTER L. GRAY 7
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in D.	
ERIC G. BENNETT Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
FREDERICK C. ROPER 3	CLEMENT J. MORE 7
ERNEST F. POPPY 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Rung half-muffled following the interment of William Ireland, an original member of the association and a ringer at Diss before and since 1877.

WORSLEY, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, March 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.	
*KEITH WELSBY Treble	ROBERT ALLRED 5
THOMAS ALLRED 2	FRED GRUNDY 6
*ERIC YATES 3	*PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 7
*CHARLES RIDYARD 4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rung on the back eight.

WISBECH, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, March 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 52.		Tenor 21 cwt.	
*HARRY MEANS Treble		†JACK PRITCH... .. 5	
WALLACE COUSINS 2		LEWIS BUSH 6	
JOHN C. FRANCIS 3		WALTER FREEMAN 7	
*WALTER F. JARVIS 4		FRED WIGMORE Tenor	

Composed by E. FRANCIS. Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. Fiftieth peal together by Messrs. W. Cousins and F. Wigmore.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, March 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
CYRIL W. HAMMOND Treble	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 5
W. J. ERIC PEARTREE 2	NORMAN SOMMERHAYES 6
MISS JEAN M. THOMPSON 3	E. GEORGE MORRAD 7
ARTHUR DURLING 4	JAMES E. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

GULVAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, March 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gulval,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*WILLIAM J. SANDERS... .. Treble		PHILIP J. HITCHENS 5	
EDWARD SANDERS 2		WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 6	
MISS E. JESSE C. ANGIN 3		CYRIL E. LANXON... .. 7	
FREDERICK H. HARRIS 4		PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS Tenor	

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANXON.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Wood, the vice-captain and steeplekeeper of Gulval, who was interred on the previous day.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS
AND THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 35½ cwt.	
*H. PARFEMENT Treble		†FRANK BRADLEY... .. 5	
MISS I. B. THOMPSON 2		ALFRED BARRATT 6	
WALTER WHITE 3		RALPH NARBOROUGH... .. 7	
R. ALLEN HICKTON 4		WALTER NICHOLLS Tenor	

Conducted by ALFRED BARRATT.

* First peal. † 70th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of esteem and regard for Mr. Albert R. Coppock, Master of the Sherwood Youths, who was interred at Beeston Cemetery the same day. First peal on the bells since the recasting and rehanging in October, 1935.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, April 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 23½ cwt.	
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble		JOHN H. B. HESSE 5	
ERNEST J. AVLIFFE 2		WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6	
ALFRED H. PULLING 3		C. ERNEST SMITH 7	
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON... .. 4		CHARLES HAZELDEN Tenor	

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the visit of Queen Mary to Guildford, when Her Majesty opened a new Queen's Nurses' Hostel, and inspected the work in progress on the site of the new Cathedral. The peal was W. R. Melville's one hundredth on the bells.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Palm Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: W. H. Stevens 1, A. Jones 2, H. C. Chandler 3, W. F. Ellingham (conductor) 4, F. J. Cattermoul 5, C. S. Bird 6, E. R. Gladman 7, W. W. Webb 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. LEONARD AND JOHN,

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 15½ cwt. in F.

WALLACE COUSINS 1 Treble	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 4
JOHN C. FRANCIS 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
LEWIS BOSE 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. Buckenham.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Sandal, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*FREDERICK HOOPER 1 Treble	THOMAS VESSEY 4
†JACK VESSEY 2	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
ARTHUR MULVEY 3	†CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' ‡ 25th peal together. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harold Denman and Miss Irene Lancaster.

HEMPSTED, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Swithun,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES:

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

MELVILLE JORDAN 1 Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS 4
HARRY WORRALL 2	*WILLIAM LANDER 5
TOM WORRALL 3	CHARLES HODGES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.

* First peal.

ELSHAM, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Carlisle, three of London and two of Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HAROLD JUDD 1 Treble	FRANK LORD 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	GEORGE DOBBS 5
JACK BRAY 3	GEORGE E. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEARN.

First peal in three Surprise methods by all the band and in the district.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

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 12 cwt. 24 lb.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS 1 Treble	WILLIAM A. FARMER 4
THOMAS PRICE 2	FREDERICK PRICE 5
G. LEONARD HEWITT 3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in three methods.

SOUTH PERROTT, DORSET.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*THOMAS E. DENYER 1 Treble	REGINALD J. WHITFORD 4
WILLIAM H. VIGGERS 2	*ERNEST GOWER 5
WILLIAM DENYER 3	CHARLES W. DENYER Tenor

Conducted by C. W. DENYER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Peter's Society, Burnham, Bucks.)

On Monday, March 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's each of Single Oxford, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (methods rung alternately). Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

*MARTIN BLAMEY (aged 15) Treble	JAMES D. TAYLOR (aged 16) 4
†PETER A. BLAMEY (aged 16) 2	‡BRYAN O'NEILL (aged 15) 5
JOHN E. TAYLOR (aged 15) 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal in other than plain methods.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ANDREW C. SINFIELD 1 Treble	*C. HENRY HARDING 4
REGINALD HOUGHTON 2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 5
*DONALD COCKINGS 3	WILLIAM A. STOTE Tenor

Conducted by W. A. STOTE.

* First peal of Cambridge.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

In the School,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*HORACE L. WAITE 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3-4	*WILLIAM J. RANDALL 7-8

Composed by W. HODSON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Mary's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

HORACE L. WAITE 1-2	*FRANCIS KIRK 5-6
*WALTER AYRE 3-4	WILLIAM J. RANDALL 7-8

Composed by B. SWINSON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* 50th peal together. This composition (A 2) is now rung for the first time.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT NOTTINGHAM.

Central Council to be invited to Leicester.

The weather proved to be kinder on Easter Monday than of late, and this no doubt helped to attract a good number of members and friends to Nottingham for the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association. A gloom fell over the proceedings, however, for visitors learned, on arrival, of the sudden and lamented death of the talented leader of St. Mary's, Nottingham, band, Mr. Albert Coppock. Consequently St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled as a token of respect. At St. Peter's, too, an accident to the tenor bell prevented the ten from being rung, and only the front six bells were available. Daybrook bells (8) were open throughout the day, and good practice made by a large number of visitors.

The committee met in St. Mary's Institute at 3 p.m., and as a result of their deliberations, grants from the Bell Repair Fund were made to Long Eaton, Notts, where the eight bells are to be recast, and Kirby Mallory, Leicestershire, where a new treble is to be added to the existing five bells. It was suggested that the general hon. secretary write to the secretary of the Central Council requesting that, if possible, their agenda be published before Easter, to enable those guilds and associations which—like the Midland Counties—hold their annual meetings on Easter Monday, to discuss the various points raised and instruct their representatives accordingly. It was also suggested that the representatives propose that the next meeting (1938) be held in Leicester, as by that date there would be two rings of twelve bells, one of ten, and several eights available.

Following the committee meeting, a special service was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop Neville S. Talbot, D.D. The Bishop opened by saying that the association form of service would be slightly altered on account of the death of Mr. Albert Coppock, which created not only a great loss to St. Mary's Church, but to the ringing community as a whole. A sad feature, too, was the fact that while on what proved to be his death-bed, Mr. Coppock had written to ask Mr. Walter White, of Cotgrave, to play the organ for that service.

As a voluntary Mr. White played 'O rest in the Lord,' and special hymns included 'How sweet the name of Jesus sounds' and 'Abide with me.'

The Bishop, in his brief but inspiring address, made touching reference to the passing of Mr. Coppock, and in view of the Easter message of hope and in the Resurrection, left the sorrowing family with these words of comfort.

After the service, tea was served in St. Mary's Institute, and between 90 and 100 sat down. The general meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, supported by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop Talbot, D.D., the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall, Notts, Mr. William E. White (treasurer) and Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary). Members were present from each of the association's branches, viz.: Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham, and many friends from long distances, including Mr. and Mrs. Beamish, of Warwickshire Guild, Mr. R. G. Black and Mr. W. Rogers, of the Peterborough Guild, Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, and others from Sheffield, Birmingham (St. Martin's), Bromsgrove, Smethwick, Macclesfield, Stoke-on-Trent and Cheshire.

In opening the meeting, the president first made touching reference to the passing of Mr. Albert Coppock, who was, he said, a valued and respected member of the association. He asked the general secretary on behalf of all present to send a letter of condolence and sympathy to the sorrowing family, and as a token of respect all the company stood in silence for a few moments.

INTERESTING PEALS.

Mr. Taylor then gave a review of the past quarter's peals rung, which, although very few, were nevertheless interesting. There were 15, including two handbell peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques by the Leicester company. Among the tower-bell peals were three which Mr. Taylor termed 'triprogenitory'—a word he himself coined to describe three generations ringing together in peals at Staveley (Parsons), Loughborough (Harrisons) and Matlock (Paulsons). "Quite a lot of sons!" Mr. Taylor then thanked the Lord Bishop for honouring them with his presence at tea, and also for arranging the beautiful and touching service in St. Mary's Church.

Bishop Talbot, in reply, said, like Boy Scouts, Bishops had to 'be prepared,' usually, however, in their case, to 'say a few words.' Last time he met the association some four years ago he had only just arrived from the Transvaal, where everything was very different from England. Very rarely they saw a complete church, still more rarely one with bells, and it was a great joy to come back to the Motherland with its beautiful churches and their wonderful bells. It was his privilege and pleasure to have had the job of seeing St. Mary's tower and bells thoroughly restored and everything therein put in good order, and he knew the late Mr. Coppock had rejoiced with him equally in this great work. He was very pleased to welcome any ringers to St. Mary's, and trusted that their own ringers would soon be adding many peals to the credit of the association.

The annual report and balance sheet, which has now been printed and is in circulation, was duly passed on the proposition of Mr. Colin Harrison, one of the auditors.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

STEDMAN CATERS.

It was not our intention in these articles to go beyond the scope of eight-bell ringing, because we felt that when a beginner had mastered ringing up to eight bells he could go on to the higher numbers by other means than help from this column. However, as we have had in past months several requests for an article on Stedman Caters to assist young conductors, this may be a fitting point, following on the last two articles on Stedman Triples, to devote a little attention to Caters.

We must suppose, however, that our readers know the method and also know that the only differences between Triples and Caters are the two additional dodging places in 8-9 (sandwiched between the dodging in 6-7 up and 7-6 down), and the moving of the bob place from 5th's to 7th's.

In Stedman, therefore, whether in Triples or Caters, only the last three bells are affected by a bob or single. In some respects Stedman Caters is easier to conduct than Stedman Triples, because, apart from a 'going off' and 'turning' or 'homing' course, the bobs do not cut up the coursing order of the bells to anything like the same extent; and the bells are coursing two sixes longer in the dodging places. Moreover, in the body of a long touch or peal only one or two bobs in a course are necessary, and this, again, simplifies the conductor's task.

As in Triples, the calling is done by the sixes, which are numbered from 1 to 18. Composition in Caters is facilitated by keeping 7, 8 and 9 undisturbed in certain relative positions and retaining the same bell in 2nd's and also in 5th's place. Thus five of the nine bells are 'fixed,' which is another great help, for in Triples you have only one.

The result of fixing all these bells is that once you get these 'fixed bells' into position, you are limited, if you do not want to disturb them, to bobs made in the 5th and 16th sixes and called, of course, a whole pull before those sixes begin. These, as will be inferred, are known as bobs at 5 and 16. If the 5th's place bell is changed it is done by a bob at 4. The 2nd's place bell, if it is changed other than in the turning course, is moved by a bob at 15.

The 'tittums' position, in which at the course end the bells behind strike 9-7-8, and come away in the coursing order 7, 8, 9 is generally preferred in peals and long touches, with, often, a change of music by turning over to what is known as the 'handstroke,' that is bringing the back bells into the 'rounds' position at handstroke when they are behind together, so that, if the 6th is the 5th's place bell, the handstrokes, in the 'six' after the course-end, come up 6-7-8-9 and the bells are in the coursing order 7, 9, 8, 6.

We would suggest that those who wish to go further into this should write out full courses of Caters beginning both from 213465978 and 214365879, drawing a line between each six and numbering the sixes, 1 being the first change of the first six. Study the courses well and examine the order in which the bells come up behind.

Next week we hope to say something further about this subject.

FOUR HUNDRED PEALS.

At Trowbridge, Wilts, on Easter Monday, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith rang his 400th peal. He rang his first when he was 15 years of age, and it has taken 43 years to compile this (for these days) modest total.

In this number are three peals of Minor, 98 of Triples (in six methods), 183 of Major (in 20 methods, including 15 of Surprise), 50 of Caters, 28 of Royal, 26 of Cinques and 12 of Maximus. Of the total 73 have been conducted.

Twenty peals have been on handbells and the rest have been rung in 136 towers. The peals have been rung in five countries (England, Ireland, Wales, Belgium and Australia) and on five seas (the Mediterranean, the Arabian Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and the Red Sea).

MIDLAND ASSOCIATION MEETING.

(Continued from previous column.)

As there were no other nominations, Mr. W. H. Curson proposed and Mr. J. W. Cotton seconded that the general officers be elected on bloc, which was carried with acclamation. The officers are Mr. E. Denison Taylor, president; Mr. William Willson, vice-president; Mr. William E. White, hon. treasurer; Mr. Ernest Morris, hon. secretary.

Each of the officers, except Mr. Willson, who was unfortunately absent, replied thanking the members for the honour and assuring all of their continued efforts on behalf of the association's welfare.

The hon. secretary apologised for Mr. Willson's absence, he being unfit to travel owing to illness. Mr. Morris also asked members to let him know at once of any errors they might notice in the annual report and not leave it till too late. Several corrections were needed and it was up to the members to notify them.

New members proposed since the last meeting were 14 new, 2 re-joining, 2 honorary, 1 life, who were duly elected. Three places for next quarterly meetings were then proposed and carried, viz.: Bolsover, June; Burbage, September; Repton, January, 1938.

This concluded the business, and Mr. J. Harris proposed and the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Thompson and the local committee for their arrangements which made the meeting a successful one, also to the incumbents and ringers of the three towers open for ringing.

DOUBLE WEDDING OF RINGERS.**RINGING SISTERS MARRY RINGING BRIDEGROOMS.**

For the first time, we believe, in history, a 'double' wedding of ringers took place at St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, on Saturday, March 27th. The Misses Elsie and Marjorie Cooke, both ringers, daughters of Mr. J. Cooke, captain of St. Peter's company and Ringing Master of the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, were married respectively to Mr. Frederick Oldroyd, a ringer at Ossett Parish Church, Wakefield, and Mr. David Meredith Poole, a member of the Rock Ferry band.

Miss Elsie Cooke started ringing when 14 years of age and has rung one peal in five methods. In addition she has rung 720's in various methods, including many of the Surprise methods. Since 1929 she has been a member of the band at West Clandon, a village near Guildford, Surrey. Miss Marjorie Cooke was only 12 years old when she started in the belfry, and has rung three peals, including one in seven Surprise methods, which was the first peal on the bells by the local band. She has also rung a 720 in all the 41 Surprise methods which the Rock Ferry company rang in the year 1934. Mr. Fred Oldroyd learned to ring at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, and rang one peal there before he left for his Yorkshire home. Mr. Poole began his ringing after his engagement to his bride.

The interesting double ceremony attracted a large amount of interest, and many ringers were among the large congregation of well-wishers. The Rev. J. D. Pearson, Vicar of St. Peter's, officiated, and the brides were given in marriage by their father. They wore similar frocks of ivory satin. Their veils of silk embroidered tulle were held in place by halos of orange blossom and they carried bouquets of pink carnations. Each was attended by two bridesmaids.

During the reception at St. Peter's Hall, which followed the service, two wedding cakes, decorated with silver bells, were cut simultaneously and the company toasted the 'bells' and their grooms.

Needless to say, the bells of St. Peter's Church greeted the happy couples and were rung to various touches in honour of the event.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Lyme Regis, Dorset, on Saturday, April 3rd, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Minor: E. Hawker 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 4, F. Blackmore 5, C. W. Powell 6. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble. Rung in honour of the marriage of Lt.-Comdr. Walpole John Eyre, younger son of the Rev. G. F. and Mrs. Eyre (Mayor and Mayoress of Lyme Regis) to Miss Joy Best, which took place at Merrow, near Guildford, that afternoon. Also as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Blackmore on the sixth anniversary of their wedding.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO DEVISE CORONATION RINGING SCHEME.**

The meeting of the North-Western District of the Surrey Association, held at Croydon Parish Church on Easter Monday, attracted members and friends from a very wide area. Fifty-two ringers attended, representing the following 26 towers: Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Bolton (Laues), Camberwell, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Baling, Edmonton, Epsom (Christ Church), Headingley (Yorks), Kingston, Haslemere, Langport (Somerset), Merstham, Merton, Reigate, Sevenoaks, Southgate, Streatham (St. Leonard's), Sunbury, Tunbridge Wells, Uckfield (Sussex), Wimbledon and Woodford (Essex).

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. C. Kinnear, who conveyed to the meeting the apologies of the Bishop of Croydon for unavoidable absence.

After welcoming the association to Croydon Parish Church, the Rev. Kinnear said he had been warned by his colleagues of the belfry not to talk about bells or bellringing. He could talk about anything else he liked, so long as he did not give an address the subject of which was bells. He had no idea what the penalty would be, but decided not to risk it. So he read a portion of the 24th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, and then described in homely and familiar terms the journey of the two disciples from Jerusalem to Emmaus. 'Like those disciples,' he said, 'we often fail to recognise the Man who would be, if we so desire, our companion throughout the journey of life, helping us through our difficulties and comforting us in our sorrows. If only,' he added, 'we could realise more fully the nearness of Christ when we were ringing the bells, the message of those bells would always be the right one.'

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and afterwards some good hand-bell ringing was heard.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the District Ringing Master, Mr. Dan Cooper. Mr. Frank Butler was elected a member of the association.

A discussion took place on the question of ringing for the Coronation, with a view to getting the bells rung at all towers in the district, and, if possible, assisting those towers which are likely to be short-handed. The matter was referred to the District Committee to devise a scheme to this end.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Bishop for the use of the bells; to the Rev. J. C. Kinnear for conducting the service and giving the address; and to Mr. Dan Cooper for making all the necessary arrangements for the comfort and refreshment of the visitors.

A return to the tower was then made, where ringing continued.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Edgar Guise was elected hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for the twentieth time at the annual meeting at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday.

The Rev. H. Drake, hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild for the first 15 years of its existence, gave up office at the annual meeting last Saturday. He is succeeded by Mr. Harold Herbert, of Sudbury.

The revised rules of the Kent County Association were adopted at the annual meeting held on Easter Monday at Ashford, when there was an attendance of over 250 members and friends.

Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, England's oldest bellringer, who will be 100 years old next month, was unable to attend, as he was recovering from influenza. Ringers will celebrate his 100th birthday by a gathering at Aldington on the last Saturday in May.

The Kent Association has 32 life members, 73 hon. members, 968 practising members and 98 juniors, 120 towers in union, and total funds of £971 18s. 5d.

The reports of these meetings will appear in our next issue.

An original copy of Stedman's first 'Campanologia' (1677) recently came to light at Eastbourne. Unfortunately it has a good many pages missing, but through the efforts of Mr. Harold S. Holden it has been secured and will have a permanent home in the ringing chamber at Christ Church.

It is interesting that the name of an early, if not the original, owner of the book is preserved. On the fly leaf is inscribed the name of John Bassett, of Doddsworth, and the date 1698.

The recast bells of the Cathedral of St. Philip, Birmingham, are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, May 1st. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are carrying out the work. At the annual vestry meeting on Friday Mr. George E. Fearn was appointed tower warden and Ringing Master. This is good news. Mr. Fearn's enthusiasm for ringing ensures that the new bells will be made use of.

Our reports include one of a peal of Minor rung at South Perrott, Dorset, by members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild! It was a misunderstanding that it was not a Salisbury Guild peal. All the band came from Aldershot, and because some of them were only compounding members they thought they could not elect the others.

If that rule prevailed the peal of Cinques at Trowbridge the same day could not have been rung for the Salisbury Guild, as there were only compounding members present to do the electing.

The enthusiasm of the Aldershot 'brigade' is well known to their friends. Here is a fact that will interest others, besides. Some of this band made four journeys to South Perrott for this peal, and South Perrott is 110 miles from Aldershot! Motor bikes have been employed, but what is the attraction at South Perrott?

We regret to record the death of Mr. George A. Card, hon. secretary for many years of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. He passed away on Monday in Fulham Hospital. Mr. Card had been in indifferent health for some time past, and only at the last annual meeting in January an assistant secretary was appointed to relieve him of some of the duties.

The inauguration of the recast peal of eight bells at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have hung in a welded steel frame, took place on Saturday. The work was made possible through the legacy of a Darlington lady. A further report of the opening will appear next week.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN WOOD, OF GULVAL.

A WELL-KNOWN CORNISH RINGER.

By the passing of Mr. John Wood, who died suddenly at his home at Gulval, Penzance, on Friday, March 26th, Cornish ringing has lost a familiar figure and many ringers a valued friend. Mr. Wood, with his brother, Mr. William Wood, the late Penzance district secretary, started ringing nearly 50 years ago, and on his moving to Penzance in 1913 joined the Gulval band, where for several years he had been vice-captain and steeplekeeper.

Mr. Wood rang only nine peals, all of Grandsire Triples, but he was always considered to be one of the safest ringers in Cornwall. He rang his first peal at Kenwyn in April, 1927, where he also rang his last in June of last year.

Several ringers from West Cornwall were present at his funeral on Tuesday, when the bells were rung half-muffled.

On Wednesday a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled to his memory at Gulval Church.

PROPOSED RING OF TEN FOR POOLE.

TWO TREBLES WANTED.

An appeal is being made to raise a fund to augment to ten the present peal of bells at Poole, Dorset, in commemoration of the Coronation.

The approximate cost of the addition of the two bells will be about £200, of which £50 has already been promised. The remainder of the task is too great for the parish to undertake unaided, and an appeal to all members of the borough, to old parishioners and to all bell lovers, wherever they may be, is made.

Donations will be gratefully received by the Rector (the Rev. E. G. Harris) and by Mr. I. Davis, 35, Tatnam Road, Poole.

Mr. F. W. Townsend is the enthusiastic Ringing Master at Poole, and his many ringing friends will no doubt be glad to support him in the project.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. L. COLEMAN.

Hon. Secretary Retires After Nearly 20 Years' Service.

At the annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Norwich on Easter Monday, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman relinquished the hon. secretaryship after nearly 20 years' service, and was made the recipient of a gold watch as a mark of the members' appreciation of his long services. Mr. Nolan Golden was elected to the vacant office. Mr. Golden has been serving the association as hon. secretary of both the North and South Norfolk branches.

There was a large gathering of ringers, who had the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, St. Michael at Coslany, St. Giles' and All Saints' at their disposal from 10 a.m. Divine service was held at St. Peter Mancroft Church at 12.30 p.m., when the address was given by the Rev. C. H. Flack, Rector of St. Augustine's, Norwich.

The members afterwards assembled for luncheon at the Bell Hotel, the president, the Ven. G. M. MacDermott, being in the chair, supported by the Rev. H. McMullan (Rector of St. Peter Mancroft) and Mr. Charles E. Borrett (vice-presidents), Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. William J. Lee (chairman of the East Norfolk Branch), Mr. William L. Duffield (chairman of the South Norfolk Branch), Mr. Herbert H. Heyhoe (chairman of the West Norfolk Branch), Mr. John G. W. Harwood (secretary of the East Norfolk Branch), Mr. Nolan Golden (secretary of the North and South Norfolk Branches), Messrs. Eric G. Bennett, George Bailey, Robert W. Cooke, William C. Duffield, John A. Godfrey and Arthur G. King (members of the committee), and representatives from Acle, Aylsham, Bergh Apton, Buxton, Caston, Dickleburgh, Diss, Fakenham, Garboldisham, Gressenhall, Halvergate, Happisburgh, Hethersett, Horsham St. Faith, Lowestoft, Northrepps, Palgrave, Paston, Pulham Market, Reedham, Redenhall, Rockland All Saints', Saxlingham, Shelfanger, Shropham, Snettisham, Swaffham, Wiveton, Wroxham, Wymondham and Yarmouth. The Suffolk Guild was represented by Messrs. E. G. Herbert (Sudbury) and E. F. Poppy (Stoke Ash).

Mr. A. L. Coleman presented the 59th annual report, which stated that the work of the association had been well maintained in all its branches. The balance sheet showed a balance of £7 5s. 6d., a decrease of £3 6s. 8d. on last year. Fifty-six new members had been elected, making the total membership 873. The rings at Scottow and Saham Toney had been restored. The Reserve Fund amounted to £150 12s.

Mr. B. S. Thompson, referring to the substantial reserve fund, suggested that some of it might be used in future to pay a part of the expenses of the members attending the Easter Monday festival at Norwich.

The secretary pointed out that the reserve fund had been drawn on for a number of purposes, and if members' expenses were paid, in three years' time there would be no reserve fund at all.

The question was referred to the Standing Committee.

The Archdeacon announced his resignation of the presidency, which he had held for nine years. He proposed that the Rev. H. McMullan, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, be the new president.—Mr. Coleman, seconding, said that they all regretted that their old president had resigned, but Mr. McMullan would be a worthy successor.—Mr. McMullan was accordingly unanimously elected president.

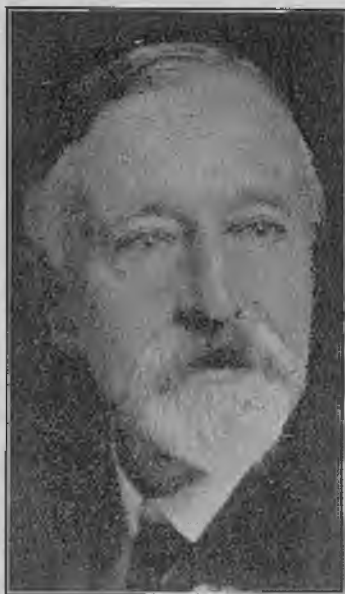
Mr. W. C. Duffield paid a tribute to the amiability and tact of the Archdeacon.

The President said they accepted with very great regret the resignation of Mr. Arthur L. Coleman from the post of general secretary and treasurer. It had been the wish of the members to present him with a memento of his long years of service to the association.

The Archdeacon of Norwich then presented Mr. Coleman with a gold half-hunter watch, inscribed 'Presented by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association of Ringers to Arthur L. Coleman, Esq., General Secretary and Treasurer 1918-1937.'

Mr. Coleman, returning thanks, said it had been a work of love for him for nearly 20 years. After paying a warm tribute to the branch secretaries, Mr. Coleman said he had shared with the late

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MR. ARTHUR L. COLEMAN.

FUNERAL OF MR. ALBERT COPPOCK.

RINGERS AND BRITISH LEGION REPRESENTED.

The funeral of the late Mr. Albert Coppock, Ringing Master at St. Mary's, Nottingham, and Master of the Sherwood Youths, who, as recorded in our last issue, passed away on Easter Sunday, after only a few days' illness, took place on Thursday of last week at Beeston Cemetery, Nottingham.

The news of his death came as a great shock to his many ringing friends and to the members of the Midland Counties Association who met in Nottingham on Easter Monday for their annual meeting. Mr. Coppock was a member of the M.C.A. for about 40 years and had rung 113 peals for the association. He was looking forward to the meeting and keenly anxious it should be a success.

His abilities as a ringer and conductor are well known throughout the Exercise. He conducted the first Surprise peal rung in the county of Nottingham. For 14 years he was a member of the band of St. John's, Beeston, during which period the band reached a very high standard.

In 1924 he took over the tower of St. Mary's, which at that time was in a very poor state. The tower was dark and dingy and there was only a 'stone' band. Under his guidance a wonderful change has taken place. There is a change ringing band in regular attendance for Sunday service ringing and the tower is second to none in the country. Mr. Coppock was a man of deeds, not words, and only those who knew the tower of St. Mary's before his tenure and after can realise the amount of work he accomplished for the church he loved so well. It is a great joy to his fellow-ringers that he lived to see the restoration of the bells and tower of St. Mary's.

The funeral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Right Rev. Bishop Neville S. Talbot, D.D., M.C., and in addition to the family mourners there were present Mr. W. A. Johnson and Dr. Blandy (churchwardens), St. Mary's ringers, Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer, Midland Counties Association), Miss I. B. Thompson (hon. secretary, Sherwood Youths and Ladies' Guild), Miss T. Collings (Ladies' Guild), Mr. H. R. Cobbin (Ringing Master, St. Peter's), Mr. F. S. Price (Ringing Master, Holy Trinity, Lenton), and many local ringers.

During the war Mr. Coppock served with the D.L.I. in France, Belgium and Germany. After the committal, Mr. J. Hobbs, of the British Legion, recited the soldiers' farewell; then a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by F. S. Price 1-2, E. O. Gobey 3-4, F. Gobey 5-6, H. R. Cobbin 7-8.

So was laid to rest a much loved and respected Ringing Master, who leaves behind him an example of thoroughness and duty well done.

In the evening a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by a band of local ringers. This was the first peal on the bells since their restoration in 1935.

At Beeston, after the funeral, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by F. S. Price 1, H. Rogers 2, J. C. Dickens 3, A. B. Moss 4, M. Kirk 5, A. Lowe 6, P. Price (conductor) 7, A. Watton 8.

SECRETARY OF TWO ASSOCIATIONS.

(Continued from previous column.)

Rev. E. W. Carpenter the distinction of holding the office of general secretary in two associations. He (Mr. Coleman) was one of the founders of the Warwickshire Guild in 1907 and also its first secretary. He had always been proud of the Norwich Diocesan Association, as he also was of their peal records, which contained many fine performances.

Mr. Coleman went on to say that during his term of office he had registered 956 members, and he expressed his gratitude and thanks to the leaders of companies and all members for their assistance and loyal support. He had spent many happy years in the interest of the association, and he would continue to help it all he could (applause). He had grown up with the association, and as a boy of 15 well remembered its foundation in 1877. His father was one of the founders, and his godfather, the Rev. George H. Harris, the first general secretary of the association.

The President informed Mr. Coleman that later he would receive an album with the names of the subscribers.

Mr. W. L. Duffield, remarking that they were sorry to lose an admirable servant like Mr. Coleman, proposed Mr. Nolan Golden as the new general secretary and treasurer.—Mr. Coleman seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Golden thanked the members for the expressions of appreciation of his work in the past, and said he hoped he would maintain their confidence in him in the future.

The following new members were registered: The Misses Edith Dove and Gwendoline Walker, of Fakenham, Messrs. Charles A. Farrow and Ernest J. Bessey, of Happisburgh, Mr. Reginald Stone, of Aylsham, performing members, and the Rev. Christopher Chitty an honorary member.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. William Ireland, a foundation member of the association, and the company stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Mr. Golden applied for a grant for the Northrepps Bell Fund, and it was agreed to forward the sum of £2.

A vote of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells and to the Rev. C. H. Flack for his address terminated the business of the meeting.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Restoration of Ripple Tower.

The annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held, as usual, on Easter Monday at Worcester. Unfavourable week-end weather probably decided a number of members living at a distance not to make the journey, and numbers were a little below average. Despite this, however, there was keen discussion at the business meeting, especially with regard to a grant from the general fund towards tower repairs at Ripple.

The meeting was held in the College Hall, by kind permission of the headmaster of the King's School, and was presided over by the Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies, D.Litt., supported by Mr. William Short (Master), the Rev. G. W. Webb (vice-president), the Rev. J. F. Hastings, of Martley (clerical secretary), and Mr. J. D. Johnson (lay secretary). Also present were Messrs. R. Matthews (vice-president), J. R. Newman (vice-president), Charles Camm (Master of the Western Branch), S. T. Holt, C. W. Cooper (librarian) and a good number of members.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the association.

The secretary read letters of thanks on behalf of Norton, Wordsley and Upton-on-Severn Churches, to each of which the sum of £5 had been granted for bell repairs.

Acknowledgments of donations of one guinea each to the William Eye and Dean Moore Ede Memorial Funds were also received, and the Chairman said that the latter fund now stood at about £800. It would be used to provide a memorial window in the cloisters opposite Dr. Ede's grave, and any residue would go to endow a choir scholarship.

Mr. S. T. Holt (Crowle) referred to the position with regard to the bells of St. Helen's, Worcester. He said that since last year's meeting there had been big developments, and the committee should keep an eye on what was going to happen at the church. It was proposed to unite the benefices of St. Helen's and St. Alban's with St. Andrew's and All Saints'. He had it on the authority of the Rector of All Saints' that it might mean the closing down of St. Helen's for services in the near future and probably the church would be removed to the suburbs. They must bear in mind the historic peal of bells at St. Helen's. The Rev. W. R. Buchanan-Dunlop had told him that he thought it would not be of much use to send a motion from that meeting, but added that he would notify them if the bells were likely to be removed from the tower. They would then be able to approach the authorities with regard to preserving the peal. There were also several peal boards in the belfry recording notable peals. These ought not to be lost. The set of handbells presented by the late Mr. Harvey Reeves would probably be removed to All Saints', where they would be in safe keeping. He (Mr. Holt) was keeping an eye on the position and would see that the committee had full knowledge of any decisions on the whole matter.

Mr. Holt also reported that he had conducted a peal of Erin Cinques at Kidderminster on March 6th, this being the annual peal for the association.

It was decided to hold the annual dinner again at Worcester on the last Saturday in September.

BELFRY REPAIR FUND.

Discussion followed on a recommendation of the committee to grant the sum of £2 from the general fund towards the restoration of the tower of St. Mary's, Ripple, this being a special case. It was explained that although the matter was not directly the affair of the association, indirectly it affected all ringers, as the bells, which were in perfect order, could not be rung unless certain repairs were made to the tower.

Mr. Charles Camm said that the estimated cost of the work was £704, and that it had already been begun. Meanwhile the bells were silent.

Mr. Robert Matthews asked why the money could not be granted out of the belfry repair fund, but it was pointed out that this fund was only available for work directly on bells. Mr. Matthews then proposed that the minute affecting the allocation of money from the repair fund be altered to include towers, although in opposition to this it was held that in the event of such an alteration calls would probably be made on the fund in cases where ringing was not at stake.

The Chairman, however, ruled Mr. Matthews' proposal out of order, as the rules provide that notices of motion to be brought up at the annual meeting must be given to the secretary at least one month before the meeting.

Mr. Newman explained that the belfry repair fund was formed solely for work on bells. This was a special case and should be treated as such. It was decided to pay the money out of the general fund, and provision was made that, if the composition of the minute governing the repair fund were altered to include tower repair, the money could be repaid from the repair fund to the general fund.

The advisability of consultation with regard to bell restorations was emphasised and the secretary drew attention to a paragraph in the annual report, which read: 'Activity in bell restoration continues. . . Unfortunately, one or two indifferent jobs have come to our notice, in each case the work having been completed without reference either to the Diocesan Advisory Board or to this association, the result being unsatisfactory from the ringers' point of view. We in this diocese are fortunate in being represented on the former body by a practical

ringer. We have men appointed who are ready to give advice on all matters in connection with rings of bells, and we regret that more use is not made of their services. We earnestly appeal to all incumbents and parochial church councils having the care of peals of bells, and where restoration schemes are contemplated, to make full use of the practical advice which is available and so ensure that nothing but the best is done for our bells.'

The fifty-second annual report, after speaking of the part it was hoped ringers would play in the Coronation, the changes among the officers of the association and the success of last year's annual dinner, which was attended by 74 members, alluded to the substantial increase in the membership of the Western Branch this year of 19. This increase was, unfortunately, offset by a decrease in the other two branches. The statement of accounts showed a loss on the year's working of £3 2s. 10d., due, in the main, to small extras of a non-recurring type. 'This loss,' the report states, 'should be counter-balanced next year.' Income, together with a favourable balance in hand of £4 13s. 7d., was £66 17s. 7d., and expenditure was £65 6s. 10d., leaving a balance in hand of £1 10s. 9d.—The report and accounts were both considered very satisfactory and were adopted.

Mr. C. W. Cooper reported briefly on the library.

CHANGE IN CLERICAL SECRETARY.

The following were elected officers for 1937 and thanked for past services: President, the Very Rev. Arthur Davies; Master, Mr. William Short; lay secretary, Mr. J. D. Johnson; auditors, Messrs. S. T. Holt and E. E. Barber; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Johnson; the clerical and lay vice-presidents were elected, with the substitution of the Rev. J. F. Hastings (the retiring clerical secretary) for the Rev. G. W. Webb (who was taking up that post).

Mr. Short was congratulated on ringing his 900th peal. Mr. Sid Holt said, 'It is a big thing to do; more than any other member of the association has done.' He went on to say that not all the peals had been rung for their association, but a number of them had been notable and others had helped younger ringers through their first peal. All would join in wishing Mr. Short good health to accomplish the feat of ringing a thousand peals (applause). The number who had rung a thousand was a very small and select company—not more than a dozen in the country (applause).

Mr. J. S. Mason (Northern Branch secretary) called attention to Mr. Short's commencement of his 50th year of membership of the association, and said this was a record of service equalled by few.

With regard to the election of a clerical secretary, the Rev. J. F. Hastings said he had held the post for 25 years, but circumstances had arisen which prevented him from continuing. He proposed as his successor the Rev. G. W. Webb, and this was agreed.

Appreciation of the services rendered to the association by Mr. Hastings was voiced by Mr. J. R. Newman. He said that in his early days Mr. Hastings had been an active ringer. In Martley he was always trying to encourage young ringers, and in this had been successful with many of them. He proposed that the highest thanks of the meeting be given to Mr. Hastings.

Seconding, Mr. Short said they were all sorry to lose Mr. Hastings, but he thought they had a good man in his place.

On the proposition of Mr. Holt, it was agreed to add Mr. Hastings' name to the list of freemen of the association, and this decision was applauded.

Mr. Hastings, acknowledging the compliment, said he had had ringing in his heart all his life and had never spent a happier time than when ringing. He learned to ring at Areley Kings Church by getting up on Sunday morning to ring the 'eight o'clock' bell. He was very proud when he got the fifth bell up—it weighed about 6 cwt. When he went to Oxford he got under Washbrook, Robinson and other famous men, and used to go about with them on 'ringing weeks.'

One life member and three performing members were elected.

After discussion it was agreed that the annual peal be attempted on the Worcester Cathedral bells, and Mr. Sid Holt was asked to conduct.

The meeting closed 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 for the use of the bells during the day.

Following the meeting, the members attended service in the Cathedral, at which the special preacher was the Rev. J. F. Hastings. He took as his text St. Paul's words, 'Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily.' St. Paul, he said, might be regarded as a saint peculiarly connected with our own land. There was a tradition that he had visited it and our greatest cathedral was named after him. The largest bell in the land was known as Great Paul. St. Paul's Christianity was keen and practical, and ringers would do well to imitate him in their work. It was God's work and ought to be well done. Theory was necessary to their art, but it was useless without a great deal of practice and enthusiasm. The preacher concluded by telling a story of the patience and enthusiasm of a schoolmaster in North Germany. A new bell was needed for the church and he carefully tended a blade of corn and sowed the increase until he was the owner of such a large crop that he was able to sell it and buy the bell—a fine lesson of perseverance.

During the service a collection was taken for the repair fund of Ripple, and the Dean closed with special prayers and Benediction.

The annual meeting is inseparable from actual ringing, and bells were going in the city until quite late. Besides the fine peal of 12 at the Cathedral, which was only available for a short time, the bells of All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), St. Swithun's (6) and St. Nicholas' (6) were used to good effect.

DEATH OF MR. J. J. JONES.**AN OLD WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OFFICIAL.**

The death occurred on Saturday at his home in Guildford of Mr. John J. Jones, who formerly was one of the most energetic officers in the old Winchester Diocesan Guild. Mr. Jones was about 79 years of age and had been in failing health for some time, but it was a pathetic coincidence that his wife predeceased him by only a few hours.

Mr. Jones went to Guildford as a young man in the printing trade, and later set up for himself, combining with printing a newsagent's business and later adding a wholesale side to his concern.

His interest in ringing began in the early eighties of last century. He learnt to handle a rope at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, where he was a worshipper, and all his ringing life was associated with that tower. He rang his first peal on the old eight there on May 27th, 1889, which Mr. George Williams conducted. Altogether he had rung about 130 peals in twelve methods, but it is many years now since he took part in such a performance.

His work for the Winchester Diocesan Guild made a lasting mark in the area of which Guildford is the centre. When the Guild was split into districts about the year 1895 Mr. Jones became secretary of the Guild-

**THE LATE MR. J. J. JONES**

ford District, which then covered an area from Haslemere to Leatherhead, and he threw himself wholeheartedly into the task, encouraging towers to join and doing excellent propaganda work among both clergy and ringers.

He continued in office until February, 1921, when he resigned and in recognition of his valuable work he was made an honorary life member of the Guild. In 1919, on the occasion of his marriage, the members of the Guildford District presented him with a handsome coffee service.

After his resignation as district secretary, Mr. Jones was less seen in the belfry, but he followed the affairs of the Guild with interest, and on the division of the diocese a few years later was one of those who successfully championed the scheme for the formation of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, and his advice and help in this matter was of great value. He became a life member of the new Guild.

Mr. Jones was a member of other associations, among them the Royal Cumberland Youths and the Sussex Association.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM IRELAND.**A FOUNDATION MEMBER OF THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

One of the few remaining original members of the Norwich Diocesan Association was laid to rest on Tuesday, March 30th, in Diss Cemetery.

William Ireland would have been 85 years of age on May 6th. He had been a ringer at Diss for over 60 years, and had taken part in 103 peals, five of which were rung on handbells. His first peal for the association was at Diss on December 17th, 1877, a 7,040 of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by James Rudd, while 'Paddy' himself, besides conducting a number of peals of the usual length, called Reeves' 7,296 of Treble Bob Major (Kent Variation) at Debenham on June 26th, 1880, and Sottanstell's 10,272 at the same tower in the same method four months later (October 16th).

On May 12th, 1883, William Ireland set out to call Day's 16,608 of Treble Bob, at Debenham, but one of the band became ill and so the bells were brought round at the first part to give a peal of 5,568 changes. A septuagenarians' peal was rung at Pulham Market on October 28th, 1922, and Diss was represented by both William Ireland and the late John Souther, who rang the tenor and conducted the peal. It is interesting to note that Mr. R. H. Brundle took part in all the above mentioned peals except the one at Diss in 1877. For many years 'Paddy' had been the secretary of the Diss District, resigning in 1929 when the association was reorganised into its present four branches.

The funeral took place at Diss on Tuesday afternoon, March 30th. Four brother ringers—Messrs. George Archer, Albert G. Harrison, Clement J. More and William Steggall—acted as bearers. A wreath inscribed 'In remembrance of our oldest member and former secretary of St. Mary's Church, Diss,' was among the floral tributes, and a course of Grandfire Triples was rung over the grave on the deceased's own handbells.

Other ringers present included Messrs. Eric G. Bennett (Garboldisham), Herbert G. Fulcher (Starston), Nolan Golden (Norwich, general secretary and treasurer), George Mayers (Norwich), Ernest F. Poppy (Stoke Ash), Frederick J. Roope (Pulham Market) and Mr. Frederick C. Roper (Shelfanger).

A well-struck half-muffled peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung later in the afternoon as a token of respect, and is recorded in the appropriate columns.

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18th CENTURY PEAL RECORDS.

Will all secretaries, or any interested ringers who have collected records of old peals rung previous to 1825, please forward same or particulars, not later than May 1st for this year's report to the Central Council, to Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hornby on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends to come and spend a profitable half day.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, April 10th. The local captain informs me that his band will be in attendance from 3.30; so what about it? You will expect your secretary to be there, why not come and keep him company? You will be welcome.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury, Lancs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Merstham on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by service. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at West Malling (8 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Please send names or numbers for tea to Mr. W. A. Sloman, St. Leonard's Street, West Malling.—A. Waddington, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Tea in Hackforth's Café at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting for election of officers, etc., after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, April 10th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting after tea. A good attendance is hoped for.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, April 10th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards. Election of officers, etc. All ringers welcome.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

WORCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Mickleton on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea (1s. per head).—J. E. Newman, Hon. Sec., Hinton, Evesham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A Gainsborough District meeting will be held at Lea (6 bells) on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 4.15 p.m.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 22, Grey Street, Gainsborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Abbots on Saturday, April 10th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The above district will hold their first meeting at Ticknall on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Special Minor method for practice: Double Court. The success of this new venture depends upon the attendance. All ringers invited. Tea, 4.45.—Joseph W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, April 10th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Petherton on Saturday, April 10th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. For tea please notify early.—F. Farrant, Martock.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby District will be held at Thornton Curiis on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, April 10th. Ringing at St. John's R.C. (6 bells) 3 to 4 p.m. 4 p.m., ringing and business meeting at the Parish Church. Tea in school 5.30.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Wrangle on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Angel Hotel at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Compton Dando on Saturday, April 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 4.30 p.m. Roll up and support the new secretary.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at St. Giles' on Saturday, April 10th. Ringing from 3. Tea in Parish Hall 5. Service at 6.15. Address by the Master (Rev. R. H. Gundry).—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 10th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, April 10th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea in the Church Hall.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Retford on Saturday, April 10th, when the bells of East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be at our disposal. Service in East Retford Church will be at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by the business meeting. I hope all members will endeavour to be present. Please send a card for tea to R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—A ring of 6, rehung in a new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by Prebendary W. H. F. Randolph, on Sunday, April 11th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. H. Nash, The Talbot, Mells.

WALGRAVE, NORTHAMPTON.—The ring of 5 (tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, April 11th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for service at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on April 11th and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on April 25th at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice at Shoreditch on the 29th, commencing at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Assistant Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The meeting arranged at Hitchin for Saturday, April 17th, has had to be cancelled. Please note new arrangements: Hitchin, Monday, April 12th. Bells available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is an opportunity for members and visitors to bid farewell to the Rev. R. D. R. Routh, who is leaving the county. Make an effort—and come.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 27th; St. Magnus' on April 15th, 29th, St. Andrew's on the 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business of the day.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

ALL SAINTS', KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—Dedication of bells on Saturday, April 17th, by Lord Bishop of Southwark. Service 3 p.m. Ringing after service and again after tea. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Taffender, 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Batheaston, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Pennard on Saturday, April 17th. Divine service and dedication of Memorial Tablet to the late Master (1925-1935), the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, will be performed by the Rev. L. S. Lewis, with address by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Master) at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea must notify me by April 12th.—F. D. Rickards, 32, Burcott Road, Wells, Som.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, April 17th. 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, 14th? This is essential. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ASHBURTON, DEVON.—On Saturday, April 17th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton; ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne St. John and Monk Sherborne on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Sherborne St. John Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by April 13th to Mr. G. C. Hammond, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—West Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Netherbury on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea by April 15th, please.—C. H. Lathey, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Saturday, April 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m., Preacher, Rev. E. G. Turner, Vicar of Cripplegate. Meat tea at the Zita Restaurant, 9, Fore Street (adjoining the church) at 5 o'clock, at 1s. 3d. each. Please advise either of the undersigned by April 14th. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 12 bells, from 2 to 4.30, and after the meeting; St. James', Clerkenwell (8) from 2 to 4 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry (8) from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Important—send in your notice for tea.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, Joint Hon. Secs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 17th. The bells of St. Andrew's Church, rings of 8 and 5, will be available from 3 p.m. Committee meet in the Church House at 4 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea in the White Heather Café, Market Place, at 5.15. Business meeting immediately after tea in the Church House. — Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, near Coventry.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cople on Saturday, April 17th. The bells (5) 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.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at SS. James and Basil, Fenham, on Saturday, April 17th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Trams Nos. 31 and 32 from the Central Station pass the church. Special method: Double Bob Major.—K. Arthur, Hon. Sec.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—The bells will be opened on Saturday, April 17th, after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Service at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head to all who send by Wednesday, April 14th, to C. J. Watts, Church End Lane, Tilehurst, Reading.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch. — Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's on Saturday, April 17th, at 3 p.m. St. Paul's bells will be open. Visitors, please notify early and oblige.—F. W. Merrett, 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, April 15th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Whetstone on April 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in schoolroom for those who notify me by April 15th.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Orwell on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Nags Head 5 p.m. Meldreth bells available from 6 p.m. Please support this meeting and encourage our five-bell ringers.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Chelsfield, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Teas at 1s. per head to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, April 13th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Good bus service from Wellingborough. Please send cards to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, April 17th, at 6.30 p.m.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch will hold their next meeting at Ruardean on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m., Church Room. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, April 14th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please notify Mr. Jas. Martin, 15, Fairly Crescent, Orrell, Bootle. Subscriptions due.—A. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Luton Parish Church on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, followed by business, at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. J. Plummer, Sec., c/o Post Office, Leighton Buzzard.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clement on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by April 12th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A joint meeting with the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held on Saturday, April 17th, at Terrington St. Clement. Bells (8) from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. per head) will be provided for those who notify by the previous Wednesday. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting is to be held at New Hay (St. Thomas') on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please come along and support us. You will be welcome.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Bromborough (8 bells) on Saturday, April 17th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 24th. At a service at 3.30 p.m. the Lord Bishop of Guildford will dedicate a memorial, erected by the Cathedral ringers, to the late Provost E. C. Kirwan. Tea and meeting will follow the service. Full details later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley (10 bells) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in Café at 5 p.m. to all who notify before April 22nd, Mr. P. H. Derbyshire, Beesley Green, Worsley, Manchester; 1s. each.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 24th, in conjunction with the half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association. For arrangements see further notice.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pulham Market (illness at Redenhall) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 2.30; service 4.15; tea 4.45. Special business—election of branch secretary. Special methods—Bristol Surprise and Cambridge Court.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 21st?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, April 24th. Bells of St. Mary's

available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Anchorage at 5 p.m. Please let Mr. J. McRobie, 58, Bensham Road, Gateshead, know by April 22nd. All ringers and friends welcome, a hearty invitation being extended to all.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Six bell contest and meeting to be held at Lindley, Saturday, April 24th. Applications for teas and entries for contest to be in my hands April 17th.—Fred Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notification for tea to be sent to me by April 19th.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, nr. Exeter.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 24th, at St. Mary's, Holloway Road, Holloway, N.7. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Will those wanting tea please let me know by Wednesday, April 21st?—James G. A. Prior, Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Otterton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30; also Colaton Raleigh and East Budleigh (6) bells. Service at 4.30 p.m. The address will be given by the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Grimaldi, R.D.). Tea at 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, April 19th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Names for tea if required.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon.

STEWKLEY, BUCKS.—The Bishop of Buckingham will dedicate the trebles to existing peal of 6, which have been returned, on April 29th at 3 p.m. All ringers are invited.

RAMPISHAM, near Dorchester.—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Friday, April 30th, at 6.15 p.m., by the Bishop of Salisbury. Ring of five restored and rehung in new frame by John Taylor and Co.

DEATH.

IRELAND.—At 3, Mere Street, Diss, on Good Friday, March 26th, William Ireland, aged 84 years.

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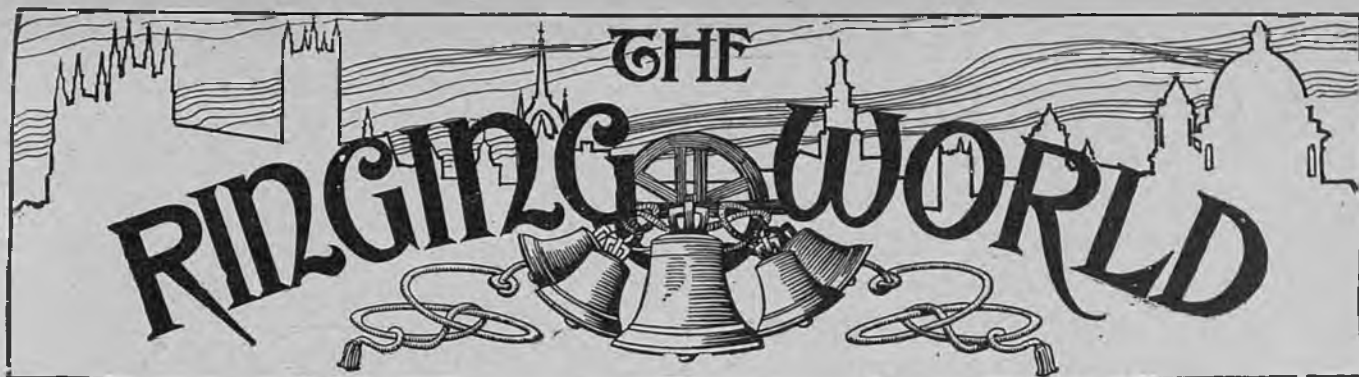
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Thetford, in Norfolk, wanted its church bells restored and made ready for ringing at the Coronation. The people knew what they wanted, apparently they were prepared to put up the money, but the Bishop's Advisory Committee, backed by the opinion of Mr. William Weir, the architect, successfully appealed to the Chancellor of the Diocese to curtail the plans that had been contemplated. The bells are not to be cut about, the cannons are not to be removed and the old headstocks are to be retained. And Thetford will not have its bells for the Coronation. It will be small comfort that the Chancellor of the Diocese says he is prepared to take the blame for it.

The representative of the Bishop's Advisory Committee had to admit that in Thetford the committee's intervention was regarded as 'unnecessary fuss by a body of faddists,' and, in a letter to the Chancellor, one of the churchwardens wrote that 'the damage already caused to the religious work of the church is such that it will not recover for a generation.' Obviously Thetford deeply feels the snub that the interference of the Advisory Committee has given it, and well it may do so. It doesn't, for instance, help the 'recall to religion' when, in their enthusiasm to improve the possessions of their church, the parishioners find themselves thwarted by the whims of a few outside antiquarians. We can understand resentment at interference of this kind, and especially when the delay involved will also affect the display of loyalty which the people were anxious to give—even if the Chancellor does personally take the blame because, as he said, 'applications to do things in a hurry in order to be in time for particular seasons or occasions harden my heart and make me very suspicious and slow.'

The root trouble with applications for faculties for bell restorations is the prejudice of antiquarians. There are many cases throughout the country where bell restorations have been absolutely spoiled—except as examples of antiquarian preservation—by the imposition, through the Diocesan Advisory Committees, of the will of an architect who in these undertakings is influenced by the desire to preserve ancient things which have outlived their usefulness. When it is a case of saving some old building from collapse these efforts may be praiseworthy enough, but in the case of bells it is a totally different matter. Bells have to be rung by man-power, and if they are to be properly rung, with precision and dignity, they demand modern treatment. It is a pity that ecclesiastical architects are not also bell ringers. If they were, we feel sure that many of the 'botched up' jobs which

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churches are compelled to be content with, would never be recommended. Some day, perhaps, diocesan architects may have a little more sympathy with those who have to ring the bells, but while antiquarians dominate the Advisory Committees and Chancellors 'harden their hearts and become suspicious' before they have heard the cases, there is little hope either that the public will be given the most musical bells, or ringers receive the consideration they deserve.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt. in C sharp.

NOLAN GOLDEN 1 Treble	*ARTHUR G. KING 7
GEORGE MAVERS 2	†EDWIN R. GOATE 8
*JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... 9
WILLIAM J. CLOVER 4	GEORGE BAILEY 10
*ERIC G. BENNETT 5	*CHARLES F. SAYER 11
*R. WILLIAM BARBER 6	*HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... Treble	†JAMES M. BAILEY 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	*HARRY D. LISTER 8
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
†HARRY R. ROPER 4	*LESLIE BRETT 10
GEORGE A. FLEMING 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 6	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † 100th peal. † First peal of Cinques on tower bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*JOHN ADDLETON 1 Treble	†ERNEST HALL 6
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... 2	JOHN SMITH 7
†JOSEPH LAWRENCE 3	JOHN WOODBERRY 8
†KRITH SALTER 4	ALBERT J. WRIGHT 9
WALTER H. RAXTER 5	†FREDERICK J. HINTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. PIGGOTT. Conducted by CHAS. H. WOODBERRY.

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

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

*FRANK L. START 1 Treble	ERNEST BRETT 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 3	FRANK E. DARBY 8
ERNEST J. KING 4	RAYMOND J. COUSINS 9
CHARLES A. HUGHES 5	JACK A. WAUGH Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER

* First peal on ten bells and in the method. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. George Fox and Miss Margaret Stracey.

BANBURY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MARIE R. CROSS Treble	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 6
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... 2	ERNEST PEARSON 7
R. GORDON CROSS 3	FRANCIS E. MAY 8
WALTER F. JUDGE 4	HERBERT IMPEY 9
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5	WILLIAM ASTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5048 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE RADLEY Treble	*NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 6
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 3	*JAMES E. BAILEY 8
GEORGE W. STIERE 4	*EDWARD J. BEER 9
*ROBERT HEAZLE 5	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. First ten-bell peal by the ringers of the 6th and 8th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. HELENA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	*SIDNEY BROWN 6
CHARLES W. COOK 3	*REGINALD L. LATHBURY ... 7
MANSFIELD GINN 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

HERBERT LUDKIN Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 5
LESTER L. GRAY 2	*ERNEST F. BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	EDWARD CADUCE 7
ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

* First peal of Surprise on an "inside" bell. First Surprise peal on the bells since they were recast.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

BERNARD COLLINSON Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 2	*ERNEST J. LADD 6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 7
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*EDGAR H. G. TINGEY ... Treble	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 5
*REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 2	*BERT F. CALCOIT 6
ALBERT SYMONDS 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5
WALTER BINGHAM 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
HARRY WARBURTON 3	THOMAS LEE 7
GEORGE M. THORPE 4	JOHN W. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. W. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Mary Isa Grant, of Dore, and Mr. Duncan R. Mackintosh, of Drumalin, Inverness, which took place at the above church on March 31st. First peal as conductor.

WARBURTON, ORESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

*JOSEPH WHITAKER ... Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
KENNETH LEWIS 3	LIONEL CLOUGH 7
WILLIAM FERNLEY 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (61).

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

ALTARNON, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11 cwt, 3 qr, 4 lb.

WILLIAM J. SANDERS ... Treble	*MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN 5
CYRIL E. LANKON 2	EDWARD SANDERS 6
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 3	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 7
FREDERICK H. HARRIS ... 4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANKON.

* 50th peal. First peal on the bells. Rung within the octave of Easter.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*PERCY WEBB Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2	*MANSFIELD GINN 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 3	*FRANK WARRINGTON 7
*CHARLES W. COOK 4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY

* First peal in the method, and the first attempt by ringers of treble, fourth and sixth. First peal in the method as conductor. The band wish to associate with the peal the name of Mr. F. G. Gleaves, who was unfortunately prevented from taking part.

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(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 21½ cwt.	
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble		*JESSE HARRISON ... 5	
MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2		WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6	
MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3		HARRY WINGROVE ... 7	
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4		*REGINALD EMMANS ... Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. B. P. Wells and Mrs. Wells, who are shortly leaving the district, also as a compliment to Miss O. Biggs and Mr. R. Blaby, who were married at Hughenden on Easter Monday.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 24½ cwt.	
H. ERNEST COX ... Treble		JOHN J. WEBB ... 5	
*ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 2		ALFRED T. POULTON ... 6	
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 3		WILLIAM POSTON ... 7	
†CHARLES L. SADLER ... 4		HARVEY H. WINNEY ... Tenor	

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Stedman at first attempt. † 100th peal for the Hereford Guild, his first peal having been rung on this bell.

CHESHUNT, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.	
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
GEORGE RADLEY ... 2	JOHN G. NASH ... 6
MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 3	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 7
EDWARD H. KING ... 4	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Radley on being elected president of the association at its annual meeting on Easter Monday.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

CECIL NICE ... Treble	JACK M. CRIFFS ... 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD ... Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5
MISS DORIS DOBBIE ... 2	ROBERT S. LAMBERT ... 6
REGINALD B. LAMBERT ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
ARTHUR S. BOAR ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON.
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE H. PAULSON ... Treble	ALFRED H. BOWLER ... 5
EDWIN HOPKINSON ... 2	RONALD ALLSOP ... 6
VICTOR E. TAYLOR ... 3	HERBERT E. TAYLOR ... 7
HUGH W. GREGORY ... 4	ERNEST PAULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by H. E. TAYLOR.

First peal of Stedman by all the band except the ringer of the 4th. Rung for the wedding of Miss Agatha F. Griffiths, younger daughter of the Rev. R. Griffiths, Rector of Darley Dale, to Capt. Charles S. Robinson, Royal Army Ordnance Corps. The Rev. R. Griffiths is an honorary member of the M.C.A.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY HARRISON ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... 5
JOHN P. FIDLER ... 2	WILLIAM SMITH ... 6
JOHN GRUNDY ... 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 7
LESLIE STEVENS ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the late Mr. James Smith Hutehby, for 40 years a ringer at Loughborough Parish Church, who was interred on the 3rd inst.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

GEORGE WINES ... Treble	JOSEPH LOVETT ... 5
FREDERICK LASBURY ... 2	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 6
HERBERT DAVIES ... 3	TOM PAGE ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	WILLIAM PAGE ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by HERBERT DAVIES.

Specially arranged and rung as a silver wedding peal for the conductor, and a birthday peal for the wife of the ringer of the 7th.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 8, 1937, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	WILLIAM SEELY ... 6
JOHN E. ROOTES ... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
EDWIN JENNINGS ... 4	WILLIAM CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BELWER (No. 6).

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. G. Montague Hall, Rector of Bushey for 39 years, who was cremated at Golders Green on this day. He was a patron of the association for many years and took a very keen interest in ringing.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES

ILKESTON ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr. 2 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	*HAROLD JUDD ... 5
JAMES W. GODDARD ... 2	†JAMES CHAPMAN ... 6
WALTER M. GODDARD ... 3	*JOSEPH ATKINSON ... 7
*FRED LACEY ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Major in two methods. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Bray, also to Miss June Hoodless.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourn; (2) London and Wells; (3) Durham and York; (4) Northumberland; (5) Beverley; (6) Carlisle; (7) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet and York. Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM OLDMAN Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	*JOSEPH O. LANDAN 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 14 Surprise methods 'inside.'

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob, each with four different callings, and 26 of Grandsire, with 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HARRY HOSKINS Treble	*EDWIN A. BARNETT 3
*MISS H. OAKSHETT 2	*JAMES BENNETT 4
†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Tenor	

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in five methods. First peal in five methods on the bells. The name Reverse Canterbury is taken from the C.C. Collection, though it is there incorrectly applied.

LEA, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, April 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings) and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN LUNN Treble	†JOSEPH A. LUNN 4
†JOSEPH DIXON 2	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 5
NOEL B. THURLBY 3	GEORGE W. HUDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEO. L. A. LUNN.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles 'inside.' Rung in honour of the 27th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Lunn, parents of the ringers of 1, 4 and 5, which takes place on April 20th, this being the nearest available date.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 4
*REGINALD WOODYATT ... 2	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in seven methods. First seven-method peal as conductor.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

720 Stedman, 720 Plain Bob and 3,600 Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*TREVOR RODERICK Treble	ALBERT DEVONALD 4
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS 2	GWYN I. LEWIS 5
JOHN E. BLOXHAM 3	WYNDEHAM LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung to welcome the Rev. D. W. Rees, who was inducted to the above church previous to the peal.

COLMWORTH, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire (ten callings) and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

DONALD COCKINGS Treble	HENRY J. PARKER 3
*WILLIAM CHAMBERLAIN ... 2	LEONARD WILLIAMS 4
FRANK W. LACK Tenor	

Conducted by F. W. LACK.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The treble was added last year in memory of Mr. W. T. Lack, father of the conductor. The peal was a birthday compliment to Miss D. Howkins and Miss P. M. Lack, who both came of age during the preceding week.

LINCOLN, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JACK VESSEY Treble	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 4
PERCY HOLMES 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Fowler, who is retiring after 25 years as Vicar of the above church.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Bob and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HERBERT SUTTON Treble	HARRY THELWELL 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 5
ALBERT THOMAS 3	HARRY PARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. PARKER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of H. W. Howard's parents and as a birthday compliment to H. Thelwell's father.

CASTLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Bankes James' Arrangement. Tenor 11 cwt.

RALPH BIRD Treble	*RONALD SUCKLING 4
ALBERT CATERWELL 2	ALCO M. GENERY 5
BERNARD W. PETTITT 3	THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. The conductor's first Surprise peal and first peal as conductor. He is only 16 years of age and had not previously called a bob in the method.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores of St. Simon's, nine each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 20 of Grandsire, with 22 different callings. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

HAROLD C. R. VINE Treble	*DOUGLAS W. RANSOM ... 3
*H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 2	GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 4
E. T. PAUL FIELD Tenor	

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* 50th peal. † First peal in four methods. First peal on the bells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary's Church on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed and conducted by W. T. Elson: T. Bolton 1, A. C. Williams 2, C. E. G. Moody 3, P. J. Bilby 4, F. Mead 5, W. Winter (first quarter and first attempt) 6, W. T. Elson 7, F. W. Wicks 8. Arranged especially for the ringer of the 8th.

FORTHCOMING BELL OPENINGS.

ASHBURTON, DEVON.—On Saturday, April 17th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton; ring of eight restored by John Taylor & Co.

TILEHURST, BERKS.—The bells will be opened on Saturday, April 17th, after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Service at 3 p.m.

KING'S SUTTON, near Banbury.—On Sunday, April 18th, at 3.30 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough. Ring of eight restored by John Taylor and Co.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.—The restored peal of 8 bells at Great Waltham will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford on Tuesday, April 20th, at 8 p.m.—L. J. Clark, Gen. Sec.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.—Special Thanksgiving Service for the restoration of the ring of 8 bells, which has been carried out by John Taylor and Co., will take place on Tuesday, April 20th, at 8 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Chelmsford.

GLODWICK, OLDHAM.—Re-dedication of bells, at St. Mark's Church, will take place on Sunday, April 25th, by the Lord Bishop of Hulme. The bells have been recast and rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

HARTHILL, SHEFFIELD.—The peal of 8 (tenor 17 cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Sheffield on Tuesday, April 27th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LLANFIHANGEL RHYDEITHON.—The ring of 5, restored and increased to 6 (tenor 6 cwt.) by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by Dr. Morgan, Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, on Wednesday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

STEWKLEY BUCKS.—The Bishop of Buckingham will dedicate the trebles to existing peal of 6, which have been retuned, on April 29th at 3 p.m. All ringers are invited.

RAMPISHAM, near Dorchester.—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Friday, April 30th, at 6.15 p.m., by the Bishop of Salisbury. Ring of five restored and rehung in new frame by John Taylor and Co.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL.—Preliminary Notice.—The ring of 10 (tenor 31 cwt.), recast and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, May 1st, in the evening. Further particulars later.

BURTON HASTINGS, near Nuneaton.—The bells will be dedicated on Saturday, May 1st, at 5.30 p.m., by the Bishop of Coventry. The peal has been restored and augmented by five by John Taylor and Co.

STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK.—The ring of five bells, recently rehung and augmented by Howell and Son, will be dedicated by the Bishop of the diocese on Sunday, May 2nd, at 3 p.m. A tea will be provided. Notice of intention to be present to E. F. Poppy, Stoke Ash, Eye.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—The peal of 8, increased to 10 (tenor 15½ cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford on Sunday, May 2nd, at 11 a.m. Ringers' meeting at Willenhall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Address by the Venerable R. L. Hodson, Archdeacon of Stafford. Tea 5.30 (1s. each). Please send names for tea not later than Tuesday, May 4th, to C. Wallater, 1, Marston Street, Willenhall.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**AGENDA FOR THE CANTERBURY MEETING.**

The second session of the sixteenth Council (45th annual meeting) will be held in the Chapter House, Canterbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, May 18th, 1937, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning session will be adjourned at 1.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2.30, or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

1. Report of the hon. secretary as to membership and payment of subscriptions.
2. Election of honorary members.
The following retire and are eligible for re-election: The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. E. C. S. Turner and Mr. Stephen H. Wood.
3. Presentation of new members to the president. (Rule 11.)
4. Apologies for absence.
5. Loss of members through death.
6. Minutes of the last meeting.
7. Report of the honorary librarian.
8. Statement of accounts.
9. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
10. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following committees.
To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.
To alter the constitution of the committees if considered desirable.
 - (a) Standing Committee.
 - (b) Peal Collection Committee.
 - (c) Methods Committee.
 - (d) Peal Analysis and Records Committee.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries Committee.
 - (f) Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee.
 - (g) Peal Boards Committee.
 - (h) Biographies Committee.
 - (i) As to the circulation of 'The Ringing World.'
 - (j) As to the muffling of bells.

MOTIONS.

11. That so much of all previous resolutions of the Council as defines or attempts to define what shall be recognised as a peal of Doubles be rescinded and that the following be substituted therefor:—
 1. Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
 - (a) True and complete Six-Scores, without interval between any two Six-Scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
 - (b) Round blocks consisting of two or more Six-Scores, provided that each of the Six-Scores which comprise the round blocks shall be itself a true and complete round block.
 - (c) Twelve-Scores known as Morris' and Pitman's.
 - (d) Combinations of (a), (b) and (c) above or any two of them.
 2. At the conclusion of 5,040 or more changes, rung in accordance with (1) above, one true touch of any length less than 120 changes may be added.
 3. Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell.

Proposed by Mr. W. G. Wilson, seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

12. To fix the place of the next meeting.

13. Other business (if any).

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Secretary.

45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Shropshire's heaviest ring of six, tenor 25 cwt., at Olive, cast by Taylor and Co. in 1894, were heard in some good Minor ringing when members attended the meeting of the Shropshire Association. In addition to Doubles, Oxford, Kent, Cambridge, London, Double Court and Plain Bob Minor were rung.

At the service the Vicar (the Rev. C. Legard) welcomed the ringers in an appropriate address.

No business was transacted, as the extra meetings this year allow for business on alternate dates only.

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KING'S BROMLEY, NR. BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Tuesday, May 4th, at 7.30 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford; ring of 6 bells recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. PROPOSAL TO FORM BRANCHES.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association on Easter Monday at Llandaff was splendidly attended by members from both the dioceses. The bells were available in the afternoon and were made full use of until the service at 4 o'clock. The Dean gave the address, which dealt mostly with the origin and use of church towers and bells and was most interesting. At the conclusion of his address he cordially welcomed the ringers to Llandaff and desired that all should take tea with him in the Prebendal House.

The Dean and his wife had very generously provided the meal and it was with difficulty that all were able to get sitting room.

The business meeting followed, the Dean taking the chair. Restoration and augmentation reports were received and also instructors' reports.

The sum of £3 was voted to the Llanfrehfa augmentation of two trebles, which have been installed.

It was decided to hold the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting at Llanfrehfa and the Glamorganshire meeting at Penarth.

The next annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos', Newport.

The Rev. Ivor Richards was elected Master for the ensuing year. The hon. secretary and hon. auditors were re-elected and a large number of new members were elected.

Notice of motion was given that at the next annual meeting a proposition will be made to divide the association into two branches.

A hearty vote of thanks, which was received with great acclamation, was accorded the Dean, special mention being made of the fact that he most readily agreed to have the meeting at Llandaff. It had previously been arranged to hold the meeting at Cardiff, but owing to tower repairs the bells were not available. It was, therefore, considered best not to visit Cardiff. The Dean was thanked for the use of the bells, for his address and for the hospitality extended by himself and his wife.

The Dean, in reply, said that it was always a pleasure to them both to do whatever they could for the ringers, who, he considered, were doing such useful church work.

The meeting was a huge success.

PASSING OF A VETERAN CO. DURHAM RINGER.

The Chester-le-Street Guild have lost a faithful member by the passing of Mr. William Brown at the age of 75 years. He joined the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in 1884 and has been a regular ringer at Chester-le-Street for the past 55 years.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral service on March 31st by his fellow-ringers as a token of respect.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday, April 10th, the annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Southover, Lewes, 35 members and friends being present from Brighton (St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and the Good Shepherd), Henfield, Rotherfield, Lamberhurst, Chiddingfold, Lindfield, Shoreham, Hurstpierpoint, Burgess Hill, Eastbourne, Hastings, Uckfield and members of the local tower.

The Rector (the Rev. D. G. Matthews) presided at the business meeting, and officers for the year were elected as follows: Hon. divisional secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong; committee, Messrs. J. Dearlove, G. P. Elphick and K. Hart; Committee of Advice, Messrs. Dearlove, Page and Elphick.

One new life member was elected, Mr. E. H. Preston, temporarily resident at Seaford.

The Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher, proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, for the service and for presiding at the meeting.

Ringling ranged from rounds on the ten bells to Stedman Caters and Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and the tower was made good use of from 2.30 to 9 p.m.

RINGER'S WEDDING AT STEPNEY.

The Archdeacon of Middlesex (Rev. Hon. S. H. Phillimore), assisted by the Rev. R. French, M.A., M.C., Rector of Stepney, officiated at the wedding of Mr. George Fox to Miss Margaret Stracey on Saturday, April 3rd, at Stepney Parish Church.

The bridegroom is well known in the district, not only as a ringer, but as a churchwarden and sacristan. The bride has been closely connected with the work of the church, being a Sunday School teacher, secretary of the Social Club and holding other offices connected with parochial organisations. The best man was Mr. H. Thompson, the secretary of the Guild of Stepney Scholars.

The local company rang the bells in honour of the event, which was favoured with glorious sunshine. It was a scarlet and white wedding, the five bridesmaids being dressed in red velvet, and, judging by the crowded church, the most popular wedding there for a long time.

The reception was held at Red Coat Hall. After the ceremony fellow-members of the London County Association successfully accomplished a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal, the ringers later attending the reception for refreshment and to express their congratulations. The bridal couple left for an unknown destination for their honeymoon.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Secretaries and others who have not yet returned the forms seeking biographical information of former members of the Central Council are requested to do so as early as possible to the Convener of the Biographies Committee, J. S. Goldsmith, Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

Listeners on Sunday evening heard the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields rung for the broadcast service. It was in great contrast to the travesty the public had for years been used to from this church. The ringing was well done, but there would seem to be some adjustment of the position of the microphone necessary before the bells are heard to full advantage.

The ring of six at Beenham, near Reading, is being rehung in a new metal frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the bells will be rung for the first time on Coronation morning.

A ringer's wife, looking through the pages of 'The Ringing World'—as we are glad to know ringers' wives sometimes do—came upon an advertisement for Peal Tablets. 'What are these tablets?' she asked her husband. 'Do you take them before you start a peal?'

A peal of Bob Major was rung at Husborne Crawley on Saturday as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Herbert, vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association. It is interesting to recall that a peal of Bob Major was also rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of his father, the late Mr. Charles Herbert.

At the quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham at Aston, the late Mr. Tom Russam's peal of 12 handbells was presented to Aston tower, and a framed photograph of Henry Johnson, presented by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, now of Bath, to St. Martin's tower. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Until last Sunday, the bells of Walgrave, Northants, had not been rung since the Relief of Mafeking—37 years ago! They have now been tuned and restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and were dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday afternoon.

It is forty years this month since the first 'silent' peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods was rung at Bucknall, Staffordshire, and the only two surviving members of the band are the brothers J. E. and W. Wheeldon, who are the present leaders at the towers of Norton and Bucknall respectively.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Shrewsbury, have recently been fitted with new ropes, the belfry has been renovated, and, although the amount of ringing is strictly limited, the bells were twice rung on Easter Sunday by St. Chad's band, and more recently for an important wedding.

We regret that pressure on our space makes it necessary to hold over numerous reports to future issues.

ACCIDENT TO MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON.

FALL IN A LONDON STREET.

Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, met with an unfortunate and painful accident in London on Thursday last week. He, with Mrs. Richardson and their daughter Enid, had come to London on a day's visit, combining business and pleasure.

Mr. Richardson had visited Covent Garden Market in the afternoon and transacted other business, and was, later, on his way to meet his wife and daughter, who had been shopping in the West End, when, in stepping on to a pavement, he fell and, putting out his hand to save himself, fractured his wrist.

He spent the rest of the evening at Charing Cross Hospital (instead of at the theatre as he intended) and the fracture was set under an anæsthetic. Later he was allowed to go home and travelled by the midnight train from King's Cross.

Mr. Richardson's hosts of friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE.

A goodly number of members and friends journeyed to St. Neots on Easter Monday for the annual general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. Knights, who kindly presided at the business meeting. Miss K. Willers and Mr. T. R. Dennis were re-elected general secretary and auditor respectively. The committee were re-elected en bloc.

The 1938 meeting is to be held at Over and a summer festival during the coming June or July, if the Bishop of Ely has a free afternoon to address the association.

It was decided to have 500 service papers printed, subject to the Bishop's approval of the revised form.

A grant of £2 2s. each was voted to Winwick and Horston Restoration Funds.

Opinion was divided on the question of certificates, and finally the matter was left in the hands of the committee.

Members were unanimous in their desire to erect a memorial to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake.

Gamlingay is to be transferred to the Huntington Branch from the Ely Branch.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. W. Knights for taking the service, for presiding and for allowing the bells to be rung; to the organist and to the incumbents of All Saints', Huntingdon, Eynesbury and Eaton Socon.

THETFORD BELL RESTORATION.

BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE INTERVENE.

An interesting case, in which a Bishop's Advisory Committee intervened to prevent a bell restoration being carried out on the lines desired by the local church authorities, came before the Chancellor of the Diocese of Norwich (Mr. F. K. North) at the Consistory Court on Saturday week. It concerned the bells of St. Peter's Church, Thetford. The Rector and churchwardens had applied for a faculty giving them permission to take down the bells, recondition, tune and restore them. The application had been adjourned from a previous Court.

On behalf of the Advisory Committee, Mr. H. R. Nevill said he had been to the church, and the committee's intervention was regarded, as usual, as unnecessary fuss by a body of faddists. He had the advice of Mr. William Weir, one of the greatest living authorities on the hanging of bells. Mr. Weir made a detailed inspection of the bells and had said that their condition had been greatly exaggerated. He (Mr. Nevill) and Mr. Weir found that neither the Rector nor the churchwarden who was conducting the business had been in the belfry. Mr. Weir spent 40 minutes examining the bells and found their frame was good but loose. It wanted stressing laterally and vertically.

The peal was put up by Lord Rivers in 1790, when the ancient bells were recast and made into a peal of eight, Mr. Nevill stated. The peal was rehung about 1870. Mr. Weir found that the wear and tear on the bells had not been great. The proposal to quarter-turn them was not necessary, but it was unobjectionable.

COMMITTEE'S OBJECTIONS.

What Mr. Weir and the committee did object to very strongly was a proposal by the firm the Rector and churchwardens had employed to cut off the cannons of the bells and substitute their patent iron headstocks. This would weaken the crowns of the bells. As it was, the elm headstocks put on them in 1870 were in very good condition. They were of seasoned elm and should not be destroyed. Mr. Weir said it would be troublesome, but not impossible, to ring the bells in their present condition, the reason for the difficulty being that the bearings were worn. Mr. Weir suggested that if the Rector and churchwardens wanted any work to be done they should put in modern ball bearings, which would cost £180, as compared with the £300 in the present estimates. The firm had put in an alternative proposal which would retain the wooden headstocks, and the Advisory Committee said if they did that there would be no objection to anything else they did to the bells. They could do anything so long as they did not cut the bells about. That was a highly dangerous and objectionable practice. He could point to one peal that had been ruined by that treatment.

The Chancellor: Where is that?

Mr. Nevill: It is at Scarning. They cannot ring the bells at all now.

The Chancellor said he had had a letter from Mr. T. E. Rudling, one of the churchwardens.

Scanning the letter, he said: 'I am sorry to read this—"The damage already caused to the religious work of the church is such that it will not recover in a generation." I am very sorry for that, though I don't quite follow why it should be. The cutting off of the cannons of the bells seems to me to be a piece of vandalism to be avoided if possible. The fact that it is unnecessary is enough to condemn it as far as I am concerned.'

Mr. Nevill: The reason for the trouble was that they wanted to have the work done in a hurry, and to have the bells ringing for the Coronation. They have given out that the Advisory Committee stepped in and prevented it. As a matter of fact, the committee did nothing of the kind, because the work advised by Mr. Weir is adequate and could have been done in half the time. It might have been done by now.

The Chancellor: At the last Court I said applications to do things in a hurry in order to be in time for particular seasons or occasions harden my heart and make me very suspicious and very slow. If there is any blame to be taken for these bells not being ready to be rung for the Coronation, I am quite ready to take it.

Mr. Nevill: If they had applied to the Advisory Committee first, instead of getting estimates from a firm, as is so frequently done, there would have been no trouble at all.

The Chancellor issued a faculty for the work to be done, subject to the retention of the wooden headstocks on the bells. He said he thought Mr. Weir should superintend the work, and he reserved to the Advisory Committee leave to apply to him again if any difficulty arose. 'I am sorry,' he added, 'that the bells won't be ready for the Coronation, and I am willing to take the blame.'

VICAR PROTESTS AT DELAY.

An interesting commentary on the delays which occur in regard to the granting of faculties occurred at the same Court.

The Registrar (Mr. C. B. Bolingbroke) said: The Vicar of Docking (the Rev. F. G. Ward) had written him an extraordinary letter, in which he said: 'As it is five months since I applied for a faculty for a tablet to be erected by Mrs. P. Have and the citation has been on the church door for four months, I am giving her leave to proceed, as I can get no further by application. You may recall that this is the third letter I have written about this, and two descriptions sent. I am no nearer getting word from you. I have also applied for a faculty for electric light, and as I must have this in time for the Coronation, which I explained in my communication three months ago, I intend to go forward with the matter at once.'

The Chancellor: I will degree the faculty for the tablet, and as for the letter, you had better send it to the Bishop.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

NEW SECRETARY APPOINTED.

A well-attended meeting of ringers was held on Saturday, April 3rd. As the bells of All Saints' are not yet back from the founders, only the towers of St. Peter's and St. Gregory's were available. Ringing began at 2.30, and there was a service in St. Gregory's at 4.30, at which the body of the church was filled. A sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Round-Turner, Rector of Bealings, which was appreciated by every one of his hearers. He gave instances of the way in which people had been influenced for good by the sound of church bells, and mentioned cases that he had known of people being brought back to the practice of their religion. He spoke of the way in which he had been taught to ring, the importance of details being impressed on him, and most of all that of 'good striking.' He then showed how these lessons applied to our daily life and to our practice of religion.

A large company sat down to tea in the Parish Hall, after which the business meeting was held, with the Bishop of Dunwich in the chair.

The report showed a balance of £25, and spoke of good progress both with new ringers and with new rings of bells.

The Rev. J. F. Hughes proposed the re-election of the Rev. H. Drake as secretary, but Mr. Drake said that he had quite made up his mind to resign. He had been secretary during the 15 years that the Guild had existed, and had watched it grow until it was in the front rank, with about a thousand members and ringing about a hundred peals a year. He had now entered on his 70th year, and it was only fair that he should give way to someone younger. Then, if he be spared for a few more years, he could watch the Guild being safely guided by someone else in its future destinies.

After some discussion, Mr. Harold Herbert, of Sudbury, was elected as secretary.

To fill the two vacancies on the committee, the Rev. H. Drake and Mr. David Elliott were chosen.

The ring at Horham was then discussed. These bells have long been very dilapidated. They are believed to be the oldest in the country to have been cast as now existing, and probably the first ring of an octave to be made, dating as they do from the 17th century. They are also the lightest, the tenor being only 7 cwt. A collection amounting to £2 8s. 3d. was made for these bells.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Sproughton and a later one at Assington.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED FORMATION OF DISTRICTS.

The annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held, as usual, at Retford on Saturday, April 10th. The weather was not too good, but this did not prevent 40 ringers from being present. East Retford bells (10, tenor 24 cwt.), West Retford (6, tenor 9 cwt.) and Ordsall (6, tenor 7½ cwt.) were all open for ringing. At the first-named tower various Triples to Royal methods were rung in the afternoon and evening, but only a little ringing took place at Ordsall and that before tea, while West Retford bells did not really get going until after tea, when the tower was almost crowded out. The striking was fairly good; as good, at any rate, as can be expected from mixed companies.

The service was held in East Retford Church, the Rev. Redmund officiating. Mr. H. Blagg played the organ, and the Rev. A. J. Linsell, of West Retford, gave the address. He stressed the point that ringers should be the first to hear the message of the bells. There would then, he said, be more conviction behind that message as it went out over the countryside to other people.

Tea followed in the Ebsworth Hall, the Rev. Redmund welcoming the association to East Retford.

At the business meeting which followed, the election of officers and adoption of the report and balance sheet were carried through.

The question of the division of the association into a Retford and a Newark District was discussed, but no conclusions were reached. The subject will be brought forward again at the next meeting in the Newark area.

It was decided that a memorial to the late secretary, Mr. R. W. Stockdale, consisting of a bronze tablet, should be erected in the nave of Ordsall Church.

The committee's recommendation that Blyth or Harthill should be the tower for the next Crawford Cup contest did not meet with the approval of the members, and it was resolved to visit Sutton-on-Trent, as it was the turn of that tower, which is easily accessible.

With regard to Coronation Day ringing, the secretary (Mr. Roy Towler) asked the captain of every tower to make early arrangements for their bells to be rung some time during the day. If they found this impossible, owing to lack of numbers, they were to write to the secretary, who would try to get outside ringers to assist.

Mr. H. Stenton informed the meeting of the loss of a good ringer by the death of Mr. S. Smith, of Anston, who died on Easter Day. He had been a ringer for many years and was for some time on the committee of the association.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who made arrangements for the day. Some ringers afterwards rang their first touch of Royal, others tried the more intricate Minor methods, at East and West Retford respectively. The lowering in peal of the bells at both towers at 8.30 brought an enjoyable day to a close.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

OVER 1,000 PRACTISING MEMBERS.

Revised Rules Adopted.

More than 250 ringers and friends assembled at Ashford on Easter Monday for the annual meeting of the Kent County Association. The attendance was a record, except for the jubilee meeting at Canterbury. After ringing during the morning, service was held in the Parish Church at noon, the Vicar (the Rev. Ronald Sinclair) officiating. At the opening of the service he welcomed the association, and the Archdeacon of Maidstone (the Ven. T. K. Sopwith), in his address, said how deeply and constantly he appreciated the work ringers were doing for the glory and honour of the Church.

'I have many opportunities of appreciating that work,' he said, 'as on most Sundays in the year I travel through that part of Kent in which I exercise whatever jurisdiction an Archdeacon may have and I find bells ringing in the Romney Marsh, the Weald, or in the beautiful village churches around Maidstone, and I hear the bells of the great churches of Ashford and Maidstone to speed me on my way.'

'I rejoice to see you gathered here, my brothers. I say brothers advisedly, because whatever you may think about clergy—and people express their opinions rather freely—you and we are united in the yeoman task of calling people of the country and this county to God and the worship in His house.'

'Do regard your work as a real vocation and real calling,' continued the Archdeacon. 'You make a great contribution to English life and one I hope will never be broken, but you do something more—you are doing a work which God has given you to do.'

Mr. E. H. Lewis, vice-president of the association and president of the Central Council, presided at the luncheon and business meeting that followed. He was supported by the Archdeacon of Maidstone, the Rev. R. Sinclair, and the principal officers of the association.

Mr. F. White proposed the toast of 'The Archbishop and Clergy,' and said the Archdeacon's address had praised them for the past and given encouragement for the future. He also thanked the Vicar of Ashford for the fine service and the use of the rooms, and the organist, Mr. P. Steinitz.

The Archdeacon replied, and, on his suggestion, a message was taken by him to Canon Helmore, who was formerly secretary of the association for 38 years.

HIGHEST MEMBERSHIP FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.

In the annual report, presented by the hon. secretary, regret was expressed at the death of the second hon. secretary of the association (the Rev. E. W. Carpenter). He took over the secretaryship when the Rev. R. Knatchbull Hugessen resigned in 1889, and it was during his term of office that the county was divided into five districts. He resigned in 1891 and was succeeded by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.

The report went on to record that the association had over one thousand practising members last year—the first time for 15 years. 'Having obtained these additional members,' continued the report, 'we must all do our best to keep them interested in the art of change ringing and association affairs, and thus, perhaps, be the means of filling the gaps that must necessarily occur as time goes on.'

There were 120 towers in union, an increase of four over the previous year. There were now affiliated to the association one 12-bell tower, five 10-bell, 63 eight-bell, 46 six-bell and five five-bell towers. The life members totalled 32, hon. members 73, adult practising members 960, juniors 98, making a total of 1,053. Ten non-residents have been added to the membership and the total now exceeds 1,500.

An appeal was made to all bands to proclaim the message of the forthcoming Coronation in a fit and proper manner and to see that the ringing is fitting for the occasion. 'Recently,' said the report, 'we have heard caustic remarks concerning the "striking" of bells; let us see it to it that our bells are well struck and the ringing worthy of such an association as ours.'

Thanks were expressed to incumbents at the 31 places where district quarterly or by-meetings had been held and to those who on various occasions had extended hospitality to the members. Thanks were also extended to the members of the committee who had retired.

The peals rung numbered 128, which was 27 less than in the preceding year. The 124 tower-bell peals were rung in 79 towers; 39 members rang their first peal and 137 their first in a method. Nine conducted their first peal and six their first in a method.

In analysing the peals rung, the report said that the Surprise peals were 16 less than in 1935. The association could not boast of any advancement in the quality of the methods rung, but it was hoped that what had been lost in peals had been made up for in extra ringing and good ringing for Sunday services.

SUBSTANTIAL FUNDS.

The general account showed a reduced balance, and stood at £28 14s. 5d. The Benevolent Fund had an increased balance and stood at £268 5s. 1d. Six appeals for help were received and grants were made to the extent of £24. The fund had been helped to the extent of £13 9s. 4d. as a result of collections at meetings.

From the Belfry Repair Fund six guineas had been paid and the balance in hand had increased to £128 5s. 9d. The total funds from all sources was £971 18s. 5d., an increase over last year of £5 4s. 2d.

In moving the adoption of the report, the Chairman referred to the record gathering (excluding the jubilee meeting), and said it showed continued interest in the association. They had reached a thousand members, but they had 1,450 bells to ring, so were still a good deal

short of what they should be. There were 216 towers and only 120 in union with the association.

'I do not think we should be satisfied,' he said, 'A little of the energy of the last two years put into the question of rules should be put into missionary work so that we can get 100 per cent. of the towers in union and membership up to the number of bells there are to ring.'

The report and accounts were adopted.

In moving the adoption of the revised rules, the hon. secretary said he hoped that the work of the committee, that had been appointed to consider the various amendments, would be approved. Each district had been represented on the committee and he considered they had done their work well, and their recommendation was unanimous.

Mr. H. Hoskins seconded the adoption.

A lively discussion followed, particularly on the provisions affecting the election of representatives to the committee. The proposed revision included the clause: 'That the district secretaries and two representatives from each district . . . be elected at the annual district meeting . . . or districts may, if so desired, elect them by tower representation.'

Mr. E. Barnett (Crayford) asked what exactly was meant by 'tower representation.'

Mr. A. J. Battin (Tunbridge Wells, St. Peter's): It means the goodwill of the ringers (cheers).

Mr. Barnett said unless they maintained the right to exercise an individual vote they were losing a great English privilege. 'We must guard against a dictatorship,' he said, 'and I propose that the clause be ruthlessly struck out.'

Other speakers pointed out that the proposed revisions had been fully considered by the committee, and it was unfair to question the votes of elected representatives.

Put to the vote Mr. Barnett's proposal was defeated, only four voting in favour, and the revised rules were adopted.

All the officers were unanimously re-elected, which showed that the members were satisfied with the management of their affairs.

In moving the re-election of the hon. secretary, the Chairman said he had opportunities of seeing the work that was done behind the scenes, and he was pleased to say the secretary had been provided with a typewriter, which was a great asset to the association. He felt sure they could not have a better man than Mr. Mitchell.

In returning thanks, Mr. Mitchell congratulated the members on their co-operation in that day's arrangements. He had asked for all applications for tickets to be made by the last post on Wednesday, and the members had excelled themselves, as all had applied at the stated time, which was quite unusual for ringers. He thanked the district secretaries for their work during the year, as without their valued help his duty would be far more difficult.

ENGLAND'S OLDEST BELLRINGER.

The Chairman read a letter from the Rev. Page, Vicar of Aldington, who apologised for the absence of Mr. C. Slingsby, who would be 100 years old in May. He had hoped to bring him along, but he was now recovering from an attack of influenza. He would welcome all ringers to a meeting on the last Saturday in May, at Aldington, to celebrate Mr. Slingsby's 100th birthday.

A collection for this 'grand old man' was made to enable him to take a little extra nourishment, which realised £2 0s. 6d., and was taken to him the same afternoon.

Thanks were voiced to the Vicar and Archdeacon and the clergy of various parishes where church towers had been opened for the ringers. The collection for the Benevolent Fund was £3 1s. 9d.

LATE NOTICES.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whitby on Saturday, April 24th. Ten bells (tenor 18 cwt). Tea will be provided at Hood's Marine Cafe at 5 p.m. Please notify me for tea not later than Wednesday, April 21st.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley St., Guisborough, Yorks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brading on April 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by quarterly business meeting. All requiring tea please notify by April 21st.—H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. 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 1/8 per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m. All requiring tea please send their names without fail to Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, April 21st.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

FOR BEGINNERS.

USEFUL HINTS IN CALLING STEDMAN CATERERS.

Last week we showed that the calling of the 'ordinary' courses of Stedman Caterers is a fairly simple matter, because the bobs usually occur at 5 and 16, with occasional bobs at 4 (to move the 5th's place bell) and, very rarely, at 15 (when it is desired to change the 2nd's place bell). This last is seldom done, because it complicates the composer's task by adding to the risk of falseness.

The bob at 5 changes the 'treble's place' bell, that is, the bell which, at the course end itself, strikes first. Actually this bell is then doing its last whole turn. When the bob at 5 is called this bell is dodging in 8-9 (up) and consequently remains there for another 'six,' and the bell it dodges with (i.e., the bell in 9-8, down) becomes the treble's place bell instead.

The importance of this bell to the conductor is this: If he is a wise man he will memorise the order in which the working bells (usually there are only four) become treble's place bell throughout the touch or peal—just as in calling a peal of Major he will, or should, know the 5th's and 6th's place bells. The bobs at 16 are like calling so many 'Homes' in Major, and it is necessary to know when the last of a set of two or three has been called, for memory is not always reliable.

The treble's place bell is the key to the position. After the last 16, there must be either a bob at 4 or 5. Let us deal with the bob at 5 first, as that is the one that most frequently occurs. You should know beforehand, as we have said, which is to be your next treble's place bell. When you call the last bob at 16, this bell will make the bob and will then be the 'quick' bell at the course end; that is the quick bell in the last six of the course, and will hunt up through the dodging places immediately in front of the existing treble's place bell until it reaches 9-8 (down), when the bob is called to change over the treble's place bell. Thus the conductor has plenty of opportunity to make sure of his position.

If the bob happens to be at 4, the same bell becomes treble's place bell, but dodges up at the bob (which is one 'six' earlier) instead of down. The bell that is leaving treble's place makes the bob.

These are just a few points to help you check up on your calling of 'ordinary' courses, which form the main body of most peals and touches.

The calling of 'starting,' or 'turning,' or 'homing' courses is not quite so simple. A 'starting' course is the one which brings the 'fixed' bells, referred to last week, into their proper positions. A 'turning' course is one which transposes these bells into alternative fixed positions, and a 'homing' course is one employed to bring the bells round. Usually it is unnecessary to employ both a 'turning' and a 'homing' course, because the former is so arranged that the bells will run round automatically after a given number of courses.

There is no really royal road to calling these starting and turning courses. It is safest to learn them thoroughly, and in doing this to know which bells are going to 'make the bobs' and which pairs will be dodging behind at the bobs. With practice you will get to know quite a lot about the construction of these courses, but to go into elaborate details is not necessary in this article.

Conductors should prick out these courses for themselves. They will get all the information they want from the six-ends, but there are certain things to remember. First, the usual 'start' is from 231456789, which is the actual six-end, rounds being really the fourth change of the six. Next, there are two different transpositions of rows which have to be used alternately, one for the 'slow' six and the other for the 'quick' six. The transpositions go thus in pairs:—

231456789

342618597

346829175

If there are bobs the transpositions are:—

231456789

Bob at 1 342617589, followed by

Bob at 2 346725189

One other thing to remember is that if you want to call a bob at 1, you must do so immediately the bells go off into changes, because it is made in the change after 231456789.

As an experiment, write out a starting course by the six-ends, with bobs at 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16. If you do it correctly your course-end should be 412365978. From this go on and write out a homing course with bobs at 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13. Your course end will not be 231456789; but see what you can make of it for yourself and then go into the tower and call the touch if you have the opportunity.

FUNERAL OF MR. J. J. JONES.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. J. Jones, formerly hon. secretary of the Guildford Branch of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, took place at Guildford Cemetery on Wednesday of last week.

As already reported, Mr. Jones was predeceased by his wife by only a few hours, and the remains of both were interred in the same grave.

Numerous representatives of various bodies in Guildford were present, and the Guildford Diocesan Guild was represented by Messrs. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), E. G. Heath, S. Radford, E. Raddon and Mrs. Hazelden (S. Nicolas), Guildford, of which company Mr. Jones was for many years a member, Mr. W. Melville and Mr. T. W. White (Cathedral, Guildford) and Miss Avenall (Worplesdon).

A wreath was sent by the S. Nicolas' Society.

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18th CENTURY PEAL RECORDS.

Will all secretaries, or any interested ringers who have collected records of old peals rung previous to 1825, please forward same or particulars, not later than May 1st for this year's report to the Central Council, to Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4?

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Saturday, April 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m., Preacher, Rev. E. G. Turner, Vicar of Cripplegate. Meat tea at the Zita Restaurant, 9, Fore Street (adjoining the church) at 5 o'clock, at 1s.3d. each. Business meeting after tea. Ringing arrangements, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 12 bells, from 2 to 4.30, and after the meeting; St. James', Clerkenwell (8) from 2 to 4 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry (8) from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks, Joint Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Batheaston, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Pennard on Saturday, April 17th. Divine service and dedication of Memorial Tablet to the late Master (1925-1935), the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, will be performed by the Rev. L. S. Lewis, with address by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Master) at 4 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 32, Burcott Road, Wells, Som.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Feering on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sherborne St. John and Monk Sherborne on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Sherborne St. John Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 17th. The bells of St. Andrew's Church, rings of 8 and 5, will be available from 3 p.m. Committee meet in the Church House at 4 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea in the White Heather Café, Market Place, at 5.15. Business meeting immediately after tea in the Church House.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, near Coventry.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Chelsfield, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Whetstone on April 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in schoolroom.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—West Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Netherbury on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Lathey, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The meeting at Cople on Saturday April 17th, has been cancelled.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 5, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Orwell on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Nags Head 5 p.m. Meldreth bells available from 6 p.m. Please support this meeting and encourage our five-bell ringers.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, April 17th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business. Good bus service from Wellingborough. Please send cards to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—A by-meeting will be held at Stanford-in-the-Vale on Saturday, April 17th, at 6.30 p.m.—R. Gillling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, April 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Please notify Mr. Jas. Martin, 15, Fairly Crescent, Orrell, Bootle. Subscriptions due.—A. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Luton Parish Church on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, followed by business, at 5 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. J. Plummer, Sec., c/o Post Office, Leighton Buzzard.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Terrington St. Clement on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Kendal (10 bells) on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A joint meeting with the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held on Saturday, April 17th, at Terrington St. Clement. Bells (8) from 2.15 p.m. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting is to be held at New Hay (St. Thomas') on Saturday, April 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please come along and support us. You will be welcome.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

GET a pull over your neighbour at Aldenham on Saturday, April 17th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea, Village Club, 5.30. Bells open till 8.30. Excellent bus service to church from Radlett, Bushey, or coach service.—Herts Association.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined practice meetings have been arranged at St. Albans, St. Peter's, on Monday, April 19th, and the Cathedral on Tuesday, May 4th, both at 7.45 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited.—W. Nash and H. V. Frost, Dis. Secs.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 24th. At a service in the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop will dedicate a memorial, erected by the Cathedral ringers, to the late Provost E. C. Kirwan. Meeting at 5 p.m. in the Royal Grammar School; tea in Abbot's Kitchen 6.15, 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than Wednesday next, April 21st. Cathedral bells (8) available after service; S. Nicolas' (10) and Shalford (8) after tea.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley (10 bells) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in Café at 5 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 24th, in conjunction with the half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association. For arrangements see notice above.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting, arranged for Leigh, will be transferred to Worsley on April 24th. It will be held in conjunction with the half-yearly meeting. See notice above.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Pulham Market (illness at Redenhall) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 2.30; service 4.15; tea 4.45. Special business—election of branch secretary. Special methods—Bristol Surprise and Cambridge Court.—Nolan Golden, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Otterton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30; also Colaton Raleigh and East Budleigh (6) bells. Service at 4.30 p.m. The address will be given by the Vicar (Rev. E. C. Grimaldi, R.D.). Tea at 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Meeting to follow.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, nr. Exeter.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 24th, at St. Mary's, Holloway Road, Holloway, N.7. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Church Hall.—James G. A. Prior, Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Great Tew on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Names for tea if required.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Aldermaston on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify Mrs. Hunt, Hind's Head Hotel, Aldermaston, near Reading, by Wednesday, April 21st, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 24th. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (new rule) 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Market Drayton (8 bells) on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 21st inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. A short service at 4.30. Tea, at 6d. per head, will be provided for those who notify me by Tuesday, the 20th. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, near Doncaster.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Throwley on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual general meeting will be held at Leeds Parish Church on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 4.45 and from 6 until 9 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at King's Somborne on Saturday, April 24th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall at 4.30. Bells available at 2 p.m. Please let us know if you are coming. All welcome.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ash Priors on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., to follow. Those wanting tea please notify by previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Milton Clevedon bells also available. P.C. for tea, please.—W. A. Osborn, Hon. Sec., Galhampton, Yeovil.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Madeley on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Saturday, April 24th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea at the Turkey Cock after. I hope we may have a good attendance of old and new friends.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Hawkey on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows. It is essential to let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, April 21st.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Dilwyn on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea. All requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 20th.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch; Newport Pagnell Deanery. — On April 24th, a meeting at Weston Underwood; 2.30, begin; 4.15, service; 4.45, tea. — The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those advising me not later than April 22nd.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting has been arranged at Boyne Hill on Saturday, April 24th, at 2.45 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than April 19th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Hazelbeech (8) on Saturday, April 24th. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's tower, Glasbury-on-Wye, on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, kindly provided by the Rev. R. W. Lockyer (Vicar) for those who notify me by the 19th.—J. P. Hyett, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Old Whittington on Saturday, April 24th. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. G. Newman by Thursday, April 22nd?—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland Newton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. — C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 27th; St. Magnus' on April 29th, St. Andrew's on the 22nd, 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.—The next meeting will be held at Hersham (Oatlands Park not available at present) on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. A p.c. by Wednesday, April 28th, will enable me to arrange tea for all. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready for 3 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Pinner, Saturday, May 1st. Full particulars later.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held in conjunction with the Sheffield and District Society at St. John's, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 1st, when the peal of 10 bells will be available from 2 p.m. onwards. Meeting of the general committee in the Church Hall at 3.45 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Names to be sent to Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, by Wednesday, April 28th. The general meeting will be held immediately after tea.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Teynham on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 (1s.). To help with tea, please send your names in to Mr. V. J. Page, 1, The Crescent, Teynham, near Sittingbourne, not later than Wednesday, April 28th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Queenborough on Saturday, May 1st. Further particulars later.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 1st. Luncheon (1s. 6d.) in British Legion Hall, followed by annual meeting, at 1 p.m. Service in Cathedral, at 3.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Salisbury. Towers open: 8 bells, St. Thomas' (11-12.30, 6.30-8), St. Edmund's, St. Martin's; 6 bells, St. Paul's, Amesbury, Britford, Broadchalk, Berwick St. John, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Semley, Wilton, Woodford. Visitors intending to take luncheon please notify secretary before Monday, April 26th. — F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available at 2.30; also Bramford, Hintlesham and Copdock (all 6 bells). Tea 9d. each, at 4.30 at Church Hall. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Willingdon on Saturday, May 1st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) —A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

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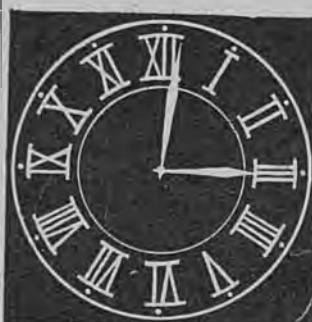
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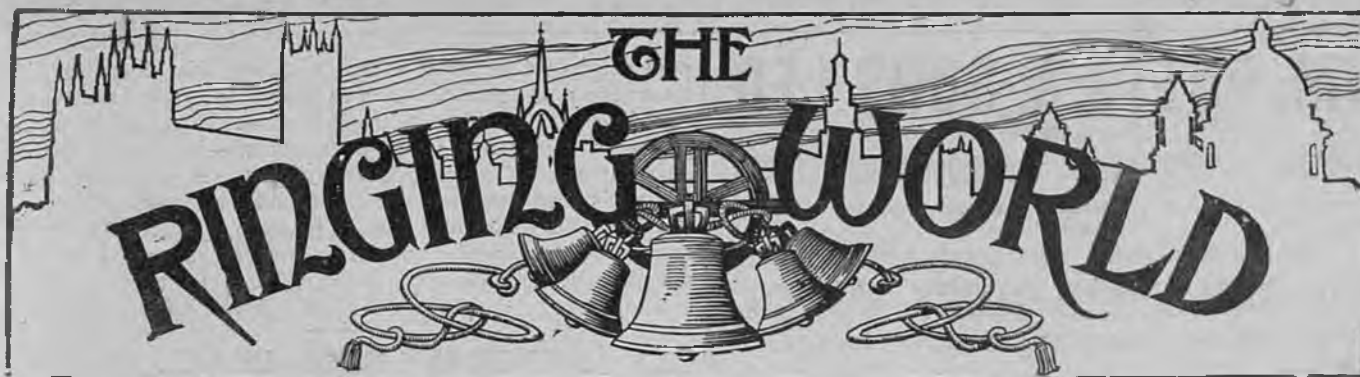
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The report of the Analysis Committee of the Central Council reveals, as we indicated some few weeks ago that it would, a considerable falling off in the number of peals rung in 1936, compared with the preceding year. The actual difference was 114. Compared with 1934 it was thirty-five less, and compared with 1932, the decline is no fewer than 450. On the face of it it would appear that peal ringing is less in favour than it used to be, but there are many circumstances which may account for a falling total, apart from lack of interest or enthusiasm. Peal ringing has always been a variable quantity, and we do not propose now to analyse the causes. Probably this year, with the impetus of the Coronation, there may be an upward jump. It is satisfactory, however, to note that, on the whole, the standard of the methods rung has been maintained, as a careful study of the committee's report will show. Despite the fact that there seems to have been a 'slump' in Surprise peals of Major, in the old methods there has been more variety introduced into this class of ringing, which is really all to the good. There is little more credit to a first class Surprise band in ringing a succession of peals in any one of these methods, than to a team of 'rabbits' who only ring peals of Grandsire or Bob Major. The real proof of advance in method ringing is the enterprise that is shown in doing something different and doing it as well as or better than anything that has been done before.

In the peals on six bells contrasting facts emerge. Minor has increased by 31, but Doubles decreased by 33, and while, in the latter, peals in only one method have decreased by 19 and peals in more than four methods have increased by 17; in Minor the peals in one method increased by 25. It is true that peals in over seven methods have risen by 14, but it does not say much for the enterprise of some ringers that 138 peals were rung on six bells in which only one method was employed. We know that a few of these have been peals in the higher methods, such as Cambridge, but it is much to be hoped that those who are, and some have long been, content with Bob Minor will get away from this rut as soon as possible. In the old days ringers used to make it almost a point of honour never to ring less than seven methods in a peal, and we could wish that more would follow that example.

One other point in the report needs emphasising, and that is the falling off again in the number of ringers who rang their first peal. This, to our mind, is much the most serious indication revealed in the report. As we have said on many occasions, peal ringing should not be the 'be all and end all' of a ringer's aspirations, but

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

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

* THOMAS G. HORRIDGE ... Treble	* ERNEST F. BENNETT ... 6
FRANK VARTY ... 2	LESTER L. GRAY ... 7
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 8
JOHN WILKINSON ... 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES J. GARDINER Treble	WILLIAM W. T. DANIELL ... 6
ALFRED LAWRENCE 2	*A. GEORGE WELLS 7
*CHARLES J. HATHAWAY ... 3	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 8
SIDNEY PALMER 4	†NEIL ALLNAIT 9
E. JOHN BERRY 5	WILLIAM A. BOLLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and on his retirement from the G.W.R. after 41 years' service.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE J. BOTCHER Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	DEREK M. SHARP 6
MRS. G. H. CROSS 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
JAMES E. BAILEY 4	NORMAN SOMMERHAYES ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute of respect to Mr. Edward Brown, for 25 years a ringer at this church, and to Mr. E. Reed, a prominent churchworker, both of whom were interred on the same day at Dartford Cemetery.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE HARVEY Treble	EDWARD F. GOBEY 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ... 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
P. C. THOMAS ANDERSON ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. PILKINGTON.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Frank Bradley, of St. Peter's, Nottingham.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
R. GORDON CROSS 2	COLIN A. HOPPER 6
NORMAN SOMMERHAYES ... 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
DEREK M. SHARP 4	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

First peal of Major as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. E. Barnett and G. V. Murphy.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED HINDLE Treble	SIDNEY FORSHAW 5
JOHN BOOTH 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
*FRED YATES 3	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON ... 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	†JOSEPH PIDD Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung on the eve of bellringers' sermons at the above church.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... Treble	EDWARD STEELE 5
*HARRY HALL 2	ALAN D. STEEL 6
†EDWARD CHADLE 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
HAROLD ROSE 4	†HARRY BLOOR Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal. This peal was arranged in honour of Mr. W. Wade, of St. John's, who has been connected with the tower for 50 years, and for several years as leader.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

JOSEPH J. PRAIT Treble	THOMAS LANGDON 5
PERCY E. JONES 2	EDGAR HANCOX 6
ALAN R. MACDONALD 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
WILSON RUSHTON 4	WILFRED S. CHILDS ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF SPICED DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB, DOUBLE OXFORD BOB, PLAIN BOB, AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

GEORGE SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
FRED HARTMAN 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

This peal contained 1,472 changes of Double Norwich, 1,008 Double Oxford, 1,680 Plain Bob and 840 Little Bob, with 20 changes of method. First peal in four plain Major methods by all the band, the first in the county and rung at the first attempt. The conductor's 100th peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING ... 5
ALFRED SMITH 2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	CHARLES LOOME 7
FREDERICK C. ROPER 4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal in the method by all the band.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 5
ALBERT WALKER 2	ERNEST STONE 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS

EASTER TOUCHES.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.—On Easter Sunday by the local band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss O. Matthews (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss D. Colgate 2, L. Turley 3, P. Turley (conductor) 4, S. Cumber 5, W. Turley 6, D. Ford 7, H. Ford 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—On Easter morning a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Hearmon 1, W. G. Bunch 2, C. Bunch 3, J. Bunch (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, G. Ives 5, A. Goodall 6, S. J. Riddell 7, G. Over 8.

SKETTY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
BENJAMIN WILLIAMS Treble	JOHN W. JONES 5	GEORGE POPNELL 6	
JOHN T. WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE TALBOT 7	GYWN I. LEWIS Tenor	
ERNEST STITCH 3			
CHARLES MORSE 4			

Conducted by E. STITCH.

Quarterly peal for the Guild. A birthday peal for G. Popnell, R. G. Knowles and W. Short. The last peal in this tower was rung before 1914.

OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM AMBLER Treble	HARRY WILDE 5	DENNIS MAUDE 6	
VERNEY BAIRSTOW 2	ALAN RDSBORTH 7	ARTHUR BAIRSTOW Tenor	
*STANLEY WHITEHEAD 3			
HERBERT HELLIWELL 4			

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal of Major.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALBERT FLEET Treble	H. DOUGLAS HARRIS 5	JOSEPH E. ARNOLD 6	
ERNEST HERBERT 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 7	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor	
HORACE H. SMITH 3			
MARK LANE 4			

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Plain Bob on the bells. This peal was arranged as a 60th birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Herbert, vice-president and hon. auditor of the Bedfordshire Association.

GOUDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 5 lb.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6	
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	FREDERICK WHITE 7	CYRIL BUTLER Tenor	
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 3			
ALFRED W. DURHAM 4			

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

HARRY THELWALL Treble	HARRY PARKER 5	ANDREW THOMPSON 6	
THOMAS HURD 2	HARRY W. HOWARD 7	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON Tenor	
JOHN E. WHELDON 3			
RICHARD T. HOLDING 4			

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and first in the method as conductor. Also first peal in the method on the bells and by the North Staffs Association.

HANBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	ALLEN MORGAN 5	RALPH W. SAYERS 6	
ERNEST WILSON 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7	JAMES F. NASH Tenor	
*RAYMOND C. SAYERS 3			
†WILLIAM H. A. COMPTON 4			

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal in the method and on an 'inside' bell. † First peal on eight bells. Rung prior to the dedicating of a peal tablet.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 13, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER Treble	HARRY C. WALKER 5	FRED NEWTON 6	
*HERBERT WALKER 2	HARRY BARNES 7	J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor	
JOHN H. LENTON 3			
ARTHUR WALKER 4			

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

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

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 15, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

A. NUNNLEY WOOD Treble	JOSEPH C. CHESTER 5	GEORGE HOLLOCK 6	
RYLAND E. MARSH 2	FREDERICK E. WALLINGTON 7	WILLIAM KILSEY Tenor	
LESLIE RIDD 3			
C. ARTHUR MANNING 4			

Conducted by C. A. MANNING.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, April 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

RALPH G. EDWARDS Treble	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 5	ARNOLD BRUNTON 6	
LESTER L. GRAY 2	JAMES MORGAN 7	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor	
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3			
*GEORGE LEDSHAM 4			

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal of Surprise Major on an 'inside' bell. First Surprise peal on the bells.

SUTTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BENBILTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 5	HARRY W. SIMMONS 6	
*FRANK H. RANDALL 2	DANIEL D. COOPER 7	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor	
WALTER CLAYDON 3			
AMOS W. CLARK 4			

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

* First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the Rev. B. M. Ritson, M.A., who was inducted to the Vicarage of All Saints, Benbilton, the previous day.

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HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OTLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 1	... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
JOHN H. ARBON 2	...	LESLIE C. WIGETMAN 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	...	GEORGE WHITING 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	...	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

A peal in this method, which is Lindoff's No. 66, is now rung for the first time, making the 40th Surprise method rung at this tower.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 1	... Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
*FREDERICK G. SOUTHGATE 2	...	E. GEORGE MORRAD 6
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS 3	...	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	...	†LESLIE T. STACEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Durling, one of the local ringers.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

IVON P. DAVIS 1	... Treble	ARTHUR G. ROSE 5
FRANK W. ROMAINE 2	...	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
WILLIAM G. YOUNG 3	...	ALAN R. MACDONALD 7
PERCY W. WITHAM 4	...	FREDERICK G. COLE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. G. COLE.

First peal in the county by the society. Rung as a compliment to the society on attaining its 500th year.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS 1	... Treble	JAMES G. POWELL 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	...	LUTHER J. HONESS 6
HARRY BAKER 3	...	*PHILIP A. CORBY 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	...	THOMAS E. SONE Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

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

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY, Central Council Representative 1	... Treble	
REV. ARTHUR SCOTT, President 2	...	
WILLIAM H. SHUKER, General Secretary 3	...	
ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Ringing Secretary 4	...	
GEORGE R. NEWTON, Central Council Representative 5	...	
HERBERT DAVENPORT, Vice-President 6	...	
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS, Central Council Representative 7	...	
CLAUDE I. DAVIES, Treasurer 8	... Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal for the late Rev. Canon Elsee's successor to the presidency of the association, the Rev. Arthur Scott. The conductor's 450th peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JAMES PARR 1	... Treble	RICHARD BALDERSTONE 4
SYDNEY BROWN 2	...	JAMES BARNES 5
WILLIE AARON 3	...	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 6
JACK CLEGG 4	... Tenor	

Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

First peal in five methods by all. Rung after meeting short for Major.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and one of Double Court.

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS R. MOGG 1	... Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH 4
RAYMOND G. CARLTON 2	...	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 3	...	EDWARD S. ROCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. ROCK.

First peal in four methods by all the band, who are all local, and on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Blake, the new Rector and his wife.

WYLAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of an extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

CHARLES E. LAWSON 1	... Treble	REGINALD H. HEWITT 4
KENNETH ARTHUR 2	...	PETER WISHART 5
T. W. CROWE 3	...	WM. J. DAVIDSON Tenor

Conducted by K. ARTHUR.

First peal on the bells since rehanging.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE FINCH 1	... Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
ARTHUR R. SMITH 2	...	WILLIAM WOODS 5
ALDERMAN LING 3	...	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

FONTMELL MAGNA, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten varied callings, 42 six-scores.

JOHN S. SMITH 1	... Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
EDWARD C. CHANT 2	...	W. JAMES JACKSON 5
WILLIAM G. DAMEN 3	...	HAROLD A. WOOLRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by W. G. DAMEN.

First peal by all except the 4th ringer. Treble and tenor ringers are local men.

CHURCHWARDENS' QUARTER-PEAL.

On March 31st a party of churchwardens met at All Saints' Church, Little Staughton, Beds, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: S. Litchfield (Riseley) 1, W. Wagstaff (Northill) 2, R. W. Gray (Little Staughton) 3, G. Seth (Keysoe) 4, F. W. Lack (Great Staughton) (conductor) 5.

STISTED, ESSEX.
INDEPENDENT PEAL.

On Sunday, April 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's Kent Treble Bob, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

BERNARD W. PETTIT 1	ALEX M. GENERY 4
VICTOR MORLEY 2	HENRY F. COOPER 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

A 65th birthday and 40th wedding day compliment to Mr. H. F. Cooper, who is churchwarden at the above church. It was his first peal for eight years and he kindly entertained the band to tea afterwards.

WORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING 1	ALFRED J. BULL 4
LEONARD A. LAKER 2	ALBERT E. LAKER 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEORGE THOMAS BELL ... Treble	HERBERT C. READ 4
*JEAN BELL 2	WALTER C. MEDLER 5
GEORGE BAILEY 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

* First peal.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt. in A.

ALFRED HONEYWOOD ... Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT 4
CHARLES A. ANDREWS ... 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
*NORL FOAKES 3	WILLIAM STIFF Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal 'inside.'

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. E. BRADLEY Treble	DONALD HATFIELD 4
MISS D. M. HORLEY 2	WILLIAM TERRY 5
FRED TERRY 3	EDWARD BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. BRADLEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

PENN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, London, Wells, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

JESSE HARRISON Treble	*MISS KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 4
*MISS DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	Cecil C. MAYNE 5
*GEORGE MARTIN 3	†HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal of Minor in seven Surprise methods. † First peal in seven Surprise methods as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GLANDFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE MILL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

WILLIAM COPEMAN 1	LESLIE V. PAGE 4
*JOHN BONE 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
WILLIAM R. WEST 3	CHARLES E. COPEMAN ... 6
ERNEST V. BLAKE 7-8	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

Witness—Mrs. W. R. West.

* First peal. First peal 'in hand' for conductor and first attempt.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILLARS, 5007 CHANGES;

CARTER'S BROADSHEET, No. 493. Tenor size 17 in B flat.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON 3-4	ALFRED BARNES 7-8
PETER LAFLIN 9-10	

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire—Harry Ashton.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

Rung for the 50th anniversary of Mr. A. Barnes' first peal, which was rung at St. Albans Cathedral, April 11th, 1887.

CHRISTCHURCH BELLRINGERS' LEADER.

MR. GEORGE PRESTON'S JUBILEE.

On Wednesday, April 7th, at the Priory Church, Christchurch, Hants, an attempt was made by the Priory Church ringers to ring a peal of 5,280 changes of Bob Maximus to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mr. G. Preston as a ringer at this church, but they failed after ringing 3,000 changes.

The ringers adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel for light refreshments, and a presentation was then made, on behalf of the ringers, by the Vicar (Canon W. H. Gay) to Mr. Preston. It consisted of an illuminated address and a Davenport writing bureau. In making this presentation, Canon Gay said what a great pleasure it gave him to be there on such an occasion. He had always found Mr. Preston a man of few words, but what he said he would do he always carried out. The services given by him for the past 50 years had not only been for the church, but for the whole of the deanery.

Mr. W. Tucker, churchwarden, supported the Vicar's remarks and added that he always admired, at the annual meetings of the Guild, the unanimous way in which the members of the district re-elected Mr. Preston as their secretary.

Mr. Preston thanked his fellow-ringers for their gifts, and said what pleasure it gave him to do all in his power for the advancement of change ringing. From the time of commencement as a ringer he had been able to have a band capable of ringing changes for Sunday services, and he hoped to continue his duties as captain and conductor for many years to come.

Mr. F. Sparshott, on behalf of the ringers, congratulated Mr. Preston on his 50 years' service, and said how proud they all were to have such a capable captain and conductor in their tower, as he was far above the average bob caller. He trusted Mr. Preston would be with them for many years to come.

Mr. Hinton supported these remarks, and said that he was the first pupil of Mr. Preston's to learn the art of bellringing 49 years ago.

The address expressed appreciation of Mr. Preston's valuable services and zealous efforts on behalf of all bellringers who had passed through his most talented training, and heartily congratulated him on completing 50 years' service on March 8th, 1937, as a bellringer, conductor and captain of the Christchurch Priory bellringers. It concluded by praying that the blessing of God might rest upon his continued labours and that he might be spared to serve in such capacity for many years to come. It was signed by the Vicar, churchwardens and fifteen ringers.

A further attempt for the commemorative peal was successful on Wednesday, April 14th.

MR. J. GEORGE RETIRING FROM RINGING MASTERSHIP.

At Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on Sunday, April 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Walker (conductor) 1, G. E. Fearn 2, D. T. Matkin 3, J. George 4, S. O. Holloway 5, H. H. Fearn 6, F. E. Haynes 7, J. S. Mason 8. This was arranged as a compliment to Mr. James George, who is now retiring from the position of Ringing Master, after 21 years' service to Bishop Ryder's. It was the longest touch he had rung since his illness, and his ringing friends will be pleased to hear of his recovery.

FORTHCOMING BELL OPENINGS.

GLADWICK, OLDHAM.—Re-dedication of bells, at St. Mark's Church, will take place on Sunday, April 25th, by the Lord Bishop of Hulme. The bells have been recast and rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.—The ring of 5 bells, rehung in new frame by Alfred Howell, Ipswich, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Sunday next, April 25th, at 3 o'clock. Tower open to visitors all the evening.

HARTHILL, SHEFFIELD.—The peal of 8 (tenor 17 cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Sheffield on Tuesday, April 27th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

LLANFIHANGEL RHYDEITHON.—The ring of 5, restored and increased to 6 (tenor 6 cwt.) by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by Dr. Morgan, Bishop of Swansea and Brecon, on Wednesday, April 28th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.

CHARLES, NEAR BARNSTAPLE, N. DEVON.—The new tenor bell will be dedicated on Wednesday, April 28th, at 7 p.m. Ring of 5 rehung and augmented to 6 by John Taylor and Co.

STEWKLEY, BUCKS.—The Bishop of Buckingham will dedicate the trebles to existing peal of 6, which have been retuned, April 29th, 3 p.m. All ringers invited.

RAMPISHAM, near Dorchester.—The re-dedication of the bells will take place on Friday, April 30th, at 6.15 p.m., by the Bishop of Salisbury. Ring of five restored and rehung in new frame by John Taylor and Co.

BURTON HASTINGS, near Nuneaton.—The bells will be dedicated on Saturday, May 1st, at 5.30 p.m., by the Bishop of Coventry. The peal has been restored and augmented by five by John Taylor and Co.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL.—The ring of ten (tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb.), recast and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, May 1st, at 6 p.m. A broadcast of the bells will be given from 7.45 to 8 p.m. in the Midland Regional programme.

STOKE ASH, SUFFOLK.—The ring of five bells, recently rehung and augmented by Howell and Son, will be dedicated by the Bishop of the diocese on Sunday, May 2nd, at 3 p.m. A tea will be provided. Notice of intention to be present to E. F. Poppy, Stoke Ash, Eye.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—The peal of 8, increased to 10 (tenor 15½ cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford on Sunday, May 2nd, at 11 a.m. Ringers' meeting at Willenhall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Address by the Venerable R. L. Hodson, Archdeacon of Stafford. Tea 5.30 (1s. each). Please send names for tea not later than May 4th, to C. Wallater, 1, Marston Street, Willenhall.

CRONDALL, HANTS.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Guildford of the peal of six (restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) on Sunday, May 2nd, at 11 a.m. Everybody welcome! A RINGERS' OPENING on Saturday, May 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at the Cricketers. A good muster of ringers and friends requested.—C. W. Denyer.

KING'S BROMLEY, NR. BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Tuesday, May 4th, at 7.30 p.m., the bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Stafford; ring of 6 bells recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

(Continued in next column.)

FOR BEGINNERS.

CALLING STEDMAN CATERERS FROM A WORKING BELL.

If you want to call Stedman Caterers from a 'working' bell there are plenty of good guides to help you. There are, of course, the regular positions into which the 'fixed' bells fall, but even without observing these too closely you can have numerous checks upon your calling.

Once you have got over your starting course, in touch or peal of ordinary type there are only four bells which are affected by the bobs at 5 and 16. They are the bells which fall into treble's place, 3rd's, 4th's and 6th's at the course ends, and three of them are concerned at the bobs.

If the bob be at 5, the bells affected are the 3rd, treble's place and 6th's place bells. If the bob be at 16, the 3rd's, 4th's and 6th's place bells are concerned.

Many of our readers will remember what has been said in this column about the positions of the bob-making bells in methods like Plain Bob. Three successive bobs, with an interval of a course between, cause the bells concerned to work in a cycle of In, Out, 4th's when the calls are made.

So in Stedman Caterers there is a cycle which follows the order of 9-8 down, 8-9 up and 7th's (which, of course, is making the bob). Thus you know, if you are called into any one of these places, what your next calling position must be if you have to run a full course.

We explained last week how the bob at 5 changes the treble's place bell, by substituting the quick bell (3rd's place) at the course end. The bell that makes the bob is the 6th. You can watch these bells coming into position from the course end, and, even if you have no other check, you can always see which is the 6th place bell, because when your prospective treble's place bell gets into 4-5 on his way up, the bell he dodges with is the bell that is going to make the bob.

Further, the bells concerned in the bob are the three which course up after the 5th's place bell, which is one of those that are 'fixed.' The first dodges down at the bob, the second dodges up and the third, having dodged with 5th itself in 6-7, makes the bob.

Similarly with a bob at 16, the place to make the call is easy to observe. The three bells concerned course up from the front behind the treble itself (that is if the treble, as is usually the case, is the 2nd's place bell). The bob comes when the treble is in 7-6 down, and if you are the first of the three bells after the treble you call the bob when you are dodging down. If you are the second bell you call the bob when you are dodging up, and if you are the last of the three you find yourself dodging in 6-7 up with the treble and the bob is called at that six-end.

There are only two other calling positions with which you need concern yourself if you are ringing one of the working bells. If you are 4th's place bell at a course end and have to call a bob at 5, remember the call is made as you approach the last half-turn. If you are treble's place bell and have to call a bob at 16, make the call as you begin your first whole turn.

Now the best thing the ringer can do who wants to call Stedman Caterers is to write out one or two courses by the six-ends, in the way we explained last week, insert bobs at 5 and/or 16, and examine the way in which the working bells arrange themselves at these bobs.

If you want to construct a few touches for yourself you can do so with the help of the starting course we gave you last week—2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16. It produces the course-end 412365978. To find the effect of a bob at 5 transpose by 326451; for bobs at 5 and 16, transpose by 321654; for a bob at 16 transpose by 126354.

You can turn the bells into the handstroke position by a bob at 2, followed by a single at 9, which produce the previous course-end with 8-9 reversed. The bells will come round in the change following the course end 214365879, but do not overlook the fact that you cannot get this with that turning course unless somewhere you have used another single. A single at 5 reverses 3 and 1, a single at 16 reverses 3 and 4, when compared with the transpositions for a bob.

Those of our readers who are interested may like to construct some touches on paper. It will help them, when they have had some experience in the tower, to build up touches as they go. Here is the sort of thing we mean.

The starting course given produces—

412365978

214563 by Bobs at 5, 16

Turning Course 214563 by Bob at 2. Single at 9

412365 by Bobs at 5, 16

214365 by Bob at 5, Single at 16

(Continued from previous column.)

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.—The rededication of the peal will take place on Friday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, Very Rev. Provost Ham (Derby Cathedral). Ring of 8 rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

DALWOOD, NEAR AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Saturday, May 8th, the bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton at 3 p.m. Ring of 6 rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AS SECRETARY.

MR. C. T. COLES' SERVICES TO MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

Presentations From Members.

The members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild gave tangible expression to their appreciation of the long service given as one of the joint honorary secretaries by Mr. C. T. Coles, at the annual meeting at Cripplegate, London, on Saturday. Mr. Coles has held office for more than a quarter of a century and was made the recipient of a suitably inscribed gold watch, while Mrs. Coles was presented with a very nice leather handbag.

The presentation took place in the presence of a large number of members, over whom the president of the association, the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, presided.

The proceedings were introduced by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president), who said that last year he called attention to the fact that Mr. Coles had completed twenty-five years as a secretary of the association. They then showed their appreciation of his services by passing a vote of thanks. He was not going to say that words were cheap, because when they passed that resolution they did mean what they said and he was sure Mr. Coles realised it. Some of them, however, thought that the occasion called for something a little more tangible than words, but, as the members would recall, the death of the late Master, Mr. William Pye, had led to their having launched a national memorial to him, and the committee felt they could not make two appeals for subscriptions at the same time. Therefore, they postponed any idea of a testimonial to Mr. Coles to this year. They had now got together a few shillings and he was going to ask the president to present Mr. Coles with a gold watch from the association as a mark of their appreciation (applause). He (Mr. Trollope) need not say that that gift had been earned. Only those who had worked with Mr. Coles intimately for many years knew his real worth, but all of them knew, in greater or less degree, something of what he had done. Mr. Coles was not one who had sought the limelight. He had been content to work and let other people share the credit and the results. Fortunately in the ringing Exercise a man of Mr. Tom Coles' standing and value was not overlooked, and to-day throughout the country among ringers there was no one more honoured and more respected than he was (applause). Like a good many others, he was not as young as he was, but he was still in the prime of life and he was sure they would all unite in wishing Mr. Coles many more years of happiness in ringing and many more years of service to the association and to the ringing Exercise (applause).

The President, in handing the gift to Mr. Coles, who received it amid applause, said he knew it had been the experience of the association always to find him ready, always in the right place and always going strong. He (the president) hoped that the watch would also be always ready, always in the right place and always going strong (laughter and applause).

MR. COLES AND HIS COLLEAGUES.

Mr. Coles, in acknowledging the gift, said he must ask the members to take most of his thanks for granted, for he felt that the occasion was too much for him. It was almost 27 years ago that he first became a secretary of the association—on June 7th of this year to be exact—when the first secretary and founder of the association, Mr. Arthur T. King, retired. The association was founded almost 40 years ago and they had had only two secretaries in the North and East District in the whole of that time, Mr. King for the first 13 years and he (Mr. Coles) for the last 27, with the exception of a period between 1916 and 1919, when he was away on war service, and when the duties were carried on by Mr. W. H. Oram. The association, as they knew, had no general secretary; the two district secretaries were joint secretaries. In the South and West District his colleagues had been four—Mr. H. C. Chandler, who was still a member of the association, Mr. W. H. Oram (who for a time carried on as secretary for both districts and continued in the South and West District afterwards), Mr. W. H. Hollier and, latterly, Mr. Goodfellow. Thus there had not been many officers during the period, and it was due, he thought,



MR. C. T. COLES.

not because secretaries were sticklers to office, but because they found it was not so easy to slip out as to slip in (laughter and applause). In the near future they might have to make a change. Although he was not an old man and he did not like even to think he was getting old, one did feel one could not do as much at his age as 20 years ago. It had occurred to him during the last few years that it was too much for a man to be district secretary and joint secretary of the association at the same time. Perhaps when they went into the question of the revision of the rules they might find a way out of the difficulty.

Continuing, Mr. Coles paid a tribute to the support which he had always received from the other officers of the association. The late Mr. William Pye, as Master, was a tower of strength, and any success he (Mr. Coles) attained in ringing was entirely due to him. He was a great help in everything they did; in fact, the association would never have attained the position it did in the ringing world but for Mr. Pye. They had received excellent support from the District Masters, and the present Master was doing a great work in helping ringing at different towers. To all of them he offered his most sincere thanks for their help. The great majority of the members, continued Mr. Coles, had given loyal support to the association, and he would like to urge them to continue to support the officers at the district meetings, which were the means, and the best means, of enabling members to get practice which they could not possibly get in their own towers. In conclusion, Mr. Coles thanked the members for their handsome gift, and added that while he was unlikely to be able to be their secretary for another 25 years, he would, he hoped, have a few more happy years with them yet (applause).

GIFT FOR MRS. COLES.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president) said it was only right and proper that they should express their appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Coles for what she had done to keep Mr. Coles 'up to scratch' for the last 27 years (laughter and applause). She had been the power behind the scenes, and no doubt Mr. Coles himself would tell them that without her sympathy and help he would not have been able to devote so much of his time to the association. He asked the president to hand Mrs. Coles a handbag as a token of esteem and with many thanks for her help to the association (applause).

The president made the presentation amid applause, and Mrs. Coles briefly expressed her thanks.

Mr. Coles said his wife could really tell them quite a lot, and ringers with wives would know very well what that would be without his going into detail (laughter). It was true that without his wife's sympathy and help he could not have carried on all those years. It was undoubtedly due to the sympathies of a wife that a man was able to carry on anything. Mrs. Coles greatly appreciated their kindness, and on her behalf he thanked the members very much for their handsome present.

The President said there remained a substantial balance from the presentation, and it was hoped when the fund was closed to present it to Mr. Coles as a purse.

Mr. W. H. Hollier (the hon. treasurer) said, later, that the fund would be closed on May 22nd. He wished Mr. Coles many years still of happy service to the association.

The watch was inscribed: 'Presented to C. T. Coles after 25 years' service as honorary secretary of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers. 1937.'

The report of the annual meeting of the association will appear in our next issue.

DEATH OF MR. J. S. HUTCHBY.

MEMBER OF M.C.A. 'WEDNESDAY BAND.'

Mr. James S. Hutchby, a bellringer at Loughborough Parish Church for 40 years, passed away on Tuesday, March 30th. Although he had been in indifferent health for the past 18 months, the end came very suddenly, and was due to a seizure whilst in his garden.

Mr. Hutchby was a member of the famous 'Wednesday band' which a few years ago, under the leadership of Mr. Maurice Swinfield, used to meet on the 'half-day off' (Wednesday) for peal ringing, and their efforts resulted in a large number of peals, principally Stedman Triples, being rung on behalf of the Midland Counties Association. Whenever he met for a peal it was always with the intention of scoring, and there was no more disappointed man than 'Jim' Hutchby if the attempt proved unsuccessful. He had rung over 220 peals, including the Midland Counties Association's record length of Bob Major (13,440 changes), rung on April 8th, 1922.

Mr. Hutchby was, up to 18 months ago, most punctual in his attendance for Sunday service ringing, and although at the age of 75 it was not to be expected that he would be with us many more years, his passing is greatly regretted, not only by the Loughborough ringers, but also by the wide circle of friends which his kindly disposition won for him in the area of the Midland Counties Association.

At the interment, which took place on Saturday, April 3rd, four members of the Loughborough Parish Church company acted as bearers, handbells were rung at the graveside and the bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled, whilst on Tuesday evening, April 6th, a peal of Bob Major was rung half-muffled on the bells in the Bell Foundry Campanile, where Mr. Hutchby had rung so many of his peals. He leaves a widow, but no children.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WHITSUN MEETING.**

The following terms have been quoted by the principal Canterbury hotels: A. Inclusive terms from Saturday dinner to Wednesday breakfast. B. Inclusive terms from Sunday dinner to Wednesday breakfast. C. Daily terms. D. Bed and breakfast.

	A.	B.	C.	D.
Royal Fountain	60/-	45/-	15/6	10/-
Abbots Barton	57/6	42/8	17/-	10/6
County (Headquarters) ...	55/-	40/-	17/6	10/6
Rose	54/-	42/-	15/6	9/-
Fleur-de-Lis	52/-	42/-	15/-	7/6

The Abbots Barton Hotel is outside the city. The following are temperance hotels:—

	C.	D.
Baker's Hotel, Ivy Lane	12/6	6/6
Roper Hotel (three single rooms only) ...	12/6	8/6
Britton's Hotel, 44, Burgate		6/6
Slatter's Hotel, St. Margaret's Street ...	10/6	6/6

Applications for accommodation should be made direct to the hotel. Any members requiring private accommodation should communicate with Mr. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury, who will be pleased to make arrangements.

Peal arrangements are in the hands of Mr. T. E. Sone, Warrington Bungalow, Paddock Wood, Kent, to whom applications should be addressed.

Particulars of ringing arrangements and other information will be given next week.

GEORGE W. FLETCHER, Hon. Sec.

BUSHEY SOCIETY'S PRESIDENT.**DEATH OF THE REV. G. MONTAGUE HALL.**

On Sunday evening, April 11th, at Bushey, Herts, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. E. Rootes 1, J. J. Allen 2, E. Jennings 3, P. Parslow 4, M. F. R. Hibbert 5, W. Seeley 6, W. G. Whitehead (conductor) 7, T. Clark 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled previous to the memorial service for the Rev. G. Montague Hall, Rector of Bushey for 39 years.

He was president of the Bushey Society, and patron of the Herts Association for many years, and took a great interest in ringing. He often expressed regret at not having acquired the art in his younger days.

The remains of the late Rector were cremated on the previous Thursday, when a half-muffled peal was rung.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**NEW RULES ADOPTED.**

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday, there being a good attendance which well represented the branches. By kind permission of the Precentor (the Rev. J. d'Arcy Hutton), the 12 bells were available for ringing throughout the day.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Room at 2.30 p.m., and apologies for absence were received from Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. J. Austin and Mr. F. W. Merrett.

The Master, Mr. S. Romans, in his report, called for united efforts during the Coronation year to fill the towers with ringers. He also appealed to members to support the district meetings. They had been well attended, but usually the local ringers failed in their support. He paid a tribute to the clergy for their efforts, and he was glad to see more clergy in the association's area taking up ringing.

The hon. secretary, in his report, referred to the passing of Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Brown, Capt. H. W. Grant, Mr. H. Green, Mr. E. E. Davies, Mr. W. Curtis, Mr. J. Owen, Mr. S. Phillips and Mr. A. R. Agg.

He recorded that 24 peals had been rung during 1936.

It was also mentioned that Mr. J. Gould, of Henbury, had completed 50 years as leader and conductor at the Parish Church.

The hon. treasurer's statements showed an increased balance of £16 on the year.—The balance sheets were adopted.

A report upon the Central Council meeting at the Guildhall, London, was given by Mr. J. K. Armstrong.

The new rules prepared by the Special Committee were unanimously adopted with one slight deletion. This referred to a quorum at annual meetings, it being decided against stating a definite number.—The Rules Revision Committee were thanked and disbanded.

All the officers were re-elected, the Master for the fourth successive time, the general secretary (Mr. E. Guise) for the twentieth successive occasion, and the hon. treasurer for the ninth successive time.

Messrs. F. G. Leaker, J. H. Shepherd, W. Hale and A. Martin were appointed advisers, and the Rev. E. J. Phillips and Mr. C. H. Gordon were elected auditors.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bristol on Easter Monday, 1938.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. J. d'Arcy Hutton and Mr. H. Devereux for their kindness in making arrangements.

The Rev. J. E. Staley proposed a vote of thanks to the Master, hon. secretary, hon. treasurer and all those connected with the association for their work.—This was unanimously accorded.

Tea was taken in the Parish Hall and there was more ringing afterwards until time to catch trains and buses concluded the day's proceedings.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Although 'The Ringing World' is this week enlarged to twenty pages, we regret we are compelled to hold over a number of reports, which will appear as soon as possible.

The death occurred suddenly in Paisley on April 11th of Mr. A. E. Wreaks, who for 25 years, up to September, 1911, was hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association.

The new bells of the Birmingham Cathedral (St. Philip's) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham, Dr. E. W. Barnes, at a service to be held at 6 p.m. on St. Philip's Day, Saturday, May 1st.

The new ring of ten is by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D. The bells will be broadcast on the Midland Regional after the service, from 7.45 to 8 o'clock, and superimposed on the broadcast, for the first five minutes or so, Mr. A. Paddon Smith will give a brief description of them from the Cathedral.

Another new Surprise method, Otley, has been rung at Helmingham. It makes the fortieth Surprise method in which a peal has been rung at this tower.

There are frequent instances of ringers' enthusiasm for their hobby. On Saturday four members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, attended the meeting of the Middlesex Association in London and enjoyed ringing at the City churches where the bells were available.

Geoffrey Harrison, the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough, rang his first touch of Grandsire Caters on Sunday evening, when he piloted the treble without a mistake.

A report of a peal rung at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, has been sent without the date, and of a peal at Newland, Glos., without the time.

The twelve bells at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, are to be rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Two trebles are being added to make eight at Gorleston-on-Sea, Suffolk, and they are to be dedicated in time for the Coronation. The work is being carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry.

The Chester Diocesan Guild meeting, which was to have been held at Market Drayton to-morrow, has been postponed owing to illness near the church.

Mr. T. E. Sone, who has now rung peals with 275 different ringers, has called compositions by 40 composers. Sixty-five peals have been different compositions by Mr. Arthur Knights.

Mr. Alfred Lawrence, who rang in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Swindon on Saturday, is in his 83rd year. His last peal was rung ten years ago, when he gave up peal ringing as he was getting too old for peals!

The dinner which is to be held on October 23rd by the Ladies' Guild to celebrate their silver jubilee will take place at Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street. Accommodation is limited, and it will, therefore, be necessary to apply early for tickets.

RINGING AT BELL OPENINGS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT ON NEED FOR GOOD STRIKING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I see from the notices in your last issue that there are to be a number of bell dedications in the next few weeks. May I point out that the greatest possible care should be taken over the arrangements for ringing on the opening day.

On such occasions the public naturally listen with greater attention than at any other time. Any bad striking does incalculable harm to the art of ringing, as far as public sympathy is concerned.

An even more important point is the irreverence of imperfect ringing as part of the offering which is being made. EDWIN H. LEWIS.

CLERICAL RINGERS' GUILD FORMED.

CANON COLERIDGE THE FIRST PRESIDENT.

On a recent clerical ringing tour some priests founded 'The Guild of Clerical Ringers,' with the object of drawing together all clergy who take any part in scientific ringing.

The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge has consented to be the first president.

A fee of 5s. is payable for life membership, and further particulars can be obtained from the hon. secretary, the Rev. E. V. Cox, The Vicarage, Bramford Spoke, Exeter.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION ELECTS OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Warnham on Saturday, April 10th. Thirty-five members were present from adjoining towers and ringing was commenced at 2.45 p.m. At the service the proposed new form for the association was used. A capital address was given by the Vicar, who also gave a brief history of Warnham Church.

Tea was partaken of at the Sussex Oak, and at the business meeting which followed the following officers were elected: Mr. O. Sippetts, divisional secretary; Messrs. W. Charman, A. E. Laker and R. V. Johnson, committee; Messrs. O. Sippetts, W. Charman and G. Apps, Committee of Advice.

Six new resident members were elected, and the Rev. F. S. Farebrother, Vicar of Warnham, was elected an honorary member.

The Warnham band gave an exhibition of handbells lapped to Treble Ten and Grandsire Caters and received much applause.

The tower was then again visited and the bells kept going to 8.45. Rounds to London Surprise were rung during the day.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1936.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Number Corresponding with Last Column.	ASSOCIATION.	Number of Conductors	MINOR & DOUBLES																				TOTAL	Number Corresponding with First Column	MAXIMUS.								
			QUINTES.	ROYAL.	OATERS.	MAJOR					TRIPLES					MINOR & DOUBLES					HANDBELLS												
			Maximus	Stedman	Grandsire	Spliced Surprise	Surprise	Treble Bob	Plain Methods	Stedman	Grandsire	Spliced Surprise	London	Cambridge	Bristol	Superlative	Yorkshire	Miscellaneous	New Surprise Meth.	Kent Treble Bob	Oxford	Other	Forward	Sp. Pl. & Little Bob	Double Norwich	Plain Bob	Other Plain Meth.	Stedman	Grandsire	Other Methods	MINOR & DOUBLES	HANDBELLS	
1	Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths...	6	2	2	a1	—	—	—	4	a1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	13	1	All Cambridge except
2	Bath and Wells	40	1	—	a2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55	2	a—One Kent Treble Bob and one Superlative	
3	Bedfordshire	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	3	b—One Little Bob		
4	Cambridge U. Guild	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	4	ROYAL		
5	Chester Diocesan	20	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	77	5	a—Yorkshire and Cambridge		
6	Cleveland and N. Yorks	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	b—London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative (2)		
7	Devonshire	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	7	Surprise—All Cambridge except		
8	Dudley and District	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	7	c—One Yorkshire		
9	Durham and Newcastle	17	1	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	8	d—One London		
10	East Derby & Notts	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	9	e—New Cambridge		
11	Ely Diocesan	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	10	Treble Bob—All Kent except		
12	Essex County	30	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	69	12	f—One Oxford		
13	Gloucester & Bristol	20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	13	Plain Methods—All Plain Bob except		
14	Guilford Diocesan	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	14	g—Little Bob		
15	Hereford Diocesan	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	15	h—Double Norwich		
16	Hertford County	19	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	59	16	Other Plain Meth.		
17	Irish Association	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	17	Stedman		
18	Kent County	44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	128	18	Grandsire		
19	Ladies' Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	19	Other Methods		
20	Lancashire Assoc.	39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	90	20	MINOR & DOUBLES		
21	Lincoln Diocesan	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	112	21	HANDBELLS		
22	Llandaff & Monmouth ..	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	22			
23	London County	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	23			
24	Middlesex County	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55	24			
25	Midland Counties	37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	83	25			
26	North Notts	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	26			
27	North Staffs	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	27			
28	Norwich Diocesan	28	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	68	28			
29	Oxford Diocesan	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	85	29			
30	Peterboro' Diocesan	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	30			
31	St. Martin's Gld. B'ham.	8	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	31			
32	Salisbury Guild	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	32			
33	Shropshire Association ..	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	33			
34	Stafford Archdeaconry ..	15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	34			
35	Soc. Royal Cumberlands ..	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	35			
36	Scottish Association	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	36			
37	Suffolk Guild	29	a3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—</												

The tables relating to Minor and Doubles and to handbell peals will be found on the next page.

MAXIMUS.

- a—One Kent Treble Bob and one Superlative
b—One Little Bob

ROYAL

- a—Yorkshire and Cambridge
b—London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative (2)
c—One Yorkshire
d—One London
e—New Cambridge
f—One Oxford
g—Little Bob
h—Double Norwich

MAJOR

- a—Four Methods—London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative

- b—One 3 Methods—London, Cambridge and Superlative
Three 4 Methods as (a)

- c—One 7 Methods—Bristol, Cambridge, Ealing, London, Rutland, Wembley and Superlative
Three as (a)

- d—Four Methods—Painswick, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge

- e—Norfolk and New Cambridge

- f—Belgrave

- g—Ashted

- h—Rutland, Lincolnshire and Wembley

- i—Wigston and Claybrook

- j—Ashted (2), New Cambridge (2), Painswick, Brighton

- and Pudsey

- k—Staffordshire

- l—Double Dublin

- m—Norfolk and Pudsey

- n—Lincolnshire and Rutland

- o—Pyrford

- p—Uxbridge and Cassiobury

- q—Leicestershire

- r—Hugghenden, Sandringham and Newcastle

- s—Chester, Leeds and Cornwall

- t—Killamarah

- Other Treble Bob—All Kent and Oxford except

- u—Granta

- Other Plain Methods—

- v—Double Oxford Bob, Little Oxford Bob and Canterbury

- Pleasure (2)

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES.

Association.	MINOR										Total	DOUBLES										Total	Grand Total of Peals
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	to 70			1	2	3	4	5	7	14					
Bath and Wells ...	4	—	1	1	—	3	—	—	—	9	10	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	13	22			
Bedfordshire ...	4	—	2	3	—	8	—	—	—	17	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	5	22			
Cambridge U. Gld. ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1			
Chester Diocesan ...	5	—	4	2	—	5	10a	—	—	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26			
Devonshire Guild ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2			
Dur. and Newc'le ...	—	—	—	2	—	4	1b	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7			
E. Derbys. & N'ts. ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2			
Ely Diocesan ...	13	—	2	2	3	2	6	3c	—	31	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	32			
Essex Association ...	3	—	6	6	3	1	2	—	—	21	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	22			
Glos. & Bristol ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	6			
Hereford Dio. ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	22	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	26	27			
Hertford County ...	9	—	2	—	—	4	3d	—	—	12	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	17			
Kent County ...	15	1	4	3	—	—	—	—	—	23	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	28			
Lancashire ...	3	3	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	11	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	13			
Lincoln Diocesan ...	14	2	—	1	1	—	26	24e	—	68	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	70			
Llandaff & Mon. ...	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5			
Middlesex County ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1			
Midland Counties ...	5	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	8	9	1	2	—	1h	—	—	—	13	21			
North Notts. ...	4	—	3	1	1	—	6	1b	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16			
North Staffs. ...	1	—	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6			
Norwich Diocesan ...	10	1	5	3	1	—	2	—	—	22	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	24			
Oxford Diocesan ...	1	2	2	1	2	—	10	4f	—	22	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	27			
Peterborough Dio. ...	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	2	—	13i	—	—	—	—	7	10			
Salisbury Dio. ...	8	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	11	3	—	4	2	41k	—	—	—	14	25			
Shropshire Assoc. ...	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	6			
Stafford Arch. ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	8			
Soc. Roy. Can. Y. ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3			
Suffolk Guild ...	7	—	6	6	4	1	5	—	—	29	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	39			
Surrey Assoc. ...	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3			
Sussex County ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	7			
Swansea & Brecon ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	6			
Tyru Diocesan ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5			
Warwickshire ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4			
Winch. & P'm'b. ...	1	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	6			
Worcester & Dis. ...	6	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	—	11	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	17			
Yorkshire Assoc. ...	5	2	1	2	—	1	7	8g	—	21	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	21			
Unaffiliated ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	3			
Non-Association ...	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	5	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	8			
TOTAL ...	138	12	51	37	18	6	101	49	412	97	16	20	5	7	5	150	562						

a—In 65, 66, 52, 46, 30, 23, 20 and 10 methods, two in 9 methods. b—Twelve methods. c—Two in 10 methods, one in 8 methods. d—One in 9 methods, one in 12 methods, one in 14 methods. e—In 70, 61, 60, 57, 51, 48, 38, 32, 30, 25, 20, 17, 16, 12, 11 and 9 methods. Two in 42 methods, two in 28 methods and four in 14 methods. f—One in 12 methods, one in 11 methods and two in 8 methods. g—One in 25 methods, one in 20 methods and one in 8 methods. h—Fourteen methods. i—Three in 7 methods. k—Ten methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

Association.	ROYAL		CATERS	MAJOR				TRIPLES		MINOR		DOUBLES						
	Oxford Treble Bob	Little Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandsire	4 Spliced Surprise	3 Spliced Surprise	Oxford Treble Bob	Double Norwich	Double Bob	St Clement's Coll.	Plain Bob	Skatman	Grandsire	Methods	Doables—1 method	TOTAL	
Anc. Soc. Col. Y.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Bath & Wells	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
Cam. Univ. Gld.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	
Chester Dio.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	
Durham & N'e'ls	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Ely Diocesan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Essex Assoc.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	
Guildford Dio.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	
Hertford Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Irish Assoc.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	
Kent County	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Lancashire Assoc.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	
Lincoln Dio.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	
Middlesex Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	
Norwich Dio.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Royal Can. Y.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Scottish Assoc.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Worcestershire A.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	
Yorkshire Assoc.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Unaffiliated Soc.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	
TOTAL	1	1	4	4	4	1	1	3	1	1	26	2	5	1	9	1	5	47

a—Four Methods—London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol.
b—Three methods—London, Cambridge and Superlative.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS AND RECORDS COMMITTEE, 1936.

The following report of the Analysis and Records Committee upon the peals rung in 1936 will be submitted to the Central Council at their meeting on Whitsun Tuesday:—

There has been a considerable decrease in the number of peals rung in 1936, as compared with 1935.

The following summary shows comparative figures:—

	1935		1936	
	Tower	Handbells	Tower	Handbells
Maximus ...	9	1	9	—
Cinques ...	35	5	35	—
Royal ...	46	8	54	6
Caters ...	82	7	91	11
Major ...	669	41	618	37
Triples ...	376	12	305	7
Minor ...	381	5	412	10
Doubles ...	183	3	150	4
	1,781	82	1,674	75

TOWER BELLS.

Peals of Maximus and Cinques remain the same, but there is an increase of 2 in the Surprise methods, and a decrease in the Kent Treble Bob. Cinques also remain the same. There are three peals less of Stedman, and three more of Grandsire. Royal have increased by 8—three Surprise methods and other methods 5. Caters have increased by 9—Stedman by 7 and Grandsire by 3. No other Cater method was rung. Major methods have decreased by 51. Surprise methods show a decrease of 50—London 15, Cambridge 22, Bristol 3, Superlative 17. Spliced Surprise have increased by 4, sundry Surprise by 10, Yorkshire by 2, new Surprise methods by 1. Kent Treble Bob have increased by 4, Oxford Treble Bob have decreased by 1, and Spliced Treble Bob by 2. Double Norwich have decreased by 6 and Plain Bob by 23. Sundry plain methods have increased by 17.

Triples have decreased by 71—Stedman by 33 and Grandsire by 44. Sundry methods have increased by 6.

There is again an increase in Minor of 31. In one method peals have increased by 25; in two methods there is a decrease of 14; in three methods an increase of 10; in four methods no change; in five methods a decrease of 1; in six methods an increase of 1; in seven methods a decrease of 4; and in methods over seven an increase of 14.

In Doubles there has been a decrease of 33. In one method there is a decrease of 19; in two methods a decrease of 21; in three methods a decrease of 4; in four methods a decrease of 6; in five methods an increase of 5; and in methods over, an increase of 12.

HANDBELLS.

A still further decrease has taken place, and this year there are no peals of Maximus or Cinques. Royal have decreased by 2, Major by 4, Triples by 5. Caters have increased by 4, Minor by 5, and Doubles by 1.

ASSOCIATIONS.

The Kent County Association still head the list, with 128 peals, a decrease of 27 on last year's total. The Lincoln Guild follow with 112, an increase of 5. These are the only associations with over 100 peals. Nineteen associations show an increase and 25 a decrease.

PROGRESSIVE LENGTHS.

5,216 Crayford College Bob Major, by the Norwich Diocesan Association, July 2nd, 1936.

NEW METHODS.

5,040 Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Royal, by the Surrey Association, January 18th.

5,088 Uxbridge Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, February 15th.

5,040 Little Oxford Bob Major, by the Hertford County Association, February 22nd.

5,088 Chester Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, March 6th.

5,088 Killamarsh Surprise Major, by the Yorkshire Association, April 18th.

5,088 Hughenden Surprise Major, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, April 18th.

5,152 Spliced Painswick, Yorkshire, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, April 29th.

5,024 Cassiobury Surprise Major, by the Hertford County Association, May 16th.

5,024 Leeds Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, May 14th.

5,088 Leicestershire Surprise Major, by the Midland Counties Association, May 23rd.

5,056 Sandringham Surprise Major, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, May 23rd.

5,056 Pyrford Surprise Major, by the Guildford Diocesan Guild, September 24th.

5,088 Cornwall Surprise Major, by the Suffolk Guild, October 19th.

5,152 Newcastle Surprise Major, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, October 31st.

HANDBELLS.

5,056 St. Clement's College Bob Major, by the Lincoln Guild, March 22nd.

5,088 Spliced London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major, by the Hertford County

GENERAL.

Noteworthy performances include the peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods on handbells by four members of the Hertford County Association, which undoubtedly ranks as the greatest performance yet accomplished on handbells.

Other outstanding performances are the peal of Surprise Royal in four methods by the Surrey Association, and the peals of Minor in 42, 48, 51, 57, 60, 61 and 70 methods by the Lincoln Guild, and in 46, 52, 66 and 68 methods by the Chester Guild.

The following are the number of peals rung during each month in 1936 and 1935:—

	1936	1935		1936	1935
January	227	124	July	89	86
February	178	160	August	170	125
March	110	152	September	126	158
April	150	99	October	152	149
May	139	257	November	148	192
June	116	174	December	144	187

FOOTNOTES.

There is a very serious decrease in the number of ringers who have scored their first peals. The number is 517, as against 643 in 1935. On eight bells and over, 69 rang the treble, 92 inside and 51 the tenor; on 5 and 6 bells, 99 rang the treble, 151 inside and 51 the tenor. The number who rang their first peal in a different method or method on a different number of bells is 1,434, an increase of 619. Ringers of their first peal inside number 68; away from the tenor 10; Maximus 5; Cinques 13; Royal 22; Caters 15; Major 72; Triples 24; Minor 127; Doubles 37; on twelve bells 33; ten 66; eight 32; six 13; five 5; Surprise 36; in hand 4; in method in hand 62. New conductors number 57—27 on eight bells and over, and 30 on five and six. This is a decrease of 25. Conductors in new methods number 179. New conductors on handbells number 3.

Other footnotes show that 44 were the first on the bells; 169 the first in the method on the bells; 27 the first since restoration or augmentation.

For the funeral of King George V., 175 peals were rung, muffled and half-muffled. Other muffled peals number 57.

For Proclamations and Accessions 22 peals were rung; Royal birthdays 7; birthdays 241; weddings (including silver, etc.) 97; church festivals and dedications 25; welcome and farewell 58; anniversaries 62.

During the year 27 peals have been withdrawn as follows:—

- Record peal of Stedman Cinques—College Youths.
- 2 peals London Surprise Major—Sussex Association.
- 12 peals Kent Treble Bob Major—Surrey Association.
- 1 peal Kent Treble Bob Major—Guildford Guild.
- 3 peals Kent Treble Bob Major—Middlesex Association.
- 1 peal Kent Treble Bob Major—Suffolk Guild.
- 3 peals Kent Treble Bob Major—Norwich Diocesan Association.
- 1 peal Kent Treble Bob Major—Worcester and Districts.
- 1 peal Oxford Treble Bob Major—Yorkshire Association.
- 2 peals Stedman Caters—Gloucester and Bristol Association.

And these have been deducted from the total of peals rung.

We give below the number of peals rung in each of representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 68,706:—

1881	156	1921	1,632
1898	1,002	1932	2,199
1905	1,519	1933	1,833
1913	2,359	1934	1,784
1917 (war year)	130	1935	1,863
1919	1,048	1936	1,749

Included in the tables as peals of Doubles are 13 peals for the Hereford Diocesan, one for the Swansea and Brecon, one for the Devon Guild, and one for the Ely Diocesan Guild, all containing either Pitman's, Morris' or Lindoff's 240's or 'spliced 240's' of Grandshire. We are a little doubtful if the Council has made any decision which expressly recognises these compositions.

We have had in mind the instructions given to us last year by the Council, but in view of the fact that peals containing the compositions referred to have been accepted by the Council in previous years, we hesitate to decide that these peals are contrary to any decision of the Council, and have, therefore, included them.

Two peals of Doubles rung for the Hertford County Association and included in the tables are stated to contain 'Oxford Singles.' Inquiries have been made, but no information has been obtained on which we could definitely decide that these peals should be omitted from the tables.

A peal of Minor in seven methods included in the tables and rung for the Yorkshire Association contained a plain course of Woodbine Treble Bob in addition to an extent in that method. We are not clear as to whether the plain course concluded the peal or was sandwiched between extents.

The committee recommend the appointment of Mr. Walter Ayre to serve on this committee.

(Signed) G. L. GROVER.
GEORGE R. PYE.
CHARLES DEAN.
EDITH K. FLETCHER.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES BELLS RESTORED.

FOUR TREBLES RECAST.

Reopening By Bishop of Southwark.

Kingston-upon-Thames is rich in history. Seven Saxon kings were crowned there, and the stone on which the ceremonies took place is still there to be seen. Through the ages the bells of its Parish Church have proclaimed the loyalty of the royal borough, and now, in time for the Coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth, they have been set in order to play their part again. There are records of Kingston's bells ringing for the first Queen Elizabeth. In 1570 the 'Ryngars' were paid xij pence 'the first tyme the quene whent in to bare feld,' and again in the following year they received ij shillings at 'the quens comyng' and xix pence at her 'first goyug in to bare feld.'

And the firm of bellfounders, whose history goes back to those distant days, was entrusted with the work of restoring the peal in time for the forthcoming Coronation. For years the bells had been 'a lumpy old lot,' and gradually the necessity of overhaul forced itself upon the authorities. The bell frame has been strengthened, a new belfry floor and deadening ceiling has been provided, the front four bells have been recast, the rest sandblasted and retuned, and the whole peal hung, with new fittings of modern type, on ball bearings. A great improvement has been effected in the tone and the bells now 'go' admirably, but as the old frame was utilised, the ring still runs 'the wrong way' round.

The bells were reopened on Saturday afternoon, when they were rededicated, at a largely attended service, by the Lord Bishop of Southwark, who, in his address, referred to the place which bells in this country had taken in our national life and of the purpose they served as a reminder to all who hear them of the higher things in our own lives.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. B. Scrutton), and at the completion of the formal dedication the bells were rung by a band consisting chiefly of local ringers. Afterwards an 'opening touch' of Stedman Caters was rung under the conductorship of Mr. T. W. Taffender, who will in future be in charge of the ringing at the church, and, later, other touches were rung, in which numerous visitors took part. Mr. A. A. Hughes represented the Whitechapel Foundry.

THE BELLS.

The tenor, which is now 27 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in D flat, is inscribed round the shoulder, 'T. Mears of London fecit 1830,' and in the waist, 'Recast 1830. Revd. S. W. Gandy, Vicar. George Wadbrook, John Reed, Churchwardens. Samuel Redford, Churchwarden elect.'

The other bells bear the following inscriptions:—

- 9th.—Mears & Staibank, Founders, London. Recast 1879.
- 8th.—The old 8 bells recast and two new Trebbles added to make X by subscription. S. London, S. Belchier, Collectors. 1748.
- 7th.—T. Mears of London fecit. 1826. Saml. Allenby, William Pamphilon, Churchwardens.
- 6th.—T. Mears of London fecit. 1826. James Fricker, John French, Bayleffs.
- 5th.—T. Mears of London fecit. 1826. Richard Carter, Vestry Clerk.
- 4th.—William Blews and Sons, Founders, Birmingham. 1873. Revd. A. Williams, Vicar. Charles Walter, Esq., Philip Jones, Churchwardens.
- 3rd.—Robert Catlin fecit. 1750.
- 2nd.—Thomas Mears, Founder, London. 1841.

Treble.—Intactum silco percute dulce cano. R.C. 1748.

The last four bells bear the additional inscription: Recast 1936. Alfred Dryland, Mayor. T. B. Scrutton, Vicar. R. T. Hesketh, G. J. Dymott, Churchwardens.

It will be seen from the inscription on the 8th that in 1748 the complete ring of ten was cast by Robert Catlin, successor to Samuel Knight, of Holborn.

AN OLD BRISTOL RINGER.

DEATH OF CHARLES H. TOMKINS.

After an illness only lasting a week, Mr. Charles H. Tomkins, of Bristol, passed peacefully away on Saturday, April 10th, in his 79th year. He was for many years a prominent figure in ringing circles in Bristol. He rang his first peal at St. Matthew's, Bristol, in 1891, at a period when peals rung in the city were few and far between. Only three were rung by local men in four years, and he rang in each one, all being Grandshire Triples.

Mr. Tomkins was one of those present at the formation of the St. Stephen's Guild towards the end of 1894, and was an enthusiastic member of the band who made such progress in the art during the years that followed.

He rang altogether about 130 peals, the most notable being the first 'Charles' peal: the 7,023 Stedman Caters at St. Stephen's, the longest peal rung in the city for over 100 years; and the one and only peal rung on the bells of St. Helena, Lundy Island.

The interment took place on Wednesday, April 14th, at Holy Trinity, Kingswood, and was attended by the following: Messrs. C. H. Gordon, W. Knight, G. T. Daltry, H. Tucker, W. H. Thomas, J. Gould and W. A. Cave.

The bells of St. Stephen's were rung muffled at the usual practice on the previous evening.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

PRESENTATIONS TO ASTON AND ST. MARTIN'S.

A very successful quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Parish Church, Aston. It was here that such old Birmingham worthies as Henry Johnson, Tom Russam, John Carter and many others used to ring and where many record peals have been rung. It is a fine old church with tower and spire, and, in fact, is claimed by many as 'the gem of the Midlands.' The tower contained a peal of eight bells as far back as 1776, and in 1814 these were augmented into a peal of ten. For some years they were silent, but in June, 1935, they were recast and augmented into a peal of 12, largely through the efforts of the present Vicar, the Rev. H. McGowan.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. R. S. O. Stevens, the Vicar acting as organist and also giving a very helpful address, dwelling on the dignity of the office of bellringer, and urging them, whilst ringing the bells to the best of their ability, not to omit attending the services.

Between 40 and 50 sat down to an excellent tea, provided by the local ringers and well served by their wives and other lady friends. In the absence of the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., the Vicar, who is a vice-president, presided at the business meeting.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. Tom Russam, who died in January last; and in doing so Mr. Vice-President Paddon Smith said it was very difficult to be sad when talking of Tom Russam, who was really a very happy man. His passing, however, was a great loss to the Exercise and particularly to the St. Martin's Guild. For many years he was in charge of the bells and tower at Aston, and during that time ringers were always made welcome there. He asked all to stand for a moment as a last tribute of respect.

PRESENTATION TO ASTON TOWER.

The hon. secretary (Mr. T. H. Reeves) reported that some time before Mr. Russam's death he expressed the wish that his peal of 12 handbells (which were presented to him many years ago by members of the St. Martin's Guild) should be given to a tower where there was a young and progressive band of ringers. He suggested to Mrs. Russam that Aston fulfilled this condition, and that it would be a suitable place for the bells on account of his long association with the tower. To this Mrs. Russam agreed, and so on her behalf he had much pleasure in handing the bells to the Vicar for the use of the ringers of Aston Parish Church.

The Vicar accepted the gift, and, in handing them over to Mr. W. Davies, the Ringing Master, remarked it was another token of the goodwill which existed between St. Martin's Guild and Aston, and would always remind them of a man who for many years had been connected with the church and tower.

Mr. Reeves also stated that he had received from Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, now of Bath, who for many years was a prominent member of the Guild and still takes a lively interest in its well-being, a framed photograph of Henry Johnson. In his letter accompanying the gift Mr. Smallwood remarked that he thought there should be a photograph of the 'old gentleman' in St. Martin's tower, and so he had much pleasure in presenting one.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the meeting, and the secretary was requested to send Mr. Smallwood a letter of thanks for his gift.

Owing to the death of Mr. Russam, it was necessary to elect another trustee in his stead, and Mr. E. T. Allaway was unanimously elected. Mr. Fred Price was also unanimously elected auditor in the place of Mr. Allaway.

Mr. E. T. Lloyd, of Hall Green, was duly elected a member, and the tower election of Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Eye, Suffolk, as a life member was duly ratified.

DONATION TO OLDBURY BELLS.

It was unanimously agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting on the first Saturday in July at Solihull. The Ringing Master (Mr. F. E. Haynes) pointed out that the date of the bi-quarterly meeting would clash with the Coronation celebrations, and so he suggested that instead of the meeting several peals should be attempted.

The secretary read a letter from the Vicar of Oldbury appealing for subscriptions towards the recasting of the bells of Oldbury Parish Church. It was proposed by Mr. Haynes and unanimously agreed that a donation of £2 2s. be sent from the Guild's funds. A subsequent collection resulted in a further £1 3s. being added.

The secretary also announced the arrangements made for ringing at the various churches in the city during Coronation Week. These would be included in the official programme, and he urged all those taking part to do their utmost to make the striking as good as possible.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Haynes to the Vicar and curate for conducting the service, to the ringers of Aston for providing such an excellent tea, and to the ladies for having prepared and served it, was enthusiastically accorded by all. The Vicar and Mr. W. Davies, on behalf of the Aston ringers, responded.

Mr. Russam's bells were then tried out, and, although the clappers in some of them were rather stiff, a good touch of Stedman Cinques was brought round.

A return was afterwards made to the tower, where the bells were kept going in various methods until 9 o'clock, when a social hour spent in another place brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

DARLINGTON'S NEW PEAL.

BELLS RECAST BY LADY'S LEGACY.

The inauguration of the recast peal of St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, took place on Saturday, April 3rd. The church, which is one of the Collegiate Churches in the County of Durham, originally possessed a peal of six, which were augmented to eight by the gift of two trebles in 1866 by Joseph Pease, a prominent Quaker of the time, and son of Edward Pease, who founded the first railway company in the world.

Of late years the bells had shown signs of wear, and the authorities of St. Cuthbert's, after investigation, decided to the delight of the ringers in the district to have the whole peal recast and rehung in ball bearings and a new steel frame. The contract was awarded to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon, who have carried out their duties admirably, the welded steel frame being a noteworthy feature. April 3rd saw the culmination of their efforts when the peal sounded once more over Darlington. Between 30 and 40 ringers from Newcastle Cathedral, Shildon, Staindrop, West Hartlepool, Ormesby, Saltburn and Leeds, together with members of the three Darlington towers, took part in keeping the bells going, and afterwards the company were entertained to tea at the invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens.

Councillor Arthur Payne, O.B.E., J.P., president of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, was in the chair, supported by Mr. Roland Park, the hon. secretary, and, in moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for their hospitality and invitation to ring on the bells, expressed his pleasure at being able to visit Darlington. Mr. Payne went on to emphasise the work for the Church done by ringers, and how thoughts of religion were carried into many unexpected places by the sound of the bells.

Mr. W. N. Park, of Darlington, seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation, St. Cuthbert's being assured of the good wishes of the association for success with their new peal.

The Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Jordan, M.A., gracefully responded and mentioned that this was the first occasion upon which he had attended a gathering of ringers. He went on to say how pleased the St. Cuthbert's people were to have the bells in use again, and referred to the 62 years' service to the belfry of St. Cuthbert's of Mr. A. Hodgson.

Mr. W. E. Watson (churchwarden in 1936) explained that the work done had been made possible through the legacy of a Darlington lady. His remarks reflected the keen interest he had taken in the scheme throughout.

After Mr. E. Minors (churchwarden) had endorsed these remarks, and added that, as borough surveyor, he was confident that the job was a sound engineering one.—Mr. Cyril F. Johnston was called upon to enlighten the company as to what had been done. This he did in his usual capable manner.

During the proceedings courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on handbells by Messrs. C. F. Johnston, J. W. Moorhouse, G. W. Park, W. N. Park and R. Park, and an adjournment was made to the tower for further ringing, which was continued throughout the evening.

Appended are the weights of the new bells with their respective inscriptions:—

Treble.—Note F. Cast by John Warner & Sons, London. The gift of Joseph Pease, Esquire, to complete the chime. 1866. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

2nd.—E. Same as treble. 4 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

3rd.—D. Lester & Pack of London Fecit 1755. 5 cwt. 4 lb.

4th.—C. Mears & Stainbank, Founders, London, 1866. Restoration of St. Cuthbert's Church, when this bell, the third and tenor were recast. 5 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

5th.—B flat. Lester and Pack of London Fecit. Andrew Wood Curate. Wm. Hall and Thos. Darnton and Wm. Duck and Ing. Brown, Churchwardens 1755. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

6th.—A. G. Mears & Co. Founders, London, 1864. 9 cwt. 5 lb.

7th.—G. Lester & Pack of London Fecit. Andrew Wood, Curate, Fras. Holmes, Robt. Westall, Mark Jeffrey, Richd. Southern, Churchwardens 1760. 12 cwt. 2 qr.

Tenor.—F. G. Mears & Co. Founders, London, 1864. The Ring of 8 was re-cast and re-hung in the year of the Coronation of King George VI, 1937. Vicar—W. C. Jordan. Churchwardens—W. G. Chandler, W. E. Watson, E. Minors, G. A. Dawson. 18 cwt. 14 lb.

On each bell, 'Re-cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1937.'

'ORANGES AND LEMONS.'

SERVICE AT ST. CLEMENT DANES.

Among the bells of 'London town' oranges and lemons are inseparably associated, in the old nursery rhyme, with St. Clement's, and this connection is picturesquely commemorated every year at the historic Church of St. Clement Danes in the Strand. The annual 'Oranges and Lemons' service took place last Friday, when children from the Danish colony in London distributed oranges and lemons among English children. In connection with the service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was specially rung on the bells by Miss D. Bryant 1, E. G. Fenn 2, C. F. Winney 3, A. B. Peck 4, T. Langdon 5, H. Pasmore 6, E. J. Morris 7, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 8, L. B. Porter 9, H. G. Miles 10.

LEICESTER'S NEW PEAL OF TWELVE. FREEMASONS GIVE CORONATION TENOR.

Hallowing Services at the Cathedral.

Two impressive ceremonies have taken place at Leicester Cathedral in connection with the coming of the new bells, which are to form a ring of twelve, with an additional half-tone.

On Saturday week the front twelve, together with the clock and chimes, were hallowed, and on the following day a similar service was held in connection with the tenor bell, given by the Freemasons of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland in commemoration of the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI. At both services the Cathedral was full, that on Saturday being attended by the Lord Mayor of Leicester and Lady Mayoress, while on Sunday a large gathering of Freemasons witnessed the ceremony. Ringers were present from all parts of the diocese and beyond.

The bells were arranged in a semi-circle on the floor of the nave, the tenor bell being placed below the chancel steps. The Bishop of the diocese and the Provost of the Cathedral, with their attendants, were seated opposite the centre of the semi-circle facing eastward, and on the south side were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress; in a semi-circle facing eastward were the donors, while at the foot of the chancel steps, behind the bells, were the Cathedral bellringers.

The service opened with the hymn, 'Unchanging God,' and following intercessions, thanksgivings and the 150th Psalm came the ceremony of the naming of the bells, beginning with the eleventh. The donors were led by the Provost and his vergers, one by one, to the bells, and each formally named their gift.

The anthem, Purcell's 'Rejoice in the Lord alway,' was followed by the ceremony of hallowing, performed by Bishop Bardsley, who afterwards charged the ringers in these terms: 'See that you ring these bells with reverence and devotion to your sacred trust, and as you shall summon the people to worship in this holy house, so be yourselves faithful worshippers of Him who hath called you to this service.'

A short touch was then rung on handbells, and the clock and chimes were next hallowed. After the hymn, 'Ring out, ye bells, to heaven on high,' adapted from the well-known stanzas in Tennyson's immortal poem, the Provost, the Very Rev. F. B. Macnutt, who is also Archdeacon of Leicester, gave the address.

He dealt with the history of the old peal and made mention of the long connection of the firm of Taylor and Co. with the bells of the diocese. He also referred to the patience of his own ringers, during the 18 years of his own connection with St. Martin's, in waiting for the restoration of the bells.

Afterwards the hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' was sung, and a collection taken for the Cathedral Tower and Spire Fund. The service closed with a prayer for the people and the King and Queen, the Blessing, and the National Anthem.

FREEMASONS' SERVICE.

The service on Sunday afternoon followed somewhat similar lines, but with prayers suitable to the special occasion, the Masonic form of 'So mote it be' being used instead of the customary 'Amen.'

The prayers were offered by the Rev. R. C. Johnson, Provincial Grand Chaplain, and the Rev. Henry Lewis, Provincial Grand Chaplain. The anthem was Schubert's 'Where Thou reignest.'

The lesson, from Deuteronomy xxx., 9-14, was read by the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir Frederick Oliver, T.D., D.L., who afterwards, standing by the tenor bell with Bishop Bardsley, was invited by the Provost to name this bell, recast at the cost of the Freemasons of the Province.

The Provincial Grand Master answered: Reverend sir, in loyalty to our sovereign Lord the King, who has granted us his gracious permission, I will name it.

He then unveiled the bell, and, laying his hand upon it, said: 'I, Charles Frederick Oliver, give to this bell the name of The Coronation Bell of His Majesty King George the Sixth. God save the King.'

And all the congregation answered, 'So mote it be.'

The Bishop, at the request of the Provincial Grand Master, then hallowed the bell and pronounced the Ascription.

Again the hymn, 'Ring out, ye bells, to heaven on high,' was heard, and, following it, came a sermon by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury, the Very Worshipful Ernest Neville Lovett, Past Grand Chaplain of England.

The hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' followed, and after the Blessing a memorable service was brought to a close with the National Anthem.

THE BELLS.

The bells, which have been increased from ten to twelve, with added weight, the tenor having been increased from 20 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. to 24 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb., have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. They will be rung for the first time on Coronation Day.

The following are the inscriptions:—

Treble: The Bell Founder's Bell. Given by E. Denison Taylor, Bell Founder, Loughborough. May 12th, 1937.

I summon all to pray on this and every day.

2: The John Edward Ellis Bell. Given in memory of John Edward Ellis, Lay Canon, Churchwarden and Deputy Warden of St. Martin's, by his wife, Mabel Ellis, and his daughter, Freda Lorrimer, and his niece, Kathleen Browning. May 12th, 1937.

Praise God for Blessed Martin. Soldier, Bishop, Saint.

3: The Bowmar Bell. Recast in memory of Walter Hammond Bowmar by his wife, Eva Bowmar. May 12th, 1937.

Jesu Christo Miserere Nobis. John Taylor and Son, Founders, Loughborough. A.D. 1852.

4: The Gertrude Ellis Bell. Recast in memory of Gertrude Ellis by her daughter, Freda Lorrimer, and her niece, Kathleen Browning. May 12th, 1937.

This truth I tell, In Christ all's well. John Taylor and Son, Founders, Oxford and Loughborough. A.D. 1854.

5: The Fielding Johnson Bell. Recast in memory of Thomas Fielding Johnson, M.A., J.P., Lay Canon of St. Martin's, and his wife, Florence Lyne Johnson, by their children, Florence Julia Fielding Everard, J.P., Agnes Miriam Fielding Johnson, William Spurrett Fielding Johnson. May 12th, 1937.

Peace to them that are afar off and to them that are nigh. Revd. Edwd. Thomas Vaughan, Vicar. Hy. Sharpe Jones, Joseph Simpkin, C. Wardens. John Taylor and Son, Bellfounders, Loughborough, late of Oxford, Bideford, Devon, and St. Neots, Hunts, Successors to the old and celebrated Founders, Newcombe, Watts, Bayre, and Arnold, of Leicester, names of high repute, dating as early as 1560.

6: The Daniels Bell. Recast by Samuel Kilworth Daniels, Lay Canon of St. Martin's in memory of his wife, Caroline Daniels. May 12th, 1937.

In His Will is our Peace. John Taylor and Son, Bell Founders, Oxford and Loughborough, 1854.

Half-tone: The Stelfox Bell. Given in memory of James Walter Stelfox, Lay Canon, Churchwarden of St. Martin's, by his wife, Evelyn Marsland Stelfox. May 12th, 1937.

Non Clamor Sed Amor.

7: The Partridge Bell. Recast in memory of Samuel Steads Partridge, J.P., by his wife, Elizabeth Partridge. May 12th, 1937.

God send us Peace in Christ.

I. Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough. MDCCCLXXIX. Continentia.

8: The Jarvis Bell. Recast by William George Jarvis, Churchwarden and Deputy Warden of St. Martin's. May 12th, 1937.

Adesto fideles. Gaudete. Orate.

Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals; praise him upon the loud cymbals. 1781.

9: The Samson Smith Bell. Recast by Samson Smith, of Leicester. May 12th, 1937.

Christ is Risen. Alleluia. H. Watchorn, Esq., Mayor. J. Nichols, W. Capp, Churchwardens. Edwd. Arnold, fecit, 1781.

10: The Bell of the Congregation. Recast by the Congregation of the Cathedral. May 12th, 1937.

God Save His Church. H. Watchorn, Esq., Mayor. J. Nichols, W. Capp, Churchwardens. Edwd. Arnold, fecit, 1781.

11: The North Bell. Recast by Alderman Sir Jonathan North, J.P., Mayor of Leicester, 1914-1918, and William Albert North J.P., High Sheriff of Leicestershire, 1935-1936. May 12th, 1937.

God Save City and Shire. Recast by J. Taylor and Co., 1879. Edwd. Arnold, fecit, 1781. Thomas Ingram, 1879.

Tenor: The Coronation Bell of His Majesty King George VI. Recast by the Freemasons of Leicestershire and Rutland. May 12th, 1937. F. B. Macnutt, Provost. C. F. Oliver, Provincial Grand Master.

God Save the King. H. Watchorn, Esq., Mayor. J. Nichols, W. Capp, Churchwardens. Edwd. Arnold, St. Neots, fecit, 1781.

The new inscription is on the waist of the bells, and on the tenor between the names of the Provost and the Provincial Grand Master, and above the words 'God Save the King,' is the Masonic emblem of Square and Compasses.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Over 30 ringers attended a most successful meeting at All Saints', Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, on March 13th. Ringing took place both in the afternoon and evening, when the methods rung varied from rounds to Erin Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

At the business meeting, following the tea in the Church Hall, it was decided to meet next at Fenham on April 17th. Double Bob Major was the method proposed for practice.

Coronation ringing was discussed, and a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. J. Anderson, J. Scott and T. W. Crowe, with the vice-president and secretary, was appointed to investigate and report.

All the band of the local tower were elected members of the association.

ASHOVER BELLS REOPENED.

The rehanging of the bells on ball bearings at Ashover Parish Church has just been completed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. They were rung the first time on Sunday, April 11th, when for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was conducted by Mr. Edwin Hopkinson, those taking part being W. Hopkinson (first quarter-peal) 1, A. W. H. Bowler 2, J. Revell (first quarter-peal on an 'inside' bell) 3, E. Hopkinson 4, V. Taylor 5, H. E. Taylor 6, T. Dent 7, H. Hopkinson 8. All the ringers are members of the Midland Counties Association, and, apart from V. Taylor (Matlock) and H. E. Taylor (Darley Dale), all belong to Ashover.

NOTICES.

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18th CENTURY PEAL RECORDS.

Will all secretaries, or any interested ringers who have collected records of old peals rung previous to 1825, please forward same or particulars, not later than May 1st for this year's report to the Central Council, to Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4?

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, April 24th. At a service in the Cathedral at 3.30 p.m., the Lord Bishop will dedicate a memorial, erected by the Cathedral ringers, to the late Provost E. C. Kirwan. Meeting at 5 p.m. in the Royal Grammar School; tea in Abbot's Kitchen 6.15, 1s. per head. Cathedral bells (8) available after service; S. Nicolas' (10) and Shalford (8) after tea.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Pyrford, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Worsley (10 bells) on Saturday, April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in Café at 5 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, April 24th, in conjunction with the half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association. For arrangements see notice above.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting, arranged for Leigh, will be transferred to Worsley on April 24th. It will be held in conjunction with the half-yearly meeting. See notice above.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, April 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held in St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 24th. Service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea (new rule) 4.30. Business meeting to follow. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. F. M. Stenhouse, Hon. Sec., 7, Brantwood Avenue, Dundee.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at King's Somborne on Saturday, April 24th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall at 4.30. Bells available at 2 p.m. Please let us know if you are coming. All welcome.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, nr. Exeter.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Aldermaston on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ash Priors on Saturday, April 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., to follow. — P. Merson, Bishops Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Milton Clevedon bells also available. P.C. for tea, please.—W. A. Osborn, Hon. Sec., Galhampton, Yeovil.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will take place at Madeley on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Saturday, April 24th. Bells during afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea at the Turkey Cock after. I hope we may have a good attendance of old and new friends.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Hawkley on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting follows.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, April 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Rectory at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, April 24th. Ringing from 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5 p.m.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 401, London Road, Reading.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Stoney Stanton on April 24th. Bells ready at 3 p.m.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec., Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting has been arranged at Boyne Hill on Saturday, April 24th, at 2.45 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Old Whittington on Saturday, April 24th.—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Chilham on Saturday, April 24th. Throwley bells not available owing to illness.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The meeting which was advertised to take place at Market Drayton on Saturday, April 24th, has been postponed, owing to serious illness near the church.—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow (April 24th) at St. Mary's, Holloway Road, N.7 (near Highbury Corner). Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., in Church Hall. Visitors welcome.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Whirby on Saturday, April 24th. Ten bells (tenor 18 cwt). Tea will be provided at Hood's Marine Cafe at 5 p.m.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Lincoln on Saturday, April 24th. 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 1/8 per head, followed by business meeting. Ringing at the Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's from 2 p.m.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for service at Shoreditch on Sunday, April 25th, at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice at Shoreditch on Thursday, April 29th, commencing at 6.30 p.m.—N. Summerhayes, Asst. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 27th; ringing from 6 to 7 and 8.45 to 9 p.m.; St. Magnus' on April 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.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Hersham (Oatlands Park not available at present) on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. A p.c. by Wednesday, April 28th, will enable me to arrange tea for all. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready for 3 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Teynham on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 (1s.). To help with tea, please send your names in to Mr. V. J. Page, 1, The Crescent, Teynham, near Sittingbourne, not later than Wednesday, April 28th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 1st, at Christ Church, Southport. Bells available from 3 p.m. A small charge will be made for tea, for which please notify Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. After tea ringing will be continued at Emmanuel Church, Southport.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held in conjunction with the Sheffield and District Society at St. John's, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 1st, when the peal of 10 bells will be available from 2 p.m. onwards. Meeting of the general committee in the Church Hall at 3.45 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Names to be sent to Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, by Wednesday, April 28th. The general meeting will be held immediately after tea.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Hawkhurst is just the place to visit in the spring; is picturesque; has fine peal of bells. The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, May 1st. The Hastings and District Guild will associate itself with this meeting. 3 p.m., tower open; 4.30, service. Tea (free to practising members) to follow; also business meeting. All ringers intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, April 27th.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Queenborough on Saturday, May 1st. Further particulars later.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 1st. Luncheon (1s. 6d.) in British Legion Hall, followed by annual meeting, at 1 p.m. Service in Cathedral, at 3.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Salisbury. Towers open: 8 bells, St. Thomas' (11-12.30, 6-7), St. Edmund's, St. Martin's; 6 bells, St. Paul's, Amesbury, Britford, Broadchalk, Bervick St. John, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Semley, Wilton, Woodford. Visitors intending to take luncheon please notify secretary before Monday, April 26th.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kingston Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available at 2.30; also Bramford, Hintlesham and Copdock (all 6 bells). Tea 9d. each, at 4.30 at Church Hall. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Willingdon on Saturday, May 1st. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday previous to meeting? Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.)—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—May Day.—A meeting will be held at Graveley on May 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. The Rector (Canon Jebb) has offered to provide tea for those who notify him before April 30th. Don't 'let the side down, chaps!' Learners welcome and will get good opportunities. Names for tea to Canon Jebb, The Rectory, Graveley, Hitchin.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Westonzoyleland on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD will hold a joint meeting with the Kent County Association (Tonbridge District) at Hawkhurst on Saturday, May 1st. Tower open 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea notify A. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.—C. A. Levett, 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting, at Rectory. Will those requiring tea please help by sending names by Wednesday previous to Rev. Thorold Ella, The Rectory, Barkston, Grantham?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Fownhope on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., in Parish Hall, 6d. each to those notifying me not later than April 27th. Buses leave Hereford at 2, 3.30 and 5 p.m., returning at 8 and 8.17 p.m. Fare 1s. return. Bus leaves Ross at 4.45 p.m., returning at 7.10 and 9.30 p.m. Fare 1s. 4d. return.—L. H. Steckley, The Green, Fownhope.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Run-corn on Saturday, May 1st, at 3 p.m. Advise me by April 27th if requiring tea. — John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, May 1st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea in Conservative Club at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Please advise me by April 28th. Business meeting after tea. Special method for practice: St. Lawrence Little Bob Major. Trains, Metropolitan, Baker St., etc., to Pinner. Bakerloo and L.M.S. Stations to Harrow and 183 bus to Pinner.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walgrave on Saturday, May 1st. Usual arrangements. Tea, at 1s. per head, to all who send names by April 28th. All ringers welcome.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Maidwell (6 bells) on Saturday, May 1st. 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.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, April 28th.—R. Jeff, 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea in Institute at 5.30. Business meeting after. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Chrishall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—

H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford, Herts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 58th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 17th. Details later.—L. J. Clark, Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit-Monday, May 17th. Committee meet Parish Room 10.45. Service, Thrapston Church, 12 noon. Lunch at King's Arms Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by meeting. 1s. 6d. will be allowed toward cost of lunch to all those resident and subscribing honorary and ringing members who make application for ticket with remittance of 1s. to the general secretary by May 3rd. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by May 10th. Bells available: Islip (6), Thrapston (8) 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. and after meeting, Raunds (8), Tichmarsh (8), Lowick (6) after the meeting. — Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

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EASTER TOUCHES.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church for evensong on Easter Sunday a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Skidmore (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss C. Ditton (first with a bob bell, aged 14) 2, C. Rush 3, G. Gray 4, A. Wright 5, J. Ladley 6, S. A. Carter (conductor) 7, P. A. Saunders 8. **GREAT TEY, ESSEX.**—On Easter Sunday for evening service, 1,120 Kent Major by members of the local band: K. Smith 1, B. Webb 2, H. Theodm 3, V. Merley 4, T. Evans 5, G. Evans 6, S. Piper 7, J. Dyer 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, 5th and tenor.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—For evensong on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by members of the local band: Miss M. Rawlings (aged 11) 1, W. Smith 2, Mrs. W. Rawlings 3, R. Rawlings 4, G. W. Fogden 5, W. Rawlings 6, P. A. Corby (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. Austin 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: C. Holmes 1, J. Gluyas 2, A. Weatherby 3, W. Richards 4, G. H. Myers 5, A. Mitchelmore 6, W. Hamlyn 7, H. F. S. Myers 8, T. G. Myers (conductor) 9, G. R. Marshall 10.

FARINGDON, BERKS.—On Easter Monday for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Jones 1, F. Wheeler 2, H. Edwards 3, H. Taylor 4, C. I. J. Pearce (conductor) 5, F. Whipp 6, E. C. Hughes 7, J. Beasley 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Easter Sunday at 6 a.m. for early celebration, a 'local' quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major: P. A. Blamey 1, G. W. Limmer 2, M. A. Blamey 3, C. A. Burgess 5, B. O'Neill 6, J. E. Taylor 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Kent by all except ringers of 2nd and tenor.

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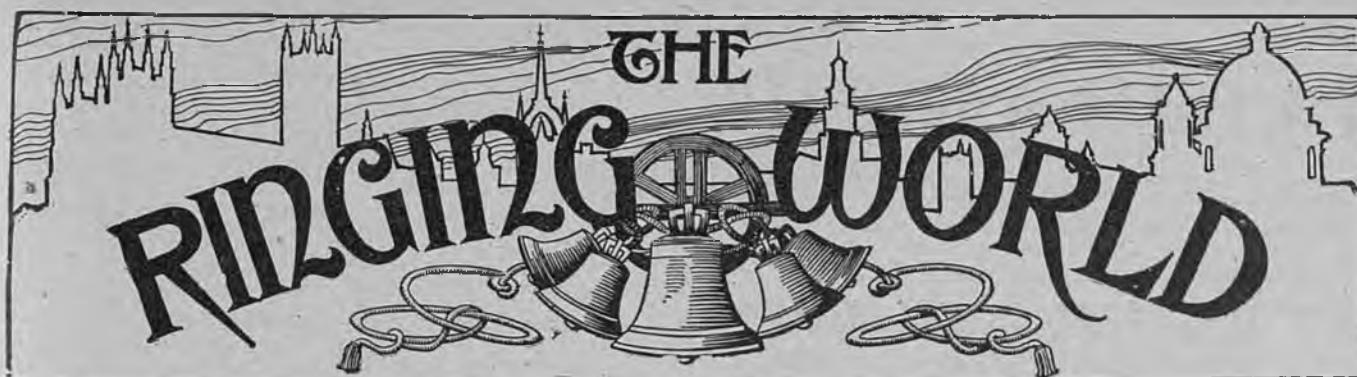
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FALSE PEALS.

The number of false peals withdrawn during last year, revealed in the Analysis Committee's report, was rather alarming, although it was due largely to one composition, but it leads a correspondent to suggest measures for helping to ensure that in future there should be increased opportunities for examination of compositions. Such a proposal, if it proved practicable, would undoubtedly be a very desirable thing, although it would not necessarily mean that false peals would always come to light. Mere publication of figures does not ensure their checking by competent investigators, because, for one thing, it does not follow that the compositions, even if printed in association reports, as suggested, would come under the notice of those capable of putting them to the test. Then, too, there is a difficulty in insisting upon associations publishing the figures of new compositions which their members may see fit to ring. Some do not publish reports, others could not afford to print the figures. These objections, however, do not in any way lessen the desirability of exploring means of providing against repetition of some of the unfortunate happenings of the past.

The possibility of human error cannot in any event be entirely averted. Nearly every one of our greatest composers — men in whom the whole Exercise has the greatest confidence — have at some time or other fallen into a mistake, and it is quite possible that many peals by lesser lights have been rung, which, could the compositions be scrutinised, would turn out to be false. Even a double check is not always infallible. There is a very recent instance of a peal composed by an experienced ringer and examined before being rung by an expert composer of long experience, which proved eventually to be false. That unfortunate abbreviation of Robinson's peal of Treble Bob passed through the hands of many ringers and yet its falseness remained undiscovered for years. The figures of the Southwark record peal of Stedman Cinques had been printed ten years or more before its error was brought to light. Some of the false compositions which appeared in the earlier Central Council Collections were not discovered until long after their appearance — not because of any practical difficulty in ascertaining their falseness, but because no one had bothered to apply a check. Compulsory publication, therefore, while offering a better safeguard, will not entirely do away with the risks, and in any case will not prevent false peals being rung, because the figures would not appear until afterwards. On the other hand, it might encourage incompetent composers to put out figures, knowing that someone else may take on the onus of prov-

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ing them. It seems to us that if associations are to safeguard themselves from recording false peals they must take their own steps of requiring 'certified' figures; certified, that is, not only by the actual author, but also by some other qualified composer. But even this, as we have pointed out, might not prevent an occasional false peal creeping into records, although it would distinctly diminish the risk, and show that the association had taken all reasonable precautions. Eventually, perhaps, we shall have professional peal provers—as there are professional accountants—to undertake this kind of work.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	* HAROLD SMITH 7
ALFRED BUCKLEY 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
HOWARD HOWELL 3	† AUBREY M. PICKERING 9
GEORGE W. HUGHES 4	BARNABAS G. KEY 10
EDGAR T. SMITH 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
HARRY T. HIGGINS 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Cinques. † First peal of Cinques and first peal of Stedman.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM LEBSON Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES 6
* HAROLD R. HOFTON 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	SAMUEL BRAGG 8
* JOHN N. JUKES 4	RICEARD C. INGRAM 9
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 5	THOMAS H. REEVES Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES

* First peal, at the first attempt. First peal of Grandsire as conductor. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival of this church.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

REGINALD E. LAMBERT Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 3	* HERBERT MARKWELL 8
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 4	FREDERICK WHITE 9
ALFRED W. DURHAM 5	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal with an 'inside' bell. Mr. F. White's 200th peal.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES H. RIDING 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	* JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 9
THOMAS J. LOCK 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor and first peal in the method on the bells.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb.

*ARTHUR H. HINGLEY ... Treble	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 6
*HAROLD SMITH ... 2	*BARNABAS G. KEY ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER ... 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	BERT HORTON ... 9
†GEORGE E. OLIVER ... 5	THOMAS J. ELTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

No. 67 C.C.C.

Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	HARRY D. LISTER ... 7
ERNEST F. POPPY ... 3	ARTHUR R. GRIMWOOD ... 8
SHELFORD SPARROW ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 5	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells. First peal of Grandsire Caters by all excepting ringers of 1, 3 and 9. First peal of Grandsire Caters on these bells, also the first on tower bells of the Guild.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. CROWE ... Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5
*REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 2	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 6
*KENNETH ARTHUR ... 3	ADAM DEAS ... 7
JOHN ANDERSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal in the method.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GEORGE HOWLETT ... Treble	STANLEY COPLING ... 5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 2	WALTER BARRETT ... 6
ERNEST WHITING ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
*ROBERT D. GUNTON ... 4	CHARLES LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES LOOME.

* First peal. G. Howlett's 100th peal for the association.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*MRS. R. BIGGS ... Treble	†EDWARD TIMPSON ... 5
ROLAND BIGGS ... 2	PERCY NEWTON ... 6
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 3	REGINALD BLABY ... 7
†MRS. R. BLABY ... 4	VICTOR EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by P. NEWTON.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'
† First peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss O. Biggs (daughter of F. G. Biggs) and Mr. R. Blaby, who were married at Hughenden on Easter Monday. A peal on that day unfortunately failed after nearly two hours' ringing. All are members of the local band.

EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

MISS G. BURCHNALL ... Treble	*JACK MILLHOUSE ... 5
*MRS. J. BRAY ... 2	*CLIFFORD VESSEY ... 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 7
MISS K. BURCHNALL ... 4	JACK BRAY ... Tenor

Composed by N. PITSTOW.

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal in the method. A 21st birthday compliment for Mr. J. Millhouse.

HEANOR, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN E. HOBBS ... Treble	*WILLIAM P. STIRLAND ... 5
FRED W. HILL ... 2	E. FRED GOBBY ... 6
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3	ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 7
ALEX HUTCHISON ... 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH.

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

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... 2	RALPH P. EDWARDS ... 6
LESTER L. GRAY ... 3	FRANK VARTY ... 7
GEORGE LEDSHAM ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

The conductor's 250th peal and 100th as conductor. The band sincerely thank Mr. and Mrs. George Williams for their kindness and hospitality after the peal.

GREAT TEX, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 5½ cwt.

HARRY THEREDOM ... Treble	THOMAS W. EVANS ... 5
HERBERT WEBB ... 2	GEORGE EVANS ... 6
VICTOR MORLEY ... 3	STANLEY PIPER ... 7
BERTIE WEBB ... 4	JOSIAH W. DYER ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JOSIAH W. DYER.

All are ringers of the local Sunday service company. First peal by the band and first attempt. First peal of Major as conductor.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE MAYERS ... Treble	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 5
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 2	WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 6
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3	ARTHUR G. KING ... 7
STANLEY W. GALL ... 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by ringers of the 4th and 6th.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL JONES Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	PERCY SWINDLEY 6
*FRANK POSTONS 3	THOMAS GRIFFITHS 7
*SERGEANT BARKER 4	EDWARD PRICE Tenor

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
MISS DORIS DOBBIE 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
WALTER H. DOBBIE 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

No. 223 C.C.O.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ROBERT PERCY Treble	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS 5
*RONALD RAYFIELD 2	*CHARLES SAVAGE 6
JACK FILSELL 3	ALFRED C. PANKHURST 7
HAROLD S. HODDEN 4	LOUIS W. FAULKNER Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD S. HODDEN.

* First peal. Rung to welcome the Rev. J. N. Marcon, who was inducted to the living of Christ Church on the previous Thursday.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
*BERRY WAYMAN 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM SLAUGHTER Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 3	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
CECIL NICE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK A. SALTER Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
JOHN E. HOBBS 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
J. ALFRED BARRATT 4	WALTER NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung in honour of the eleventh birthday of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED KING Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	*WILFRID H. J. HOOTON 6
HAROLD ARGYLE 3	ERNEST STONE 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 4	ARTHUR E. BEAMISH Tenor

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

* 300th peal. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all except the conductor and the ringer of the 5th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	DEREK M. SHARP 6
JOHN H. CHESMAN 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

First peal in the method by all the band.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

ALBERT HELLIWELL Treble	MILTON C. FOWLER 5
HERBERT WALKER 2	JOHN R. BREARLEY 6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 3	HARRY BARNES 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	FRED NEWTON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the coming of age of Miss Kathleen Barnes, daughter of the ringer of the 7th.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS, HANDBRIDGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THOMAS R. BUTLER Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
PERCY SWINDLEY 4	EDWARD T. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

The conductor's 100th peal, and also the 50th peal for his father, the ringer of the 2nd. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer, this being his first peal in the method and first attempt.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIE GREEN Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 2	ALBERT NASH 6
ARTHUR GILL 3	*DANIEL SMITH 7
TOM BROTHWELL 4	HAROLD CHANT Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. Second and third ringers' 100th peal together. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to A. Gill.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's Church: N. Holland (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Rose 2, E. Cheadle (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. D. Steel (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, W. H. Bloor 5, E. Steele 6, O. H. Page 7, H. Carter (first quarter) 8.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BIGBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (2) Double Oxford and Thelwall; (3) St. Clement's and Childwall; (4) College and Wavertree; (5) Double Bob; (6) Reverse Bob; (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*HAROLD MORWOOD Treble	†GEORGE DOBBS 4
†RONALD BOWNNESS 2	†MARTIN WALKER 5
GEORGE L. HALL 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

There were 99 changes of method. * First peal. † First peal in 11 methods 'inside.' † First peal in 11 methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Bownness.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Double Oxford, London Bob, Double and Single Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ERIC KEMP Treble	ARTHUR YOUNG 4
†MISS C. NEAL 2	JOHN R. YOUNG 5
MISS L. M. NEAL 3	JOHN R. KEMP Tenor

Conducted by J. R. KEMP.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar and the ringer of the 4th. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at this tower, and the treble ringer is only 14 years of age.

WHITEBOURNE, Herefordshire.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Barks James' Arrangement. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ALLEN MORGAN Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise.

ADWICK-LE-STREET, NEAR DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes each of Berwyn, Waterford, Waltham Delight, Burslem Delight, Elston Delight, Clarence Delight and Nelson.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

GEORGE LORD Treble	HAROLD CHANT 4
WILLIE GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
ARTHUR PANTHER 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

HIGHAM-ON-THE-HILL, Leicestershire.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Beverley, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

*JOSEPH W. COITON, Secretary Burton District Treble	
WILFRED H. J. HOOTON, Central Council Representative 2	
*ALFRED BALLARD, Chairman Hinckley District 3	
*WILLIAM A. WOOD, Secretary Hinckley District 4	
*FRANK R. MEASURES, Committee, Hinckley District 5	
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY, late Secretary Hinckley District Tenor	

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal in seven methods. Specially arranged as a farewell to the conductor, who is shortly leaving the district.

ALDRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

*P. GEORGE GOLDER Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
HOWARD HOWELL 2	HAROLD SMITH 5
*GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to P. G. Golder.

SALFORD, Lancashire.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Sacred Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., seven extents with all 5-6's at backstroke. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEORGE A. BELL Treble	HERBERT A. MCKINNELL 4
FRANK REYNOLDS 2	KENNETH LEWIS 5
†JOHN HASSELL 3	ALAN J. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by K. LEWIS.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Master Peter David Vincent.

NEWTON, Porthcawl.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*H. EDWARD CARPENTER ... Treble	*DONALD F. FERGUSON ... 4
*CHARLES M. DAVIES 2	ERNEST STITCH 5
†TREVOR M. RODERICK 3	*ALBERT E. BACON Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell. Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Repton, Derbyshire, and a birthday peal for Mrs. T. M. Roderick, a ringer at this tower.

TUNSTALL, Kent.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent and two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM SPICE Treble	J. WILLIAM UNWIN 4
DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Conducted by S. B. DOBBIE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At 8, Queen Anne Terrace

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

*R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 1-2	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4	B. P. TYRWHITT-DRAKE (Pem) 7-8

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

* First peal 'in hand' and also in the method as conductor.

CRAYFORD, Kent.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

In the Old Parish Room.

A PEAL OF GRANTA TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 1-2	†THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
†DEREK M. SHARP 3-4	§EDWIN A. BARNETT 7-8
	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9-10

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Royal and of Treble Bob 'in hand.' † First of Treble Ten 'in hand.' § First of Treble Bob 'in hand.' First peal of Granta Treble Ten by all and first 'in hand' for the association.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

FORTHCOMING BELL OPENINGS.

HINTON BLEWETT, SOMERSET.—The ring of 5 bells, rehung in new frame by Alfred Bowell, Ipswich, will be rededicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Sunday next, April 25th, at 3 o'clock. Tower open to visitors all the evening.

BURTON HASTINGS, near Nuneaton.—The bells will be dedicated on Saturday, May 1st, at 5.30 p.m., by the Bishop of Coventry. The peal has been restored and augmented by five by John Taylor and Co.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL.—The ring of ten (tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb.), recast and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, May 1st, at 6 p.m. A broadcast of the bells will be given from 7.45 to 8 p.m. in the Midland Regional programme.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—The peal of 8, increased to 10 (tenor 15½ cwt.), rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford on Sunday, May 2nd, at 11 a.m. Ringers' meeting at Willenhall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Address by the Venerable R. L. Hodson, Archdeacon of Stafford. Tea 5.30 (1s. each). Please send names for tea not later than May 4th, to C. Wallater, t, Marston Street, Willenhall.

CRONDALL, HANTS.—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Guildford of the peal of six (restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) on Sunday, May 2nd, at 11 a.m. Everybody welcome! A RINGERS' OPENING on Saturday, May 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business at the Cricketers. A good muster of ringers and friends requested.—C. W. Denyer.

KING'S BROMLEY, NR. BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Tuesday, May 4th, at 7.30 p.m., the bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Stafford; ring of 6 bells recast and rehung by John Taylor and Co.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.—The rededication of the peal will take place on Friday, May 7th, at 7.30 p.m. Preacher, Very Rev. Provost Ham (Derby Cathedral). Ring of 8 rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

DALWOOD, NEAR AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Saturday, May 8th, the bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Crediton at 3 p.m. Ring of 6 rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

NETHERSEALE, NEAR BURTON-ON-TRENT.—The ring of eight bells restored by John Taylor and Co. will be rededicated on Sunday, May 9th.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—The ring of eight (tenor 29 cwt.), retuned and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Northampton on Monday, May 10th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

DEATH OF A BRIDGEND RINGER

Mr. John Evans, a member of St. Iltyd's band, Bridgend, passed away on Friday, April 16th. He had been ill for a long time, but the end came rather suddenly. Owing, of course, to his illness he had not rung for some time.

A regular Sunday service ringer for over 30 years, he was not keen on peal ringing, but had, nevertheless, rung several peals for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. He was only 51 years of age and leaves a widow in bereavement.

A quarter-peal was rung half-muffled to his memory by the following: V. Brown 1, W. H. Evans 2, E. T. Bailey 3, C. H. Perry (conductor) 4, E. M. Smith 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, H. Pitman 8. First quarter-peal for treble and tenor ringers.

FOR BEGINNERS.

OXFORD BOB MINOR.

Emphasis was given in the editorial article in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' to the fact that the peals analysis revealed that last year peals of Minor rung in one method only had increased by 25, although the total number of peals of Minor increased by only 31. We need not here go into the arguments which have often been put forward showing the advantages of practising a variety of methods, particularly on the lower numbers of bells, but we would like to point out to those who at present ring only Bob Minor that it is not at all difficult to get on to new methods, and that it makes ringing vastly more interesting.

For instance, there is the method Oxford Bob. Put simply, it is Bob Singles (the Plain Bob method on four bells), with the other two bells continuously dodging behind from the time the treble leaves the back, until it gets up there again, when the bells behind hunt straight down to lead and two others (who led in turn after the treble) hunt straight up and take their places.

Many ringers will probably be able to step straight into the belfry and ring the method with that explanation, but for the sake of others, let us go into it a little more in detail.

This is a table of rules by which you learn Bob Singles:—

Pass treble in 3-4, lie a whole pull in 4th's, dodge 4-3, and hunt down to lead.

Pass treble in 2-3, dodge 3-4 up, lie a whole pull in 4th's, and hunt down.

Pass treble in 1-2, make 2nd's and lead again.

In Oxford Bob you do exactly the same thing, except that there is sandwiched on each side of the 2nd's place the dodging in 5-6 referred to. This dodging is actually a three-pull dodge. That is to say, in whichever direction you are going, you have to step back three times. You cannot very well make a mistake in it, however, for the two bells dodge until the treble separates them.

Now let us amplify our Bob Singles' table and make it fit our Oxford Bob Minor.

Pass treble in 3-4, lie a whole pull in 4th's, dodge 4-3, and hunt down to lead.

Pass treble in 4-5, a three-pull dodge in 5-6 up, lie a whole pull behind, and hunt down to lead.

Pass treble in 1-2, make 2nd's and lead again.

Pass treble in 5-6, lie a whole pull behind, a three-pull dodge in 6-5 down, and hunt down to lead.

Pass treble in 2-3, dodge 3-4 up, lie a whole pull in 4th's, and hunt down.

Here are the figures of the first part of the course, showing the full dodging behind. Write out a complete course, draw a continuous line over one of the working bells and you have a diagram of the method. From it you can visualise the whole of the work.

123456
214365
241356
423165
432615
346251
364521
635412
653142
561324
516342
153624

156342
513624
531642
356124
365214
632541

The bobs are made exactly as in Plain Bob, but, just a word of warning, a bob 'Wrong' in Oxford comes at the third lead and not at the first lead as it does in Plain Bob. For a 720 you can call the 5th, Wrong, Right, Wrong, or the 5th, Right, Wrong, Right.

ANOTHER MONMOUTHSHIRE OCTAVE.

NEW TREBLES AT LLANFRECHFA.

The dedication of the two new bells at Llanfrechfa, near Caerleon, Monmouthshire, took place during morning service on a recent Sunday.

The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Monmouth, who received the ropes from the donor and the churchwardens.

The new treble has been presented by Mr. C. Addams Williams and Mrs. Williams to commemorate the coming of age of their son, Hopton, and the new second bell by the churchpeople to commemorate the Coronation of H.M. King George VI.

Immediately following the dedication the bells were rung in rounds by six of the local ringers, with the assistance of Mr. Pratt of Newport, and the Diocesan Association hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Jones, and again at the conclusion of the service a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

GREAT WALTHAM'S GREAT EFFORT. BELL RESTORATION SCHEME PAID FOR.

The bells of SS. Mary and Lawrence, Great Waltham, near Chelmsford, after being overhauled and rehung in ball bearings in a steel frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were rededicated on Tuesday, April 20th, by the Bishop of Barking.

The bells are now hung at a lower level in the tower, thus making them quieter in the vicinity of the church, and are rung from the floor of the tower instead of the former ringing chamber.

About 30 ringers, including the members of the local band, were present from various towers, including Great Baddow, Broomfield, Boreham, Chelmsford, Harlow Common, Springfield and Little Waltham. Among them were the Master of the Essex Association (Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips), the hon. gen. secretary of the association (Mr. L. J. Clark) and the hon. secretary of the South-Eastern Division.

During the singing of the hymn, 'Hark the bells with joyous sound,' the Bishop, preceded by the choir, churchwardens and Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Burnett) proceeded to the tower, where Mr. W. E. Davis, the captain of the local ringers, handed the ropes to the churchwardens, who handed them on to the Bishop, requesting him to rededicate the bells.

After the rededication prayers the Bishop handed the ropes to the Vicar with the usual exhortation. The local captain received the ropes from the Vicar and the bells were rung in rounds by W. E. Davis (Great Waltham) 1, G. Green (Great Baddow) 2, L. Day (Great Waltham) 3, H. Edwards (Boreham) 4, H. Bradley (Broomfields) 5, J. Wood (Chelmsford) 6, B. Kemp (Springfield) 7, L. J. Clark (Chelmsford) 8.

In the course of his address the Bishop said he was authorised by the Vicar to say that the whole cost of rehanging (£550) had been met. This was a fine effort, as only recently the parish had raised £100 for installing electric light in the church.

At the conclusion of the service an opening touch of Stedman Triples was rung, conducted by L. J. Clark, followed by touches in other methods, in which all the ringers took part, everyone expressing their appreciation at the way in which the restoration had been carried out and at having this delightful peal in ringing order once again.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At the Parish Church, Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled on Saturday, April 3rd: F. Wilding 1, N. Townsend 2, W. Taylor 3, R. Watts 4, A. North 5, F. Luffkin (conductor) 6, S. Baybutt 7, G. Bacon 8. Rung in memory of Mrs. J. Watts Ditchfield, who died March 30th. She was the wife of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Watts Ditchfield, first Bishop of Chelmsford, and mother of Mrs. Gowings, wife of the Vicar of Prittlewell.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT ELECTIONS.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Goole on Saturday, April 10th, when, in spite of bad weather, there was an attendance of over 40 ringers representing the following towers: Beverley Minster, Campsall, Headingley (St. Michael's), Far Headingley (St. Chad's), Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Pontefract (St. Giles' and All Saints), Selby Abbey, Sheffield Cathedral, Sherburn-in-Elmet, York Minster and the local company. Evensong was held in church, at which the Vicar of Goole (the Rev. L. L. Knightall, M.A.) and the three curates all took part. The Vicar accompanied the singing on the organ and also gave a most interesting address.

Tea was held in Hackforth's Cafe, 48 sitting down. At the business meeting, over which the president (Canon C. C. Marshall) presided, two new members were elected, viz., Messrs. W. Hawley, of Sherburn-in-Elmet, and J. Wilson, Beverley Minster.

An invitation from the Vicar of Kirk Ella for the June meeting to be held there was unanimously accepted.

Two nominations were received for the position of Ringing Master, Messrs. H. C. Walters and F. Terry, and Mr. Walters was re-elected for a period of three years.

Four nominations were received for three seats on the committee, Messrs. West, Pearson, Cook and Imeson; the three first named were elected. Mr. A. E. West was also elected to a seat on the General Committee for a period of three years.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address at the service was proposed by Mr. A. H. Fox, seconded by Mr. J. H. Howell, supported by the president and carried with acclamation.—The Vicar, in reply, extended a most hearty welcome to the association.

A vote of thanks to the local company for the excellent arrangements made was proposed by Mr. F. Cryer and seconded by Mr. A. Walker, mention being made of the good service to ringing for 30 years in Goole and for the Yorkshire Association by Mr. J. Drake and also of Mr. C. Hill's enthusiastic work in getting the Goole bells going again after a lapse of 18 months.—Messrs. Drake and Hill replied, and said they had high hopes of getting a good band of ringers together again in Goole now the bells were ringing once more.

Appreciation was expressed at the presence at the meeting of the president, treasurer and also the Southern District vice-president, together with Miss Bowling and Mr. Sherwood, of Headingley, Leeds.

Further ringing till 9 o'clock terminated a most enjoyable and happy meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Special ringing will take place at a great number of churches in London during Coronation week, and among the peals to be attempted will be one at St. Paul's Cathedral by the College Youths on Saturday, May 15th.

Attention is directed to the preliminary notice of the Tercentenary Dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The number of tickets is strictly limited and early application should be made.

The venue of the Middlesex Association (South and West District) meeting on May 8th has been changed. It was to have been held at Feltham, but it has been transferred to Stanwell, with Bedfont and Harmondsworth towers for afternoon and evening respectively. A special invitation is extended to hikers, cyclists and motorists.

Mr. Rupert Richardson wishes to thank the many friends who have sent letters of sympathy since his recent accident. He assures them he is improving rapidly and hopes to be at the end of a bell-rope again before many weeks are over. Owing to the injury being to his right hand he is unable to answer them individually, and his 'secretary' is working at full pressure to keep the business and household duties going. He also notes the remarks of a sympathiser with regard to 'the scarcity of water,' and will certainly follow the advice.

The bus strike in Kent interfered with peal arrangements at Tunstall on Saturday. A band met two short for a peal of Stedman Triples and had to be content with ringing a peal of Minor.

In the usual monthly service broadcast from Croydon Parish Church on Sunday morning at 9.25 on the National long-wave length, it is hoped to ring the twelve bells. This will be the first time the new twelve have been 'on the air.'

Last Saturday at Chester father and son rang a peal of Stedman Triples together. It was Mr. Thomas Butler's 50th peal and his son, Mr. T. R. Butler's, 100th peal. An interesting coincidence. Has it happened before?

The name of the ringer of the 5th in the peal at Campsall on April 13th was Harry C. Walters and not Walker as printed.

We regret that many reports are unavoidably held over.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I appeal to those wishing to take part in peal attempts during their stay at Canterbury to let me have their application, with full particulars, not later than May 5th?

The writer would also be grateful to receive offers of towers that can be put at the disposal of the visitors.

T. E. SONE.

Warrington Bungalow, Paddock Wood, Kent.

A WORCESTERSHIRE PEAL REHUNG.

Upton-on-Severn bells have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and were rededicated by the Bishop of Worcester on Sunday morning, April 25th. Besides the local band there were present ringers from Evesham and Worcester.

The Upton band, under their leader, Mr. C. Camm, have now a fine peal of bells both as regards tone and 'go.'

THE LATE MR. GEORGE A. CARD.

MANY PEALS RUNG FOR THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The funeral of Mr. George Card, hon. secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, who, as already briefly recorded, passed away on April 5th in Fulham Hospital, took place at St. Mary's, Speldhurst, near Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on Thursday, April 8th. The Royal Cumberland Youths were represented by the Master (Mr. G. H. Cross), the treasurer (Mr. G. Steere), Mrs. G. H. Cross and Mr. W. J. Beer. After the interment, St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled to a touch of Grandsire Triples by W. J. Beer 1, E. A. Turley 2, G. Fuggle 3, Mrs. G. H. Cross 4, G. H. Cross 5, G. W. Steere 6, J. Denton (conductor) 7, J. Meads 8.

The exact number of peals which Mr. Card rang is not known, as he kept no complete record, but the following are known to have been rung for the Cumberland Society between about 1890 and 1934: Stedman Cinques 28, Stedman Caters 4, Stedman Triples 8, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Kent Treble Bob Major 30, Bob Maximus 2, Bob Royal 1, Bob Major 13, Grandsire Cinques 1, Grandsire Triples 13, Double Norwich Major 8, New Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Cambridge Surprise Maximus 3, Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Cumberland Delight Major 1, Superlative Surprise Major 13, London Surprise Major 21, Bristol Surprise Major 3, total 158.

Mr. Card also took part in 11,200 of Bob Major at St. Mary's, Speldhurst, in 1892, rung for the Kent County Association.

On Saturday, April 24th, at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. G. A. Card. It was intended to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques, but owing to illness and business claims three of the band were unable to take part and Mrs. M. L. Cross kindly stood out. The ringers were T. Newman 1, Mrs. C. J. Matthews 2, E. J. Beer 3, W. J. Nudds 4, G. Radley 5, J. E. Bailey 6, G. J. Butcher (conductor) 7, T. Bevan 8.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY BELLS.

NEW VOLUME ON THEIR HISTORY.

Very appropriately, on the eve of the Coronation, there has been published a volume on the organs and bells of Westminster Abbey. The author is Canon Jocelyn Perkins, M.A., D.C.L., F.S.A., Sacrist of the Abbey, than whom, of course, there can be no greater authority on that venerable pile which enshrines so much of England's history. This book follows others dealing with the Abbey by the same author, 'Westminster Abbey, the Empire's Crown,' 'The Chapel of Henry VII. and its High Altar,' 'The Ornaments of Westminster Abbey,' etc., and is, naturally, of special interest to ringers.

Most ringers, we imagine, have hazily associated bells with Westminster Abbey down the ages, but few realise that for hundreds of years such bells as there were were housed in a detached campanile which stood, until less than two hundred years ago, on the site on the north side of the Abbey now occupied by the Middlesex County Hall.

This campanile, erected simultaneously with the thirteenth century choir, was of unusual proportions. It is said to have been no less than 75ft. square, but only to have reached a height of 60ft. The massive structure was crowned, according to the historian Stow, with a tall spire covered with lead.

It was not until the early forties of the eighteenth century that the present twin western towers of the Abbey were completed. In those days, of course, the Abbey had only six bells, but their history is extremely interesting to bell lovers, who will now be able, in Dr. Perkins' book, to read all their known story from the days in 1255, when, according to the patent roll, a grant was made by the King of one hundred shillings per annum to be paid every half-year to the Brethren of the Guild of Westminster 'who are appointed to ring the great bells,' and it was laid down that the Brethren were 'to enjoy all privileges and free customs they have enjoyed from the time of Edward the Confessor.'

Canon Perkins points out the high significance of these words. They indicate, he says, that the ringers of Westminster Abbey occupied at that time a position of real importance; that they formed to all intents and purposes a Royal Foundation.

The author traces the history of the bells through the centuries, gives a short chapter on ancient and modern ringing customs at the Abbey and another with the details of the reconstruction and enlargement of the peal to eight in 1919 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, whose foundry ancestor, Robert Mott, put a bell into the old campanile as far back as Queen Elizabeth's reign.

The whole story of the bells will prove a fascinating one for ringers. Equally interesting is the section relating to the organs of the Abbey. Dr. Perkins has traced their history back to 1304, and with a masterly hand presents the story of their vicissitudes from that distant date down to the coming of the new and magnificent instrument that is to be used for the approaching Coronation. He deals, too, with the many celebrated organists of the Abbey, among the great names being Orlando Gibbons and Henry Purcell.

The volume is splendidly illustrated and will appeal to all music lovers as well as ringers. It is published by Messrs. Novello and Co., Ltd., 160, Wardour Street, London, W.1.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION VISIT TO FEERING.

Despite unfavourable weather, 15 towers were represented by 38 ringers at a meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association at Feering on Saturday, April 17th. Ringers were present from Witham, Halstead, Earls Colne, Great Bardfield, Kelvedon, Springfield, Sible Hedingham, Greenstead Green, Feering, Bocking, Dunmow, Coggeshall, Boreham, Sudbury and Turvey (Beds).

Service at the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. B. Howard Knight), and Mr. Fairbrass, of Kelvedon, was at the organ. The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the ringers.

An excellent tea was partaken of at the Bell Inn, the Vicar presiding. At the business meeting which followed both Witham and Great Bardfield were proposed as the next place of meeting, and on a vote being taken the majority favoured Great Bardfield, and a meeting is being arranged for June 12th.

The District Master (Mr. A. Saunders) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his inspiring address, to the organist for his services, and to the visitors.

In reply, the Vicar said he was sure that the meeting was a joy to the local ringers at Feering. He hoped that the visit would do some good and that the young men would take up the art of ringing which was so peculiar to England and helped to keep them fit. The Vicar also thanked the organist and said he was sorry that their old friend, Mr. W. Keeble, was absent through illness, but he would convey to him the best wishes of that meeting.

Regret was also expressed at the absence of Mr. William Elliot, of Kelvedon, who had been indisposed for some time, and the secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) was asked to send to him the best wishes of the members.

It was pleasing to see one or two youngsters amongst the company and they appeared to enjoy a few rounds.

Others took part in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—One noticed with much interest the fact mentioned in the report of the Peals Analysis Committee that no less than 27 peals had been withdrawn during the year.

The question has often been asked by ringers—How many false compositions are rung? At present, I believe, there is nothing which requires the publication of the figures of any composition, and if the conductor and the peal secretary of the association claiming the peal are satisfied, the peal is accepted and published as true—and yet the figures of the peal may not have been proved except in the most cursory manner. Quite recently a peal was withdrawn, and the conductor honestly admitted in your paper that he had only given the matter the most superficial scan over. It would appear that, provided familiar part ends occur at the correct intervals, in many cases falseness elsewhere is not looked for.

A good example of accepted composition without even the most simple examination was furnished in your issue of March 19th, where the first quarter-peal, given in the beginners' corner, produces 246375 as the first part end, and the next lead is plain! The writer, who, of course, must be an expert or he would never have been asked to write these articles, evidently accepted the figures on the composer's reputation, and the part ends. Had he even thought for a moment he must have realised that rounds were not far away. I wonder how often the second quarter-peal has been rung as a true touch?

How often are peals accepted on reputation and not thoroughly proved?

It had been hoped to bring forward a resolution at this year's Central Council meeting to make it compulsory on all associations to publish their figures in their annual report, and to circulate that report, but, unfortunately, the conditions of Rule 10 were overlooked and this was not possible.

If, however, it is in order and any support is forthcoming, this may be moved when the report of the Peals Committee is being considered.

Another matter which might well be considered by the Council is the publication of a booklet on the proof of compositions.

J. K. ARMSTRONG.

Cheltenham.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

GREATLY IMPROVED RINGING REPORTED.

The annual general meeting of the Scottish Association was held at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, on Saturday, April 24th, about 40 members being present. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and the bells were kept going until 4 o'clock, Grandsire and Stedman Caters being rung.

The service was conducted by the Very Rev. K. C. H. Warner, D.S.O., Provost of the Cathedral.

The business meeting followed tea. Mr. Pickett, the Master, in his report, said that the standard of ringing had greatly improved.

The secretary having tendered his resignation owing to pressure of business, Mr. Charles R. Raine, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, was unanimously elected to act as secretary and treasurer.

The Provost, who was in the chair, referred to the loss that the association had sustained through the recent death of Mr. A. E. Wrecks, of Paisley, and the death of Mr. Mann, of St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh.

After the meeting the bells were kept going till 7.30 p.m., when those who remained finished up with some handbell ringing.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN GOODMAN, SEN.

'FATHER' OF THE DUDLEY PARISH CHURCH BAND.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. John Goodman, sen., of Dudley, Worcestershire, which took place at his residence on April 15th at the ripe age of 83 years. He leaves in bereavement a widow, three sons and four daughters, with whom the greatest sympathy is felt.

Mr. Goodman commenced his ringing career about the year 1871 at Sedgley, Staffs, and after a few years he identified himself with St. Thomas' Church, Dudley, where for upwards of 50 years he had been a regular Sunday service ringer, and the band recognised him as the 'father' of the company because of his interest in beginners.

He rang his first peal in 1872 and had rung altogether 130 peals. He was one of the pioneers in the formation of the Dudley and District Guild in 1899, and remained a member until his death.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, April 21st, the first part of the service being held in Dudley Parish Church, conducted by the Ven. Dr. A. P. Shepherd, Archdeacon and Vicar of Dudley, who is president of the Guild. The interment took place at St. John's Churchyard, Kates Hill, Dudley, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. B. H. Green, Vicar of St. John's and Rural Dean of Dudley.

The Dudley band and Dudley Guild were represented by their secretary, Mr. Herbert Sheppard, and Mr. S. J. Hughes. In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) was rung at the Parish Church with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect: T. Whorton 1, J. Goodman (conductor) 2, Stanley Prestidge 3, Henry Goodman 4, Harry Goodman 5, Alfred Rowley 6, William Green 7, Harry Hubball 8, William Goodman 9, Samuel Webb 10. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 9th are deceased's sons, and of the 5th his grandson.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION TO REVISE RULES.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CRIPPLEGATE.
Loyal Message to the King and Queen.

The prospect of a certain amount of reorganisation in the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, whose affairs are now conducted by the district secretaries acting as joint secretaries, was foreshadowed at the annual meeting at Cripplegate, London, on Saturday week. The rules are to be revised, and it was indicated, in a speech by Mr. C. T. Coles, who was the recipient of a token of the members' appreciation of his long services, that this may be one of the points to be specially considered.

There was a large congregation in St. Giles' Church for the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Turner). The lesson was read by Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the association), and the Vicar in his address said it was most appropriate, at that time, to take his text from I. St. Peter, chap. 2:17: 'Honour all men; love the brotherhood; fear God; honour the King.' He was, he said, pleased to welcome the association that afternoon. The connection between the association and St. Giles' had become much closer during the last few years. There had been two peals rung by their members of which the church was very proud, the first, on Monday, May 6th, 1935, in honour of the Royal Jubilee, 5,025 Stedman Cinques, and the second, on June 1st last year, a peal of 5,005 Stedman Cinques, appropriately rung on a great day in English history, the anniversary of Lord Howe's great victory in 1794.

There was one matter, said the Vicar, that he regretted, that the tower was not mentioned in the interesting list of towers in the association's report.

The Vicar went on to give some interesting historical details of the famous peal at Cripplegate, and of the occasions on which they were rung. He also quoted the inscriptions on some of the bells. One of these, closely connected with his text, led him to emphasise the connection between bells and our public and private life. Honour all men, love your own brotherhood, live in peace and good neighbourhood with all men. And again, fear God; be filled with the spirit of God's holy fear. 'This did not mean that they should be afraid of a just God, but that they should have a reverence for Him. And to honour the King was a most appropriate thing to do in this Coronation year.'

Members attended from all parts of the county and from adjacent counties to the number altogether of well over a hundred—one of the largest gatherings in the history of the association. Ringing commenced quite early at St. James', Clerkenwell, where the Master, Mr. A. W. Coles, was in charge. Several methods, including Surprise, were rung. At St. Giles', Cripplegate, Mr. T. J. Lock, District Master, was in charge of the proceedings. Here Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Cinques, Kent Maximus, with sundry 'touches of rounds,' were the order.

The business meeting followed tea at the Zita Cafe, and was presided over by the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane (president), supported by the vice-presidents (Messrs. J. A. Trollope and G. W. Fletcher), the joint hon. secretaries (Messrs. C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow), the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. H. Hollier), the Master (Mr. A. W. Coles) and the district officers.

Before the business commenced the following loyal message of congratulation to their Majesties was passed by the members standing: 'The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers offer their sincere congratulations to His Majesty King George the Sixth and to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth upon His Majesty's accession to the Throne, and tender a dutiful expression of their loyalty to your Majesties, and they pray that your reign may be blessed by peace for your people and by happiness for your Majesties' own selves.'

Arising out of the minutes, Mr. Coles said a letter had been sent to the Bishop of London with regard to keeping intact the peal of bells at All Hallows', Lombard Street, when the church was demolished, and a reply had been received from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners stating that the matter would receive attention in due course.

MEMBERSHIP LAPSES.

The annual report recalled the part which had been played by bells during last year on national occasions, and to the completion of the memorial to the late Mr. William Pye by the provision of two bells at St. John's Church, Leytonstone.

Dealing with the membership of the association, the report stated that although three honorary and 80 ringing members were elected, the total at the end of the year showed only a slight increase, it now being 888. Eight members were lost by death and a very large number lapsed through removals, non-payment of subscriptions, etc.

'The lapses through avoidable causes,' said the report, 'is a matter for serious concern, and we do urge local secretaries, not only to see that subscriptions are promptly paid, but to keep the strength of their bands up to a number sufficient to man the bells regularly. Each band, besides being at full strength, should endeavour to teach at least one new ringer every year, and not wait for the time when recruits are so urgently needed that the bells cease, or almost cease, to be rung at all. The future of ringing generally, and of the association in particular, depends upon the efforts of local leaders. See to it now.'

Whilst regretting the losses mentioned above, the report said it was satisfactory to note that a new band had been formed at St.

Matthew's, Bethnal Green, and was making good progress under the tuition of the Ringing Master. At St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, a fresh start had been made, and ringing was in progress, and some recruits who had been given elementary instruction were looking forward soon to start learning change ringing. Help would be appreciated at both these towers. It was hoped next year to record that the towers which had ceased to show any membership at all would once again have come into the fold.

The peal list showed an increase on last year, 55 having been rung. The increase, however, was almost entirely in handbell peals, and it was hoped that in this, the Coronation year, there would be a real revival in peal ringing. Of the 55 peals rung, 10 were on handbells, and the tower-bell peals were rung at 26 churches. The members taking part in the peals numbered 159, a few in excess of last year, and four members rang their first peals. There were 23 conductors, an increase of four. Some 85 members rang their first peals in something new, including several 'firsts' on handbells, five of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods, two of Cambridge Royal, 21 of various Surprise Major methods, and seven of Stedman Caters.

The report was adopted, as was also the balance sheet, which showed receipts from members in the form of 60 per cent. of contributions from the districts of £22 17s. 6d., and excess of receipts over payments of £1 6s. 2d. The cash in hands of the treasurer is £24 18s. 9d.

Messrs. F. Conley (Chiswick) and W. G. Turner (Willesden) were elected members of the association.

The officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, who renominated his vice-presidents, Messrs. G. W. Fletcher (North and East District) and J. A. Trollope (South and West District); Master, Mr. A. W. Coles; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. H. Hollier; joint hon. secretaries, Messrs. C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow; auditor, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, A.S.A.A.

It was resolved that the peal books and volumes of 'Bell News' belonging to the association should remain at the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

Mr. Fletcher stated that a sub-committee had been formed to consider the revision of the association's rules, and hoped at the next annual meeting to be in a position to present a report on the rules. The sub-committee would like to have the opportunity of presenting the drafts to the annual district meetings in the first place, in order to save time at the annual general meeting, and they would also be glad if any members who had suggestions to make or criticisms to offer would send them to the sub-committee for early consideration.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Mr. C. T. Coles reminded the members that this year the Ancient Society of College Youths would celebrate their tercentenary. The society was founded 300 years ago and had been in the forefront of ringing nearly all that time. Their records were of the highest class, and no member of the Ancient Society who had taken part in any of their performances had any reason to be ashamed of their achievements. The College Youths had always shown the way in which bells should be rung. He moved that the following resolution should be sent to the society: 'The members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, assembled in annual meeting, send to the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths sincere congratulations in this, the tercentenary year of that society. Further, they cordially wish success to the members of that society, and a continuance of the high standard of ringing for which they have, for so many years, been famous.'

Mr. Trollope, who seconded, pointed out that the College Youths stood for something more than merely a society. They, in their history, were an epitome of the whole history of the ringing Exercise. Not only the present members, but all ringers were more or less the heirs of that society, and they did well to recognise the great services that the society in the past had rendered to the continuity of the art and science of change ringing.

The motion was unanimously carried.

On the motion of Mr. Coles, seconded by Mr. Goodfellow, a resolution of condolence with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on the death of their hon. secretary, Mr. G. A. Card, was passed. Mr. Coles said that Mr. Card, who was 63 years of age, died on April 5th. He was at one time a member of the Edmonton band and of that association. Latterly he did a great work for the Cumberland Youths and was one of those foremost in the recent advance of the society in London ringing.

It was resolved to hold the next annual meeting at Hillingdon.

Mr. Coles urged the members to see that the bells in their own and neighbouring churches were rung for the Coronation. It might be difficult in London to ring all the bells, but those who were responsible for ringing would, he hoped, do their utmost to get the bells rung on that day. He directed attention to the point made in 'The Ringing World' that in places where bells are near houses they should avoid ringing during the time the Coronation service was being broadcast from the Abbey—especially in places where people were apt quickly to get exasperated by the ringing of bells.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Cripplegate and his assistant priest, to the curate in charge of St. James', Camberwell, and the Rev. A. Lombardini, St. Lawrence Jewry, to Mr. King, the vergier, and to the organist of St. Giles', and to the various tower-keepers and others.

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RESTORED PEAL AT WALGRAVE, NORTHANTS.**BELLS RUNG FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1900.**

For the first time since they were rung to announce the relief of Mafeking in May, 1900, the bells of Walgrave Parish Church were heard on April 11th on the occasion of the dedication by the Bishop of Peterborough of the restored peal. For nearly 40 years the bells, which were badly out of tune, have been 'tapped' only, as ringing was impossible owing to the unsafe condition of the carrying beams. The bells, a ring of five, with tenor of 13½ cwt., have been tuned and cleaned and now hang in a new metal frame, complete with modern fittings, the work having been carried out admirably by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The Rector (the Rev. A. T. Segger) conducted the dedication service, which was of a bright and simple character, and in the course of it a procession, formed at the altar and consisting of the churchwardens (Messrs. A. Yorke and W. A. Knight), the Rector, the Lord Bishop of Peterborough and the Rector of Isham (the Rev. E. J. Atkins, R.D.), proceeded to the bell chamber, where the ringers were waiting. After the dedicatory prayers five ringers, Messrs. T. Tebbutt, R. Jones, T. Law, G. Valentine and J. C. Deane, members of the Northampton branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, rang a touch of Grandsire Doubles, announcing to the neighbourhood that the bells were again in use.

The Bishop, in the course of his address, said that they were all rejoicing that the bells were no longer dumb, and that the restored peal was now able to fulfil its accustomed task. He had no doubt that all the people in Walgrave had taken a personal concern in the act of restoration, which was first promoted by the Rector about six years ago. They could always appeal for the tower or bells with certainty in any parish, because they were something in which everyone could take a pride. A church building made a special appeal to people, because it was associated with their home. If the church were pulled down and the bells were silent they would feel that something precious had been taken out of their lives.

The Bishop went on to refer to the art of change ringing as very beautiful, and said that its artistic value could not be denied. But the ringing of bells was first and foremost an act of worship, and so it should be regarded. Bellringers were churchworkers in the highest degree, and he wanted them to be recognised as on a level with all other churchworkers.

Other clergy present were the Rev. J. Hotine (Holcot), the Rev. J. M. Turner (Moulton) and the Rev. T. B. Clarke (Loddington). At the close of the service many members of the Diocesan Guild rang on the bells.

Following the service a tea for the ringers was held in the Church School, and the Bishop, the Rector and Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were present.

Recently the Walgrave 'Parish Magazine' found its way to South Africa, and came into the hands of Mr. Nathan Kimbell, who left Walgrave for that country 52 years ago. He at once sent a substantial donation to the Rector and decided to return to his native village for the dedication service. A leaflet with 25 verses of poetry paying tribute to Walgrave bells was handed to each member of the congregation at the service, the poem being entitled 'Walgrave Bells—verses written in 1912 by N.P.K.' 'N.P.K.' proved to be Mr. Nathan Kimbell, who had the satisfaction of assisting in the day's rejoicings at his old 'home town' after an absence of over half a century.

As the bells have been only 'tapped' since 1900 to announce the services, none of the Walgrave ringers has ever pulled a rope. This means that a new hand will have to be trained. A start will be made with 13 men, and if possible 15, so that there will be three teams—the main team, a relief and a young one—each team having five members. Change ringing will be out of the question for some time, but the Rector hopes that the ringers will make good progress and introduce this as soon as possible.

On every hand gratification was expressed at the great improvement effected by the tuning of the bells, and the visiting ringers voiced their complete satisfaction with the 'go' of the peal, both of which facts reflect credit on the bellfounders, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

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The President also thanked the officers, who, he said, had the complete confidence of the members to conduct the affairs of the association. They should, he said, feel very proud, as a body of ringers, of the most honourable and important place which the bells would have on the occasion of the Coronation. There was nothing more peculiarly national than the ringing of the bells, and many of them would recall the great occasions on which bells had rung out for national events in the past. No other country in the world had such a wealth of bells or such opportunity of celebrating in the most dignified and beautiful way, and one established by such age-long tradition, great national occasions, and ringers felt the reflected honour at the part which fell to them in connection with the Coronation.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the president. After the meeting, the bells at St. Lawrence Jewry, with the Master in charge, were available, and a large number of ringers took advantage of the opportunity of ringing on this fine peal, in most methods up to London Surprise. At Cripplegate Mr. E. C. S. Turner looked after the ringing, and more Cinques and Maximus, as well as rounds, were rung until 9 o'clock, when ended one of the most memorable meetings in the annals of the association.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**SUGGESTED BELL RESTORATION FUND.**

Members of the Warwickshire Guild visited Rugby for the annual meeting on Saturday, April 17th, and one of the most important and interesting matters touched upon at the business meeting in the evening was the formation of a bell restoration fund. Mr. Ernest Stone, of Nuneaton, suggested that either a certain percentage of the Guild's income should be set aside annually for building up a bell restoration fund, or that a collection should be taken at each of their quarterly services for the purpose. In view of the large number of restorations which were now going on or being contemplated in Warwickshire, there was a real need for such a fund, and he moved that the question be considered by the committee at their next quarterly meeting.

Other members indicated their support, and Mr. Stone's suggestion was deferred for discussion at a future date.

Ringling during the afternoon took place on the two rings of bells at St. Andrew's Church. As a matter of interest attention was first given to the old ring of five early in the afternoon. The reason for this first choice by the dozen or so ringers who were then present was soon apparent when it was discovered that Mr. J. H. Shepherd was among the early birds and that it was a fresh tower for him. Shortened evensong was held in the church at 4.45 p.m., and was conducted by the Rev. R. S. Wingfield Digby, who also gave the address.

After tea, the business meeting was held in the Church House, and was presided over by the Rev. Wingfield Digby. He was supported by Mr. Joseph H. W. White, Ringing Master, and Mr. Malcolm C. C. Melville, general secretary. Among those present were Messrs. T. W. Chapman and James George (past Ringing Masters), F. W. Perrens, J. A. Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. Hinde, Mr. and Mrs. Beamish, Mr. and Mrs. Argyle, the Rev. J. E. Wigram and ringers from the following towers: Allesley, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Bulkington, Erdington, Lillington, Arley, Monk's Kirby, Stoke, Bedworth, Leamington, Hastings and members of the local band. Welcome visitors included Messrs. E. Pearson, H. H. Alexander and W. Watson, of Banbury, and F. H. Dexter and R. F. Roe, of Leicester.

Apologies were received from the Archdeacon of Coventry, the president of the Guild, and also from the Rev. and Mrs. Moyle, of Chilvers Coton, and Messrs. J. H. Beale, E. Adams and T. Male.

The annual report stated that the total resident membership stood at 137, an increase of seven over the previous year. Twenty-five new members had joined during the year. The peals showed an increase over last year, 16 peals having been rung, making the largest number since 1928. A balance in hand of £25 5s. 6d. was recorded in the financial statement.—Both reports were adopted.

The officers were all re-elected, with the addition of Mr. J. E. S. Moreton as assistant hon. secretary. Mrs. A. Beamish, Mrs. L. J. Hinde and Mr. T. W. Chapman were also elected honorary members of the committee.

Among the 17 new ringing members to be elected were two only 11 years of age, namely, Frank Moreton and Frederick Stone, both of Chilvers Coton. The Rev. J. E. Wigram, the Rev. R. S. Wingfield Digby and Mrs. D. H. Argyle were elected honorary members.

Thanks were expressed on behalf of the Guild by Mr. C. H. Webb to the Archdeacon for the use of the bells and the Church House; to the Rev. Wingfield Digby for presiding at the meeting and taking the service; and also to Mr. E. W. Grocock for presiding at the organ.

Everyone was pleased to see Mr. James George present, and evidence of his recovery from his illness was apparent when he took part in several of the touches. Expressions of appreciation of the work Mr. George had done for ringers at Rugby were given by Mr. J. B. Fenton.

Further ringing took place on the two peals of bells after the meeting until a late hour. Altogether about 50 members and friends were present.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH DAVIES.**FORMER RINGER AT DERBY, LOUGHBOROUGH AND KIDDERMINSTER.**

We regret to record the death of Mr. Joseph Davies, of 13, Stourport Road, Kidderminster, who passed away at his home on April 8th last at the age of 64 years.

Mr. Davies, whose peals totalled 49 (four of which he had conducted), started his ringing career at Crewe and rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples, on the tenor) on July 31st, 1894.

He had resided at Derby and Loughborough, and many of his peals, mostly Grandsire and Stedman Triples, were rung in these districts.

He went to reside at Kidderminster and joined the St. Mary's Church band in 1919. A safe ringer of standard methods, his enthusiasm enabled him to become quite proficient in Surprise methods and later he scored three peals of Cambridge and three of London Surprise Major.

Until two years ago, when he became no longer able to climb the steps, Mr. Davies was a regular Sunday service ringer.

The interment took place on April 12th at Coppenhall, near Crewe, where in his youth he was a chorister for many years. The bells of St. Mary's Church, Kidderminster, were rung half-muffled in the evening.

The sympathy of all who knew him will go out to his widow in her bereavement.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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THE TERCENTENARY FESTIVAL.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

A service will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 4 p.m. Dinner at Cannon Street Hotel at 6 p.m. Tickets to members 10s. each, to non-members 12s. 6d. each. The maximum seating capacity is 400. Application should be made as early as possible, as no tickets can be issued in excess of that number.

William T. Cockerill,
Hon. Secretary.

18th CENTURY PEAL RECORDS

Will all secretaries, or any interested ringers who have collected records of old peals rung previous to 1825, please forward same or particulars, not later than May 1st for this year's report, to the Central Council, to Wm. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4?

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Hersham (Oatlands Park not available at present) on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church House 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready for 3 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held in conjunction with the Sheffield and District Society at St. John's, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 1st, when the peal of 10 bells will be available from 2 p.m. onwards. Meeting of the general committee in the Church Hall at 3.45 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. The general meeting will be held immediately after tea.—J. E. Cawser, Hon. Gen. Sec., Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Queenborough on Saturday, May 1st. Further particulars later.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Teynham on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 (1s.).—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 1st, at Christ Church, Southport. Bells available from 3 p.m. A small charge will be made for tea, for which please notify Mr. J. Ridyard, 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport. After tea ringing will be continued at Emmanuel Church, Southport.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 1st. Luncheon (1s. 6d.) in British Legion Hall, followed by annual meeting, at 1 p.m. Service in Cathedral, at 3.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Salisbury. Towers open: 8 bells, St. Thomas' (11-12.30, 6-7), St. Edmund's, St. Martin's; 6 bells, St. Paul's, Amesbury, Britford, Broadchalk, Berwick St. John, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Semley, Wilton, Woodford. — F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available at 2.30; also Bramford, Hintlesham and Copdock (all 6 bells). Tea 9d. each, at 4.30 at Church Hall. Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—May Day.—A meeting will be held at Graveley on May 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Learners welcome and will get good opportunities. Names for tea to Canon Jebb, The Rectory, Graveley, Hitchin. — Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting, at Rectory.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Fownhope on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., in Parish Hall. Buses leave Hereford at 2, 3.30 and 5 p.m., returning at 8 and 8.17 p.m. Fare 1s. return. Bus leaves Ross at 4.45 p.m., returning at 7.10 and 9.30 p.m. Fare 1s. 4d. return.—L. H. Steckley, The Green, Fownhope.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Run-corn on Saturday, May 1st, at 3 p.m.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, May 1st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea in Conservative Club at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Business meeting after tea. Special method for practice: St. Lawrence Little Bob Major. Trains, Metropolitan, Baker St. etc., to Pinner. Bakerloo and L.M.S. Stations to Harrow and 183 bus to Pinner.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek tomorrow (Saturday). Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, May 1st. Service 3.30 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. Weston-on-the-Green bells also available. If requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice will be held to-morrow (Saturday) at Woughton-on-the-Green. Bells (6) available from 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Short Notice. — A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8), a delightful peal, available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Old Grey Mare at 5 p.m. Good to get at—by Green Line and Aylesbury bus service, so come along. — W. Ayre, Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cottenham, Cambs., to-morrow (Saturday), May 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A good company is hoped for.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for May: Service ringing, May 2nd, St. Clement Danes', 10 a.m.; 23rd, Bow, Cheapside, 5.30 p.m. Practices: 10th and 24th, St. Clement Danes', 7.30 p.m.; June 1st, St. Mary, Lambeth, 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.20.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 6th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 11th; St. Magnus' on the 13th and 27th; St. Andrew's on the 20th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea in Institute at 5.30. Business meeting after. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Chrishall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford, Herts.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington, Surrey, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Mrs. C. Kippin, 10, Courtney Road, Croydon, by Tuesday, May 4th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Darton on Saturday, May 8th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. R. A. Bailey, Park View, Darton, by Thursday, May 6th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 8th. Towers available: Bedfont (6), 3.30 to 4.30; Stanwell (5), 4.45 to 5.30, 6.30 to 7, and Harmondsworth (6), 7.15 to 8.30. Tea at Wheatsheaf Inn, Stanwell, at 5.30, 1s. each. Bus 116 leaves Hounslow Garage at 8 and 38 minutes past the hour for Bedfont and near Stanwell.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Dibden on May 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Eling and Fawley bells available. Names by May 6th, please. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Meppershall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 (free). This meeting has been arranged to welcome the new Rector. All ringers are welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Teversal on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at moderate charge at 5 p.m. to those who notify me by Thursday, May 6th.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec., 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby-Lonsdale on Saturday, May 8th. Tower open for ringing at 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.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barthomley (8 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before May 5th? — Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Please let me know by May 6th if you require tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Meeting at South Marston (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. On bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch; Newport Pagnell Deanery. — A meeting at Chicheley, May 8th, Saturday; 2.30 begin; 4 service; tea 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea should be sent to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks, by Tuesday, May 4th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hoghton, May 8th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea for all those who notify Miss M. Clayton, Lane End Cottage, Hoghton, near Preston, by Tuesday, May 4th.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bickington, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Laver's Café at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea should reach me by first post Tuesday, May 4th. — A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A monthly meeting will be held at Exhall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. The Vicar (Rev. E. W. Bryan) is hoping to see a good number present and has kindly offered to give the tea.—M. Melville, Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Keevil on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Methods for practice: Oxford Plain Bob, Sandal T.B. Please send a card for tea to me before Wednesday, May 5th. — R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will take place at Tideswell, Saturday, May 8th. Will all members and friends expecting to be present please write me not later than Tuesday, May 4th, so that suitable arrangements can be made for tea?—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec., 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, near Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit-Monday, May 17th. Committee meet Parish Room 10.45. Service, Thrapston Church, 12 noon. Lunch at

King's Arms Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by meeting. 1s. 6d. will be allowed toward cost of lunch to all those resident and subscribing honorary and ringing members who make application for ticket with remittance of 1s. to the general secretary by May 3rd. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by May 10th. Bells available: Islip (6), Thrapston (8) 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. and after meeting, Raunds (8), Tichmarsh (8), Lowick (6) after the meeting. — Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The annual general meeting will be held at Newton Abbot on Whit Monday, May 17th. Service in St. Leonard's Chapel 12.15. Dinner and meeting at Globe Hotel 1 p.m. Wolborough (8), St. Leonard's Tower (8), Highwick (8) and Kingsteignton (8) bells available. Visitors will be allotted a time for ringing if they give notice by May 10th.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 58th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 17th. 11.30 a.m. Service in the Cathedral, preacher Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; 12.15 p.m., approx., meetings in the Chapter House; 1.15 p.m., approx., lunch at The Golden Fleece (members 1s. 6d., non members 2s. 6d.). It is most important that those requiring lunch should notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Thursday, May 13th, in order that adequate arrangements can be made. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6).—L. J. Clark, Hon. Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Summer Festival at Soham on Saturday, July 24th. Service 4.15 p.m., with address by the Lord Bishop of Ely. — K. Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

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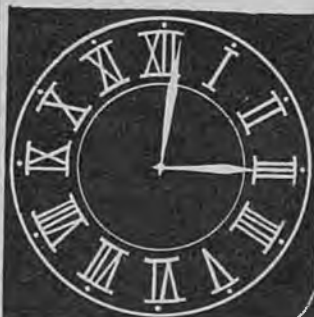
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and unless the considered advice of the architect is to be
ignored, Oakham's bells will not share in the Coronation
rejoicing.By happy contrast many places throughout the country
have for long past been 'putting their house in order,'
in anticipation of the auspicious occasion, among them
such important centres as Winchester, Leicester and
Birmingham, where the Cathedral bells have in each case
been recast. Humbler towns and villages have also done
their part in getting their bells ready to acclaim our new
King and Queen and to join in the nation's heartfelt ex-
pression of love, loyalty and goodwill. Next Wednesday
will be one of the greatest days in ringing history.
Ringers, however humble, will be proud to take their
part, to put their best into the task which lies before
them, and to join in the prayer,

GOD SAVE THE KING.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS...	Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER ...	7
FRED HAYES ...	2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...	8
GEORGE R. PYE ...	3	*ALBERT LAWRENCE ...	9
CHARLES T. COLES ...	4	GEORGE W. STEER ...	10
RALPH COLES ...	5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ...	11
EDWARD R. COLES ...	6	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal on twelve bells.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT...	Treble	†HECTOR G. BIRD ...	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ...	2	*WILLIAM LEWIS ...	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT...	3	†REGINALD WOODYATT ...	9
JOHN BASS ...	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	10
*GEOFFREY J. LEWIS ...	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	11
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ...	6	†CHARLES CAMM ...	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal in the method. † First peal
of Treble Bob Maximus. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus
by the rest, on the bells and for the association.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN ...	Treble	*NORMAN H. MANNING ...	6
WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ...	2	*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ...	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK ...	3	HENRY T. WILSON ...	8
ERNEST J. KING ...	4	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	9
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	5	FRANK E. DARBY ...	Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

* First peal on ten bells.

WYE, KENT.—On Saturday, April 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman
Triples: Mrs. G. W. Everett 1, A. Lancefield (first quarter-peal of
Stedman) 2, P. Page 3, H. C. Castle 4, G. Swaffer 5, T. Tabrett 6,
C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, J. Ashby (first quarter-peal of Sted-
man) 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

PETER CHARMAN 1 Treble	RAYMOND WOOD 5
WALTER CHARMAN 2	JOHN COOE 6
*ERNEST TREAGUS 3	KENNETH SNELLING 7
REGINALD JOHNSON 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung to commemorate the 49th anniversary of the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob by the Sussex Association, in which the ringer of the second rang the same bell and the father of the treble man rang the treble.

AYLESFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES H. SONE 1 Treble	ROBERT COLLINS 5
*DORIS E. COLGATE 2	†FREDERICK S. MACEY 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

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

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. S. Macey. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in nine towers. The composition, No. 431, is rung for the first time.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN C. PETTY 1 Treble	JOHN V. CROSS 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	JOHN E. BLAY 6
JOHN WEBADON 3	JOHN G. NASH 7
JOHN H. CRAMPION 4	JOHN W. CORNFORD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal. First peal of Cambridge by a band of this Christian name.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN W. JONES 1 Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
JOSEPH LOVETT 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
HERBERT DAVIES 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	WILLIAM L. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Rung as a birthday peal for the conductor, by whom hospitality was extended after the peal.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT 1 Treble	JACK TURLEY 5
*CHARLES METCALFE 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
PERCY JERVIS 3	SIDNEY BRIGGS 7
†GORDON GRAHAM 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since being recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in March, 1937.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ARTHUR S. LANCASTER ... Treble	DEREK M. SHARP 5
ALAN J. HOPPER 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
*GEORGE W. FOGDEN 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	†PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. E. BERTON.

Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major and as conductor.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

KENNETH A. ROE 1 Treble	*DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	RICHARD F. ROE 6
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise Major.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES 1 Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	WALTER AYRE 6
WALTER G. PAUL 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 7
FRANCIS KIRK 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 5
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
FREDERICK G. SOUTHGATE ... 3	FRANK BELSEY 7
*GEORGE NAYLOR 4	MRS. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BELSEY.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of St. George's Day. A birthday peal for V. A. Jarrett. The conductor's 30th peal in this tower. W. A. J. Knight is from Milverton, Somerset.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK R. WILBY ... Treble	ROBERT MARSH 5
JACK R. HINDRY 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
WILLIAM COPEMAN 3	WILLIAM R. WEST 7
LESLIE V. PAGE 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

The composition has the 4, 5 and 6 their extent in 6th place and the 2nd never there.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. DORICE KELLY ... Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
*ALFRED W. H. BOWLER ... 2	LESLIE HAYWOOD 6
FREDERICK CARDWELL 3	*HERBERT CHADDOCK 7
NORMAN CHADDOCK 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by W. H. WILDE.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal in the method.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

R. WILLIAM BARBER ... Treble	† LEONARD C. WEBB ... 5
CHARLES F. SAYER ... 2	ANDREW L. WHATLING ... 6
HAROLD J. JERRY ... 3	RICHARD R. W. COATES ... 7
ARTHUR G. KING ... 4	ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ALBERT E. COLEMAN.

* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob and third peal at third attempt.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 3	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 7
ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 4	FREDERICK WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Norfolk on the bells. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Markwell.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCs.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6176 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 2	JAMES FERNLEY ... 6
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... 7
KENNETH LEWIS ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung in honour of the forthcoming Coronation. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 7th. Longest length in the method by all the hand. This composition, which contains the 6th its extent wrong and 1 right in 5-6 at 12 course ends, is now rung for the first time.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIE GREEN ... Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ... 5
* GEORGE H. GUTTBIDGE ... 2	ALBERT NASH ... 6
ALAN R. PINK ... 3	ARTHUR GILL ... 7
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... Tenor

Composed by E. W. TIPLER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method. Specially arranged for Messrs. Green, Panther, Nash and Gill on a visit from Rotherham and district. The conductor's 200th peal and a farewell to him on leaving the district.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE GUILD OF STEPNEY, ST. DUNSTON'S, SCHOLARS.)

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S.

Tenor 31½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. FICKEN ... Treble	ARTHUR A. JARVIS ... 5
HERBERT E. THOMPSON ... 2	LEONARD J. FOX ... 6
THOMAS G. FOX ... 3	GEORGE W. CECIL ... 7
HENRY A. PINCHBECK ... 4	CHARLES AUDUS ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD J. FOX.

Rung on the back eight bells in honour of the Coronation of their Majesties. First peal by all the band and first attempt. First peal for the Guild of Stepney Scholars, which was formed in October, 1935.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WICKHAM MARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDGAR C. PIZZEE ... Treble	HENRY J. VINCE ... 4
OLIVER J. KIDBY ... 2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. PREASTNER ... 3	JOHN R. CROOKS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

WILLERSEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Sandal, Overton, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS ... Treble	† RALPH HARRIS ... 4
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	† JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 5
* MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 3	† J. WILLIAM HEATH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. † First peal of Minor and a birthday compliment to them both. Believed to be the first peal on the bells, cast by A. Rudhall, and recently rehung in a new steel frame by Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' leaving nothing to be desired.

COCKINGTON, DEVON.

On Thursday, April 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

* L. S. HOWARD ... Treble	* L. S. WENSLEY ... 4
H. S. LEWIS ... 2	* G. R. BROWNING ... 5
C. R. LILLEY ... 3	E. J. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. The ringer of the 5th is in his 76th year.

COPPULL, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt.

A. TOMLINSON ... Treble	* J. BLACKBURN ... 4
F. RIGBY ... 2	* E. W. YATES ... 5
* A. CARPENTER ... 3	J. BOOTH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in three methods, rung at first attempt. F. Rigby's 100th peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the 4th ringer.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Treble	ALEC MUNDAY ... 4
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	EDWIN H. NASH ... 5
RAYMOND RHYMER ... 3	KENNETH FORD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

PERRANARWORTHAL, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ... Treble	MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGWIN ... 4
* VIVIAN WILLIAMS ... 2	CYRIL E. LANKON ... 5
WILLIAM H. SCREEMAN ... 3	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANKON.

* First peal 'inside.'

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Norfolk and Primrose Spliced, and 720 each of York, Hull, Ipswich, Durham, Cambridge and Bourn. Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	WILLIAM OLDMAN 4
CHARLES W. WOODS 2	ALBERT E. SCOTT 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

First attempt for a Surprise peal 'inside' by the ringer of the 4th. Arranged for the wedding of Mr. Charles H. Tozer and Miss Margery M. Neal, second daughter of the tower captain, who were married in this church the same afternoon.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	*JOHN BUCKENHAM 4
WALLACE COUSINS 2	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 5
FRED WIGMORE 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 25½ cwt. in E flat.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
GEORGE E. LARGE 2	THOMAS W. LEWIS 5
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. LEWIS.

STEBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Court, 720 Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob called differently.

DONALD JENNINGS Treble	DODGLAS JENNINGS 4
VICTOR MORLEY 2	RONALD SUCKLING 5
HOWARD SAMMS 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH JENNINGS.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., Durham, York, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. WALLLEY Treble	J. G. CARLIDGE 4
J. E. WHEELDON 2	T. HURD 5
W. CARNWELL 3	A. W. HALL Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HALL.

T. Hurd's 100th peal.

NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 differently called 240's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 3
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS 4

JOHN J. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung for evening service. J. P. Hyett has now called a peal of Grandsire Doubles from each bell in the tower.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 27, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*CLEM CRACKNELL Treble	ROBERT J. STEED 4
ARTHUR R. WOODARD 2	FRANK ROPER 5
EDWIN CRACKNELL 3	FRANK BORLEY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK ROPER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of seven methods by the band and on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Cracknell and A. R. Woodard.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... Treble	*FRANK VERNON 4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
*CHARLES MC GUINNESS ... 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods. Quickest peal on the bells.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH C. JENNINGS Treble	*RICHARD PORTWAY 4
DONALD JENNINGS 2	GEORGE SAUNDERS 5
RONALD SUCKLING 3	H. WALTER SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. SMITH.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT HARLESDOWN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

The 'Barrabool' Peal. Tenor size 14 in D.

R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4	B. P. TYRWHITT-DRAKE (Fem.) 7-8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY

GREAT SHELFORD, CAMBS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT HARLESDOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 3-4	REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trinity) 7-8

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY

* First peal in the method 'in hand.' This composition, a one-part, is now rung for the first time.

WOODDITTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT SUNNY VIEW, WOODDITTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*SIDNEY BROWN 1-2	*REGINALD SHARPE 5-6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3-4	ALWYN BEALE 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON (C.C.C. 116). Conducted by A. E. AUSTIN

* First peal of Major on handbells. † First peal. First peal on handbells as conductor.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over)

FOR BEGINNERS.

METHOD GROUPS.

There are many methods which run in groups. They are internally of similar construction, but the various portions are linked together in different ways, it may be by 2nd's or 6th's place when the treble leads, or (in Minor) 5th's place when the treble lies its whole pull behind (7th's in Major when the treble is behind), or it may be by both 5th's and 2nd's or 6th's. In such groups the changes in a course are the same, but the blocks into which they are formed come in a different order, so that in actual ringing the various pieces of work are in a different sequence and a different 'method' is the result. But a knowledge of one method is often a great help in ringing another.

The insertion of a place in the type of methods we are now dealing with causes other bells to dodge; for the same reason the omission of a place eliminates a dodge and the bells, instead, hunt straight off to another position.

In Oxford Bob, which was the subject of an article last week, 4th's place is made twice in each lead and each place compels the bells behind to make a dodge. Between the 4th's places, while the treble leads, 2nd's place is made, which imposes a dodge in 3-4 and 5-6 as well. It is because of these three successive 'places,' 4th's, 2nd's and 4th's, that the two bells behind have a three-pull dodge.

The 4th's places are part of the integral construction of the method, but the 2nd's place is only a link between the leads. In combination with the 4th's places it makes 'Oxford Bob,' but this 2nd's place is not necessary to the construction of a symmetrical method, and when it is omitted it is given the name of Court Bob. But, as was pointed out above, the elimination of a place cuts out a dodge (in this case both in 3-4 and 5-6), and consequently the work occurs in a different order and is linked together in leads, not by a place (2nd's) and two dodges (3-4 and 5-6), but by plain hunting.

Here is a table by which you can ring Court Bob, if you prefer to ring it by that means:—

Pass the treble in 5-6, dodge 6-5 down.

Pass the treble in 4-5, dodge 5-6 up, lie a whole pull behind and dodge 6-5 down (this is sometimes called dodging each way behind).

Pass the treble in 2-3, dodge in 5-6 up.

After the dodging, hunt straight down to lead each time, then:—

Pass the treble in 1-2, make 4th's and lead.

Pass the treble in 3-4, make 4th's and lead.

Observe there is no dodging anywhere but in 5-6.

The natural result of omitting the 2nd's place when the treble leads is to make a 6th's place essential, and in Minor methods, which have 6th's place at the lead end, the bob is made by the bells behind. Whether you have a method with 2nd's place at the lead end or 6th's place, the bob must be made by a bell 'lying still,' that is, making a place, in 4th's. Here are the two forms of bob:—

2nd's Place at Plain Lead	Bob
516342	516342
153624	153624
156342	136642
513624	316524
6th's Place at Plain Lead	Bob
516342	516342
153624	153624
135264	135642
312546	316524

If you want to ring a 720 of Court Bob your observation bell is called In, Out and In, instead of, as in Oxford Bob, Wrong, Right and Wrong; 'In' being, of course, when it runs in to take the treble off the lead, and the 'Out' when the treble takes the observation bell from lead.

Now if you wrote out the full course of Oxford Bob last week, as we suggested, and drew a diagram over it, try an experiment. Cut your strip into five pieces between the changes when the treble is leading; where, in fact, the line appears in the figures above. Then see if you can join these pieces together as Court Bob. Or, if you haven't got your Oxford Bob diagram, write out a course of Court Bob, cut it up in the same way, and transpose the five leads into Oxford Bob. The figures of a lead of Court Bob are the same as those given above the line in the article on page 282 last week. To continue the course, make 6th's place instead of 2nd's in the first row below the line.

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THE CORONATION.

PEALS AND OTHER PERFORMANCES.

Important Notice.

It is certain that a large number of peals will be rung on Wednesday and other days next week in celebration of the Coronation.

We urgently request those responsible to forward us the reports immediately after the peals have been rung, and not to wait for several days before posting the details to us.

We are making special arrangements to print as many as possible in the succeeding week's issue, but the intervention of the Whitsuntide holiday will prevent our dealing with them adequately unless those rung on Wednesday are received in this office by Friday.

We shall also do our best to publish Coronation Day touches of not less than 720's on six bells and quarter peals on the higher numbers. We shall also be glad to receive any interesting items relating to ringers or ringing on that day—but all this information must reach us promptly.

Next week, owing to the Coronation, 'The Ringing World' will go to press a day earlier than usual. All matter for insertion must reach the Editorial Office, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, not later than Monday. The paper will be published on Friday.

HEAVIEST RING OF FIVE IN SOMERSET.

REDEDICATION OF KINGSDON BELLS.

The heavy ring of five bells at Kingsdon Parish Church, Somerset, has been rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Rt. Rev. St. J. B. Wynne Willson). At the same time the Bishop also dedicated an oak tablet bearing the inscription: 'This tablet was placed, and the electric light installed, in this church in memory of John Franklin Neal, died November 29th, 1919, by his widow and children.' In addition to the Rector, the Rev. A. D. Millen, the clergy present at the service were the Rev. C. Large (Ilchester), who acted as Bishop's chaplain, the Rural Dean, the Rev. L. J. Jackson (Vicar of Somerton), the Rev. A. H. Bell (Yeovilton) and the Rev. S. A. Bruce (Pitney), the lesson being read by the Rural Dean.

In his address the Bishop congratulated the parish, the Rector and his helpers on the completion of a 'great task for a small country parish. The glory of Somerset is its towers, and these towers are built for bells. In no diocese is there such a fine collection of towers and bells as here in Somerset. I hope for all time interest will be taken in that fine old English art of bellringing, and that there will always be men and boys coming forward to learn the skill of ringing.'

Among the many ringers present were Messrs. H. Pring (Kingsdon), J. Merritt (Somerton), F. G. Sparks (Charlton Mackarel), W. A. Osborn (North Cadbury), E. T. P. Field and Miss Davis (Thornford), and representatives from Martock, Hewish Episcopi, Yeovil, Tintinhull and Drayton.

Touches of Bob Singles were rung before the service, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, in which Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, took part, kept the bells going to a late hour.

The bells are reputed to be the heaviest peal of five in Somerset, the tenor weighing 24 cwt. They have been rehung in a new metal frame, which replaces the previous 500-year-old oak frame, which had been severely damaged by the death-watch beetle. No. 4 bell has been recast and now weighs 20 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. The other four bells have been carefully tuned and Kingsdon now has a majestic ring of five.

The 'go' and 'tone' reflect the greatest credit on the bellfounders' art, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston received many congratulations on the excellence of their work.

NEW HYMN FOR RINGERS.

A new hymn for use at ringers' services has been published. The words are by James Benson and the music by A. W. Owen, organist and choirmaster of St. Martin's Priory and Parish Church, Ruislip, Middlesex. The four six-line stanzas are set to a pleasing air. Copies with music can be obtained at the rate of 3s. 6d. for 50 and 6s. per hundred (post free) from Mr. Owen, 17, Lime Grove, Ruislip. The profits will go to the Ruislip Church tower restoration fund. Although the title is 'Ruislip Bells,' the words have no special reference to this Middlesex church, and the hymn adds welcome variety to the limited number of ringers' hymns.

DEATH OF MR. HENRY STAPLETON. WELL-KNOWN BEDFORDSHIRE RINGER.

The death of Henry Stapleton, of Turvey, Beds, took place at his home on Monday, April 26th. He was the esteemed leader of the Parish Church ringers and was only 49 years of age. Born at Keysoe, Beds, he went to Turvey in his early days and had been employed for many years by the L.M.S. Railway Co.

Deceased was taken ill on Christmas Day with heart trouble and was confined to his bed until his death. Of a cheerful nature, he was a man whose company one enjoyed and who could always be relied on. He had marvellous patience with beginners, and during the whole of his connection with the tower he has been continually teaching recruits to maintain the band, for generally as soon as they became a bit proficient his pupils had to leave the village in search of work.

He had kept no record of the peals he had rung, but no doubt they reached a total of one hundred or more, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major. He was found mostly on the heavy end, as he was a fine heavy bell ringer. He was a member of the Bedfordshire Association, the Peterborough Diocesan Guild and the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He leaves a widow and grown-up family to mourn their loss.

He was laid to rest in Turvey Cemetery on April 29th amid many tokens of the love and esteem he so much merited, Miss E. Steel and Mr. H. L. Harlow representing the Bedfordshire Association.

Touchoes of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled were rung on Turvey bells during Thursday morning by his old friends and colleagues, and on Friday evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells half-muffled at St. Mary's, Keysoe, where his last peal was rung in August last year. It was the first peal on the bells. The quarter-peal was rung by S. Stapleton 1, E. Asque 2, G. Seth 3, A. Stapleton 4, D. Cockings (conductor) 5.

EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL BAND'S SUCCESS.

The first quarter-peal rung by St. Mary's Cathedral band, Edinburgh, without outside help since before the war was achieved on Sunday, April 18th. The ringers are all drawn from the Cathedral congregation, and six of those who took part have been ringing for less than two years. The same band hope to make their first attempt for a peal of Caters on Coronation Day. The method was Grandsire: *G. Duncan 1, *J. Irwin 2, J. Middlemas 3, M. A. K. Simpson 4, H. White 5, B. F. Vernon 6, J. Marshall 7, G. Marshall 8, C. E. Raine (conductor) 9, J. Pryde 10. *First quarter-peal of Caters.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.

NEW MILL WIN CONTEST AT LINDLEY.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Lindley on Saturday, April 24th. Six teams entered the contest to ring 600 changes, with a Plain Course for practice. The draw for the order of ringing was as follows: No. 1 Holmfirth, No. 2 Liversedge, No. 3 Friezeland, No. 4 New Mill, No. 5 Meltham, No. 6 Shelley. All the teams rang Oxford except Liversedge, who rang College Exercise. After the contest the meeting was held in the Parochial Hall, the president (Mr. E. Earnshaw) being in the chair.

It was decided to hold the next committee meeting at Longwood on June 19th and the six-bell prize contest at Almondbury on July 24th, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The best thanks of the association were accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company of Lindley.—The Rev. J. B. Elkin, Vicar of Lindley, suitably replied.

The judge (Mr. H. H. Smith) then announced his decision as follows:—

Holmfirth: 72 faults, 5 penalty, total 77.

Liversedge: 241 faults, total 241.

Friezeland: 85 faults, total 85.

New Mill: 58 faults, 10 penalty, total 68.

Meltham: 95 faults, 10 penalty, 105.

Shelley: 205 faults, 5 penalty, total 210.

New Mill were, therefore, declared winners of the cup, and the Vicar of Lindley presented the trophy to the New Mill conductor.

Further ringing on the bells brought another enjoyable day to an end.

RAUNDS RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Easter Monday a pretty wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church, Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincolnshire. The contracting parties were Phyllis Maud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ford, Deeping St. Nicholas, and William James, eldest son of Mrs. A. Nunley and the late Mr. G. J. Whitmore, of Raunds, Northants.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by two sisters, Miss Emily and Miss Edith Ford. The best man was Mr. E. E. Whitmore, brother of the bridegroom. A reception was held afterwards at the bride's parents' home.

To celebrate the occasion, touches of Triples and Major were rung during the day at Raunds Parish Church by the local band and Mr. G. H. Roberts, Ringstead.

The bridegroom is secretary of the Thrapston Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and both he and the best man are members of the Raunds St. Peter's Society. Their future address will be 80c. High Street, Raunds, Northants.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Congratulations will be extended to the Guild of Stepney Scholars, who ring the bells of St. Dunstan's Church, upon successfully accomplishing their first peal. Last Saturday they rang Vicars' peal of Grandsire Triples, the first by all the band and at the first attempt.

The Guild was only formed in 1935 and they would like to express their thanks to those ringers from outside who have given them so much help and encouragement.

The Windsor district will miss Mr. Alan Pink, who has removed to Ealing, on transfer from the Eton to the West Ealing branch of the Westminster Bank. During his stay in the Windsor area Mr. Pink put a great deal of enthusiasm into ringing, and, as our readers are aware, pioneered the ringing of many new Surprise methods.

A new composition of 6,176 Bristol Surprise Major, with the 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6, has been rung at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne. It is the composition of that old ringer, Mr. J. S. Wilde, who for so many years now has been residing in Dunedin, New Zealand. It shows that his interest is still as deep as ever, and that he has lost none of his skill as a composer.

Mr. G. R. Browning, who has just rung his first peal—a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Cockington, Devon—is 75 years of age. He must be nearly if not quite the oldest 'first pealer' on record.

In our report of the hallowing of the bells of Leicester Cathedral the tenor was given as 24 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb.; it should have been 25 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb.

Here is another instance of enthusiasm for ringing. Some members of the Yorkshire Association have made a point for some years of travelling to London by a cup final excursion and ringing somewhere outside London. This year four went to Old Windsor for an attempt for Yorkshire Major (and got it). Previous peals have been rung at Ashted and Ewell, and meetings have been attended at Fulham, Mitcham, Leatherhead, Guildford, Lambeth, etc. How's that?

The Exercise will join in offering congratulations to Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, who is 80 years old to-day, and, like a celebrated advertisement character, 'still going strong.'

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' TRICENTENARY FESTIVAL.

A LORD MAYOR WHO WAS MASTER OF THE SOCIETY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to your recent remarks upon the above, we shall all welcome the work of Mr. J. A. Trollope, to whose researches we are much indebted.

I do not know what his reference will be in respect to our Master for 1684, Sir Henry Tulse, who served during his Lord Mayoralty. But I have discovered a few interesting facts as to his life and death. It may suffice, however, for the present if I say that he was held in the greatest respect by both King and citizens, and that he was remarkable for his straight dealing and his attachment to the Church. In enlarging on the latter, I would refer to the now demolished Church of St. Dionis, Backchurch.

On the destruction of the church in the Great Fire, Sir Henry was active in its rebuilding (among his gifts was the font, now at St. Dionis', Parsons Green, S.W.). It was natural, therefore, that he should have been interred in the church. At its demolition, some 60 years ago, his and some other slabs were reset in the small, and still existing, churchyard. It is now indecipherable, but I find that it read thus:—

In a Vault Underneath
this Stones Lyes Buried the Body
of Sr. Henry Tulse who Departed
this life the 31st Day of
August, 1689.

May I suggest that this year (say in August) some suitable notice be taken of this neglected gravestone? I, for one, should be happy to contribute to its recutting as an honour to a famous Master and Lord Mayor of London.

Bromley, Kent.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

NO BELLS FOR CORONATION DAY.

OAKHAM TOWER UNSAFE FOR RINGING.

The Coronation Committee of Oakham, Rutland, voicing the feeling of their townsmen, desired to have the bells of the Parish Church rung for the Coronation festivities. But Oakham tower in 1935 was declared to be unsafe for the ringing of the bells. At the request of the Coronation Committee, the Vicar (the Rev. C. O. R. Wormald) recently communicated again with the architect, Mr. Leslie T. Moore, F.R.I.B.A., asking his advice concerning the ringing of the bells for the Coronation.

In his reply, Mr. Moore wrote: 'As I presume that the tower is in the same state as when I saw it in 1935, and the balance of the forces produced by bellringing is the same, I must point out that the effect of ringing even for a short period undoubtedly shortens the life of this mediaeval tower and the whole structure of the nave.'

'I am personally very fond of bells, and much regret that those at Oakham should be silent, but, as an architect, I am certain that the whole structure has suffered, and will do so from the mechanical forces set up if the bells, as now hung, are rung.'

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL'S NEW BELLS.

A FINE RING OF TEN.

Broadcast on Opening Night.

A large congregation gathered at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Saturday evening (St. Philip's Day), when the Lord Bishop of Birmingham dedicated the new peal of ten bells, recast to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI. The scheme was made possible largely through the generosity of one of Birmingham's leading citizens, Sir Charles Hyde, Bart., a newspaper proprietor, and the Cathedral now possesses one of the best peals of ten bells at their weight in the country. The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who are to be congratulated upon producing such an excellent ring of bells; a peal well worthy of the great city over which they will be heard.

As many of our readers know, the old ten bells, most of them dating from 1750, besides being of very inferior quality, had got into a dilapidated condition. Indeed, no band had tackled a peal on them since the year 1903—and no one wanted to. It was no pleasure to ring there. All this, however, has been changed, and with a ring increased in weight and of the very highest tonal quality—the tenor is now 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D—Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have worthily upheld their high reputation. The resistance of the tower has been substantially increased by lowering the bell frame level some 10ft., coupled with the insertion of massive steel girders to carry the new iron frame.

The service at 6 o'clock was conducted by the Provost (Bishop Hamilton Baynes), and among the congregation was the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. Many ringers were present from a distance, Bath, Swindon, Coventry, Derby, even Scotland being represented, as well as the numerous towers in the Birmingham district. Unfortunately, Mr. Cyril Johnston was prevented by illness from being present. The service began with the ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God,' and after the verses, Psalm cxii, was sung. The Bishop, preceded by the choir, churchwardens and clergy, then proceeded to the west end of the church during the singing of the hymn, 'O God, our help.' After the dedication, the bells were heard for the first time and created a very satisfying impression. They were rung in rounds, as clergy and choir returned to the chancel, by members of St. Martin's Guild, under the direction of Mr. George Fearn, who has recently been appointed Tower Warden.

After the hymn, 'Rejoice with one accord,' the Bishop offered the special prayers customary to these occasions, including those for the worshippers, the newly-married, the sick, the absent, the departed and the ringers. The anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord,' was beautifully sung by the choir, and after further prayers the impressive service concluded with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.'

Subsequently an opening touch of Stedman Caters was rung by the band who had earlier rung the rounds: G. E. Fearn 1, F. E. Haynes 2, D. T. Matkin 3, A. Walker 4, E. T. Allaway 5, H. H. Fearn 6, T. H. Reeves 7, F. Price 8, A. E. Norman 9, W. T. Froggatt 10. The critical listeners outside heard the full beauty of the bells and passed appreciative comments upon them.

THE BROADCAST.

Subsequently other touches were rung, and then, at 7.45 p.m., the bells went 'on the air' through the Midland Regional wavelength for a quarter of an hour, and thousands far beyond the confines of Birmingham heard them.

The broadcast included a talk given by a vice-president and former secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Councillor Paddon Smith, and he gave the public much interesting information, with the sounds of the bells as a background. When he had finished the bells were tuned in at full volume, and the broadcast of Stedman Caters, 'Queen's' and 'Rounds' went on until eight o'clock.

The microphone for the bells was on the roof of the Cathedral; the talk was delivered into another placed near the lectern. The control panel was in the vestry. Some points from Mr. Smith's broadcast will be of interest to those not fortunate enough to have heard it for themselves.

The Cathedral, better known perhaps to the older generation as St. Philip's Church, is a building of stone in the Italian style, commenced in 1711 and consecrated in 1715. It is said that the church was called 'St. Philip's' because it stands on land, formerly called 'The Horse Close,' which was conveyed for the purpose by a family named Philips.

Over the south-west door is a tablet which reads: 'His Most Excellent Majesty, King George, upon the kind application of Sir Richard Gough to the Right Hon. Sir Robert Walpole, gave £600 towards finishing this church, A.D. 1725.' (This was, of course, King George I.)

As a mark of appreciation of his services in this and other directions, the crest of the Gough family, a Boar's Head, was used in the handsome weathervane which surmounts the dome.

The Cathedral is a dignified building, a prominent architectural feature of the city, and Hutton, the historian, was most eloquent in its praise. He says: 'This curious piece of architecture, the steeple of which is erected after the model of St. Paul's in London, but without its weight, does honour to the age which raised it and to the place that contains it. Perhaps the eye of the critic cannot point out a fault which the hand of the artist can amend; perhaps, too, the attentive eye cannot survey this pile of building without communi-

cating to the mind a degree of pleasure. If the materials are not proof against time, it is rather a misfortune to be lamented than an error to be complained of, the country producing no better.'

THE TWO OLD PEALS.

The old peal of bells dated from 1750 to 1823, several of them having been recast at different dates. They were put in the tower to replace a still earlier peal, of which it is recorded under date 1750 that 'the ten bells now being in the said Church of St. Philip, two of which are untunable, and some unfit for use, shall be taken down and sold, and ten other new bells shall be purchased.'

If those words had been written in 1936 about the peal that, in its turn, had just been replaced, they would have been equally true, for a more unmusical, unmelodious ring of bells it is impossible to imagine. In fact, there was only one good one among them, the tenor, or largest bell, which weighed about 29 cwt., and was dated 1772.

In addition to the name of the founders, Pack and Chapman, of London, 1772, this bell bore the inscription:—

In wedlock bands all ye who join
With hands your hearts unite
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
To laud the nuptial rite.

For several years the old bells, besides being untunable, had been unringable, and with the approach of the Coronation, in connection with which it was naturally desired that the bells should be rung, the Church authorities took advice as to what would have to be done in order that the Cathedral bells should play their part in Birmingham's celebrations. Experts were called in and they advised to the effect that not only were the old bells a very poor lot, requiring recasting, but that the old frame, which had done duty for upwards of 200 years, was much decayed and no longer safe.

The firm of bell founders at Croydon, to whom the work was entrusted, guaranteed to have them ready for the Coronation, and they have carried out their contract with a thoroughness and dispatch that are a credit to them.

The new ring of ten bells, which are hung in a massive steel frame, range in weight from the treble, or smallest, which weighs 5 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb., to the tenor or heaviest (the one with the deepest note), which turns the scale at 31 cwt. 21 lb., whose note is D.

The inscriptions on the old bells have been reproduced, and the new tenor bears the following in addition:—

'These bells were recast for the Coronation of King George VI. chiefly through the generosity of Sir Charles Hyde, Bart.'

Then follows the founders' name and the date 1937. The total weight of the peal is 6 tons 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

Several prominent Birmingham men visited the Croydon Foundry to witness the casting of the Cathedral bells, among whom were the late Rt. Hon. Sir Austen Chamberlain, K.G., M.P., Sir Patrick Hannon, M.P., and the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, M.P.

Mr. Smith went on to refer to the tuning of bells and added: 'The bells you are listening to have been tuned by the very latest method and are being rung by members of the St. Martin's Guild of Campanologists, one of the oldest ringing societies in the country. It was established in the year 1755, from which date its records have been preserved intact. Many of the records are beautifully embellished and are wonderful specimens of the art of calligraphy, well worth inspection. The books are preserved in the bellry of St. Martin's Church.'

BROADCAST SUCCESS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was agreeably surprised and simply delighted with the excellent broadcast of St. Philip's (Birmingham Cathedral) bells on Saturday evening. From first to last it was remarkably clear and distinct, and certainly by far the best example of 'bells on the air' I have ever listened to!

I would also like to congratulate the ringers of St. Martin's Guild on their magnificent striking on a new ring of bells, especially considering that it was an 'opening,' with the usual difficulties to contend with, such as new ropes, etc.—but we all well know their ability!

Special mention must be made of the exceptional and interesting commentary of Mr. Paddon Smith (which could not have been improved upon). It was typical of his well-known ability as a speaker, the pitch of his voice being simply perfect. Every word came over clearly and distinctly, coupled with actual facts and commonsense, so very different to other 'announcers' we have sometimes been obliged to listen to, whose only aim appears to be to talk a great deal too quickly, thus drowning the music we are supposed to hear, with a lot of senseless twaddle telling us in affected tones about the 'er-a-missege of the-er-a-Billz'—as if we do not know a great deal more about 'Billz' than they do!

Woking.

F. E. DAWE.

FALSE PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I regret that the peal of Cambridge Surprise rung at Edenbridge on April 3rd is false, for which I am personally responsible. I tender to the band my sincere apologies for the unfortunate error.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Croydon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW CATHEDRAL BELLS FUND.

Bishop Unveils Ringers' Memorial to late Provost.

The annual meeting of Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday week, when, during the customary service, held in the Cathedral, the Bishop of Guildford dedicated a memorial tablet in the ringing chamber to the late Provost E. O. Kirwan. The tablet records a half-muffled peal rung on the occasion of the Provost's death, and has been erected by the Cathedral Society. The unveiling took place in the presence of the members of the society, those who took part in the peal and the principal officers of the Guild.

Preaching afterwards, the Bishop, basing his remarks on the text, 'I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord,' paid a tribute to the late Provost. In him, he said, the outstanding characteristics of kindness, humour, love of the young, devotion to duty, public-spirited interest in the town in which he lived and served all came quite natural and simply out of the renewal of his mind, heart and spirit as he came day by day, as a vital part of his life, to lead and share in that worship. He found in prayer, praise and sacrament the vital essentials of life and the centre of all was worship.

'You have done the right thing in placing your record of him in the bell chamber, remembering what manner of man he was,' the Bishop continued. 'I am sure he would have appreciated this gift of affection, friendship and loyal remembrance. He was very deeply interested in your work; he often spoke to me about it.'

Expressing his appreciation of the work the Guild was doing for the service of Christ in the diocese, the Bishop said: 'I think all of us who have in one capacity or another to serve outwardly the religion of the Church of Christ, whether a Bishop or a bellringer, have to say we have our special need, and quite humbly and sincerely to think about the deepening of our own faith and life. Don't you feel that one needs to say to one's self sometimes, "God help me to keep inwardly loyal to the cause I serve outwardly"? If this Guild of Bell-ringers helps us in our membership and by our gathering for prayer and praise to be more loyal and sincere, then thank God for it—it is giving the greatest thing for God, and may God prosper its work, counsel and endeavours.'

The business meeting of the Guild was held at the Royal Grammar School. Mr. Walter Harrison (vice-president) was in the chair and was supported by Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary). There was an attendance of 80 members.

MESSAGE TO THE KING AND QUEEN.

At the outset the following resolution of loyal congratulation to their Majesties the King and Queen was passed by the members standing:—

'The members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell-ringers, in annual meeting assembled, humbly beg to offer to your Majesty and to Queen Elizabeth their loyal congratulations upon your accession to the Throne and your approaching Coronation. They pray that your Majesty may have a long and peaceful reign over this country and the Empire.'

The annual report stated that there are still a number of churches in the diocese which are not affiliated to the Guild and where the ringers are not members. In these cases the committee appeal to the church authorities to encourage their ringers to join, and to the ringers to take a wider view of their office than the four walls of their own tower.

The year 1936 was marked by a steady pursuit of the objects of the Guild, but the membership again showed a slight decline. The number who paid their subscriptions for 1936 was 71 honorary and 392 ringing members. This compared with 81 honorary and 396 ringing members in 1935. The falling off in the honorary members was a matter of rather serious concern, for without the help of the honorary members the Guild's work must suffer severely. The committee felt that the ringers at their respective towers should themselves make an effort to bring in more honorary members. The hon. treasurer's statement of accounts showed that the general balance has been increased from £23 12s. 9d. to £25 8s. 3d.

The deficit on the annual dinner continued to grow. This year it was £4 16s. This was due to the diminishing attendance, and, if the function was to be maintained, the committee felt that members must give it better support.

The New Cathedral Bells Fund stood at £5 1s. 6d., but it was hoped to increase this more rapidly from now onward. This fund was one way in which ringers could take their special share in helping forward the completion of the new Cathedral.

The Benevolent Fund had greatly benefited from the collecting boxes placed in the towers. This source produced an addition of £11 5s. 5d. to the fund, which now stood at £29 2s. 9d. Happily there had been no demands upon it up to the present.

The districts were in a healthy financial condition. The aggregate cash balances had increased from £42 11s. 8d. to £46 19s. 11d.

Twenty-three district meetings were held, including two joint meetings with neighbouring guilds and associations. Admirable work was being done in all the districts by the officials, but there was still need for a more general support from the members.

There had again been considerable activity in bell restoration in the diocese, and once more the services of the Master of the Guild (Major

J. H. B. Hesse) had been invaluable to the Church authorities in these matters.

During the year 21 peals were rung, of which three were on hand-bells. This was the lowest number in the history of the Guild, and only once before have peals been rung in so few towers. There were 58 churches with rings of bells in the diocese; in only 11 of them were peals rung in 1936. While service ringing should play the most important part in a ringer's activities, peals could be a valuable training in making an efficient ringer, and the committee would like to see much greater interest shown in this direction by all members capable of peal ringing. Four members rang their first peal during the year.

NEED OF MORE HONORARY MEMBERS.

Submitting the annual report, the Chairman called attention to the decline of honorary members owing to deaths and removals, the numbers having dropped from 81 to 71. He thought it would add to the strength of the Guild, and the Guild's finances, if the towers would endeavour to obtain more honorary members and try to raise the number to 100. He congratulated the Guild on the position of its Benevolent Fund, which now stood at £29 12s. 3d. Fortunately they had had no calls on the fund. For the presence of that fund they were indebted to their Master (Major Hesse), who had done such very good work. Mr. Harrison asked the meeting to remember the faithful departed, particularly mentioning the Provost.

The report was seconded by Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh) and adopted.

The balance sheet, submitted by Mr. J. Corbett, recorded a balance of £25 8s. 3d., as compared with £23 12s. 9d. at the beginning of the year.

The following officers were elected: Vice-president, Mr. W. Harrison; Master, Major J. H. B. Hesse; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Corbett; hon. secretary, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith; and hon. auditor, Mr. R. Hasled.

The hon. secretary gave notice that he proposed to retire at the end of the present year, when he would have held the office for 10 years.

Upon the suggestion of the hon. secretary, Archdeacon Newell and Bishop C. H. Golding-Bird were added to the list of vice-presidents.

The Library Committee, consisting of Messrs. C. Hazelden, W. Harrison, S. Radford and S. Petter, was re-elected. The librarian (Mr. C. Hazelden) said they had some interesting and exceedingly valuable books in their library, but there was not a very big demand for them. The library is open every Thursday evening and at other times by arrangement.

It was decided to hold the summer festival at St. Martin's, Epsom, on July 10th.

CATHEDRAL BELL FUND.

Mr. G. Grover said the Cathedral Bell Fund was launched in a humble way with a contribution of one guinea a year. Now that progress was being accelerated on the Cathedral, he proposed that all towers in the Guild should be invited to contribute annually to the fund a minimum of 1s. a year.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith seconded, and appealed to the Guild, as churchmen and churchworkers, to contribute their quota towards the fund. They would have to put in a lot of work if they were going to provide one or two bells. The resolution did not make it compulsory on any tower to contribute.

Major Hesse supported the scheme, and asked if they could find out whether the architect and bellfounders were going to confer. Was the tower going to be right for sound or ventilation? He could not find anyone who had seen the plans.

Mr. Goldsmith: We have committed ourselves to the principle. The architect is a gentleman who is amenable to reason.

Major Hesse: Can we put it on the minutes that we confer when the time comes?

Mr. Goldsmith: It is on the minutes that the sum is available for the disposal of the Guild for this purpose if they are satisfied with the scheme.

The resolution was then carried.

The Chairman proposed vote of thanks to the Bishop for coming to preach and dedicate the memorial; to the Rev. H. D. Pilcher for arranging the service; to Mr. A. J. B. Green for the use of the Grammar School; to the incumbents of St. Nicolas' and Shalford for the use of the bells, and to Mr. A. H. Pulling for preparing the room.

CONTINUANCE OF ANNUAL DINNER.

Discussion followed on the question of the continuance of the annual dinner in view of the fact that there was a deficit of £4 16s. on the dinner account last year. The meeting decided to continue the dinner.

Major Hesse announced that Mr. W. R. Melville was shortly leaving the district. He felt certain that every one of them would regret his departure. He had been a hard worker for the Guild and a regular attendant at its meetings. They wished him and his family well wherever they went (applause).

The Chairman endorsed the sentiments of Major Hesse, and recalled his long association with Mr. Melville dating back to the time when the meetings of ringers were held at the Star Hotel.

Mr. Melville thanked the company. He said that ringing had always been his greatest pleasure, and he always put his heart into it to do his best for his own tower. He would endeavour to come up for the annual meeting.

Tea was afterwards served at Abbot's Kitchen. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening at the Cathedral and St. Nicolas' and Shalford Churches.

WILLENHALL'S NEW BELLS.

STAFFORDSHIRE TOWN GETS CORONATION PEAL OF TEN.

The little Staffordshire town of Willenhall, tucked away in the Black Country a few miles from Birmingham, has risen to a great occasion by providing a ring of ten bells at the old Parish Church of St. Giles in time for the Coronation. Formerly its smoke-grimed tower contained a peal of eight with a tenor of just over 12 cwt. These bells have been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston with extra metal, the new tenor being just over 16 cwt., and they are an extremely musical ring in F sharp. Two of the bells have been hung over the other eight, and, as the old clock case, which previously formed a serious obstruction in the ringing room, has been transferred to the floor above, an excellent circle has been made possible.

The dedication of the bells took place on Sunday in the course of the morning service, the Lord Bishop of Stafford performing the ceremony. There was a large congregation, including many ringers. The Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Turner) conducted the service, and after the dedication choral Eucharist was celebrated.

The local band rang the opening rounds on the new bells when the dedication had been completed, those taking part being C. Wallater 1, I. Evans 2, E. Hortin 3, A. Evans 4, J. Luck 5, B. Munday 6, S. H. Coley 7, R. Sidebottom 8, W. Edge 9, A. E. Reed 10. At the conclusion of the service an opening touch of Stedman Caters was rung by H. Knight (hon. secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry



ST. GILES' CHURCH, WILLENHALL.

of Staffs) 1, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 2, W. Fisher 3, F. Perrens (Coventry) 4, H. Howell 5, E. G. Key 6, H. Boswell 7, B. Horton 8, A. Paddon Smith (Birmingham) 9, T. J. Elton (Walsall) 10. The touch was conducted by Mr. Frank Perrens, who learned to ring at Willenhall.

Afterwards other visitors had the opportunity of ringing and warmly praised the bells, which are a real delight to hear and ring.

The bells hang in an entirely new metal frame, and have, of course, all the most modern fittings. The back bells bear the inscriptions of the old eight, some of which had done service for a hundred and fifty years. The additional bells are memorial gifts.

The details of the bells as they now hang in the tower are as follow: Treble.—Inscription: Given by his daughters, Emily Fox and Mary Ethel Dyke, in memory of Henry Vaughan, died 1919. Weight, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

2nd.—Given by her daughters, Emily Fox and Mary Ethel Dyke, in memory of Hannah Vaughan, died 1886. 3 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

3rd.—Mears and Stainbank, founders, 1873. We for other churches three. Are ready to make sounds of glee. 4 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

4th.—Come away make no delay, 1786. 4 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

5th.—1786. 4 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

6th.—Peace and good neighbourhood, 1786. 5 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

7th.—Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London, 1873. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

8th.—John Beebe and Thos. Reynolds, Chapel wardens 1786. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

9th.—To the church the living call and to the grave do summon all. 1786. 10 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

10th.—Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. This peal increased from six to eight by addition of treble and tenor, 1873. George H. Fisher, Vicar. Ralph D. Gough, John F. Seyde, Churchwardens. These bells were recast to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI. 16 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

Total weight of the peal, 68 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

Bells Nos. 3 to 10 have also inscribed on them: 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1937.'

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

RECORD YEAR OF PEALS.

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln on April 24th. Ringing commenced on the twelve bells at the Cathedral, and at the six-bell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's at two o'clock, and at 3.15 a special service was held in the Morning Chapel of the Cathedral, when the address was given by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln, president of the Guild. Ninety-four members and friends afterwards sat down to tea at the Co-operative Hall in Silver Street, and the business meeting immediately followed, presided over by the Dean of Lincoln.

The officers were all re-elected, namely, the Dean of Lincoln, president; Mr. Rupert Richardson, Master; and Mr. F. W. Stokes, hon. secretary and treasurer.

The meeting unanimously confirmed the election of 14 non-resident life members. The report and balance sheet were also adopted. The report shows that the Guild has established another record, 118 peals having been rung during the year 1936, as against the previous record of 108 in 1935. The record for the number of methods rung in a peal of Minor is now again held by the Guild, due to the achievement of members of the Eastern Branch in ringing a peal in 70 methods. Another noteworthy performance was the ringing of a peal of Bob Major at Barton-on-Humber by eight churchwardens from the Diocese of Lincoln. The number of 'first pealers' has increased from 15 in 1935 to 26 in 1936, which is a sign of good progress. There were 31 conductors.

Ringings were continued at the several towers during the evening. The Master took charge of the ringing at the Cathedral, although by reason of a broken wrist, sustained in an accident in London recently, he could not himself take an active part in the proceedings.

THE DEATH OF MR. A. E. WREAKS.

LONG SERVICE TO LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

As already briefly recorded, the death took place on April 11th of Mr. Albert E. Wreaks, of Paisley, who was formerly, from 1886 to 1911, assistant and general secretary of the Lancashire Association. Mr. Wreaks was on his way to ring for service when he was suddenly taken ill in a tramcar and passed away almost immediately.

Mr. Wreaks was born at Pendleton, Manchester, and began his ringing at Pendleton Church in 1879. Subsequently, from 1880 to 1889, he was a member of the band at Manchester Cathedral, then for a short time he was at St. Alban's, Rochdale, followed by some 14 years at The Saviour's Church, Bolton. In 1904 he returned to Pendleton, and in 1911 his business took him to Paisley, Scotland, where he had ever since been attached to St. James' Church.

He rang his first peal at Manchester Cathedral (the first in the present tower) on June 19th, 1880, and had rung in all 215 peals, many of which he had conducted. His 60th peal as conductor was rung for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

In addition to his long membership of the Lancashire Association, which he represented on the Central Council in the years 1895 and 1896, Mr. Wreaks joined the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1883 and had thus been a member for 54 years. He was also a member of the Yorkshire Association, the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and the Scottish Association. When he retired from the secretaryship of the Lancashire Association he was presented with a clock as a mark of appreciation of his long services.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

FAREWELL MEETING TO VICAR OF FELKIRK.

The Barnsley and District Society held their monthly meeting at Felkirk, near Barnsley, on Saturday, April 10th, when about 30 members attended from Adwick-le-Street, Barnsley, Badsworth, Cawthorne, Darfield, Earlsheaton, Hoylandswaine, Sandal, South Kirkby, Wath, Wragby and the local company.

The bells were rung in the afternoon, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. R. H. Coney, whose address was most encouraging and very appropriate to the occasion.

At the business meeting, which followed tea in the adjoining school-room, the Vicar presided.

The usual business was disposed of and Mr. C. D. Potter moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the kindness he had always shown towards the society. As everyone present was aware, it would be the last meeting at Felkirk with the Rev. H. R. H. Coney as Vicar, and the members were more than sorry to lose him. It was, however, nice to think he was not going out of the diocese altogether and that they should be able to keep in touch with him. They wished him much happiness in his new post as Canon Commissioner to Wakefield Cathedral.

The Vicar suitably replied. He said he appreciated very much that the meeting was specially arranged before his departure. He was proud to be present at such a gathering, and in his new work, which would take him far and wide, he hoped to meet many ringers and help them all he could.

Darton was chosen as the next place of meeting, to be held on May 8th. Further ringing continued until 9 p.m. in a great variety of methods.

At a committee meeting held after the usual meeting it was decided to hold the annual shield contest on Saturday, July 10th, at Cawthorne, entries for the contest to close on June 26th.

A 'QUEEN MARY' BELL.**SIR PERCY BATES' GENEROSITY.**

A new tenor bell has been added to the ring at Charles, North Devon. It is the gift of Sir Percy Bates, chairman of the Cunard White Star Company and patron of the living of Charles, as a thank-offering for the successful launching of the great liner, 'Queen Mary.'

The bells of Charles were formerly a ring of five, cast by William Evans, of Chepstow, in 1733, the tenor weighing approximately 6½ cwt. The new bell, weighing approximately 9 cwt., sounds a whole note below the old tenor, and the old 3rd has been tuned down half a note to suit the key of the augmented peal. The old bells have been rehung with new gudgeons and ball bearings, whilst the new tenor is equipped with modern fittings throughout.

The work has been carried out by John Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Bellfoundry, and everyone present at the dedication on April 28th expressed their satisfaction as to the 'splice' and at the much improved ringing order of the five original bells.

The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Exeter (Dr. C. E. Curzon), who, in his address, spoke of the beautiful peals of bells in Devon. He said he had discovered there were more bellringers, and therefore, he supposed, more bells, in that diocese than in any other diocese in England. He was very proud of that.

The Rev. W. W. Joyce, the Rector, at a typical Devonian social function which followed the dedication, said their patron had been very munificent. When he (the Rector) came into the parish their patron had paid £500 for dilapidations and other sums ranging from £100 to £25 for other purposes, in all totalling over four figures. He wished publicly to thank Sir Percy Bates for his great benefactions.

The Bishop of Exeter also referred appreciatively to the generosity of Sir Percy Bates, and said he might suggest to other patrons they could equally care for the parishes which were in their charge.

After the service the West Buckland School Guild rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. The boys were complimented on their standard of striking. The only other ringers present were from the local and neighbouring bands, who all rang call changes.

GUILDFORD RINGER'S DEPARTURE.**RETIREMENT OF MR. W. R. MELVILLE.**

Guildford Cathedral and Guildford Diocesan Guild are losing one of their stalwarts by the departure of Mr. W. R. Melville from the town. Recently Mr. Melville retired from employment with Messrs. Dennis Bros., Ltd., the celebrated makers of motor fire engines and commercial vehicles, where he has been engaged in the coachbuilding department for 21 years.

Mr. Melville came to Guildford from Tring, Herts, where he was employed by the late Lord Rothschild for 15 years. Since he has been in Guildford he has been closely identified with the Holy Trinity (now the Cathedral) band of ringers, campanology being his almost life-long hobby. He was for many years steeplekeeper at the tower, and lately was Master of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, a position he resigned about three years ago. Prior to the formation of the Guild he was actively identified with the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

He has rung in many parts of the country, and on the occasion of the visit of H.M. Queen Mary to Guildford on April 1st he rang his hundredth peal at Holy Trinity Church.

Mrs. Melville is also a ringer, having taken up ringing during the war years. She is one of the few women to have rung a peal in the Cathedral Church.

For about 15 years Mr. Melville has been a sidesman at Holy Trinity, and was at one time a member of the Parochial Church Council. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. Mr. and Mrs. Melville have two daughters. The elder, Miss Melville, is assistant superintendent of the Queen's Nurses at Birmingham, and the younger, Mrs. C. H. Kippin, is well known for her ringing ability.

On April 20th, his 65th birthday, Mr. Melville attended a social at the Stoke Hotel, Guildford, to receive parting gifts from colleagues in the coach-building department of Messrs. Dennis Bros. On behalf of the staff, Mrs. A. Whittitt, wife of the manager of the department, presented him with a chiming clock inscribed as follows: 'Presented to W. Melville on his retirement by the coach department of Dennis Brothers, Guildford, 1937.' Mr. Whittitt gave Mrs. Melville a handbag, and the staff also sent two oak fireside chairs.

On Sunday week in the belfry, the Cathedral Society presented Mr. Melville with a case of pipes and Mrs. Melville with a 'Pyrex' dish on silver stand. On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Melville, with the Rev. H. D. Pilcher, priest in charge of the Cathedral, and members of the Cathedral band, were entertained to supper by Mr. T. W. White (tower hon. secretary) and Mrs. White. The loyal toast was drunk and good wishes expressed by Mr. White to Mr. and Mrs. Melville, to whom the Rev. H. D. Pilcher presented a pair of candlesticks made from the old oak frame removed from Holy Trinity tower at the bell restoration in 1913, and which since that time had been in possession of the late Provost. These candlesticks will be one of Mr. and Mrs. Melville's most prized possessions in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Melville left Guildford on Wednesday week for their new home at Kingsworthy, near Winchester.

RINGERS' MEMORIAL.**TRIBUTE TO LATE MASTER OF BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**

A memorial to the late Rev. E. S. C. Lock, who was for ten years Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, has been erected at the entrance to the tower at West Pennard Church, and was dedicated on April 17th by the present Master, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren.

The inscription on the memorial is as follows: 'This tablet was erected by the Bath and Wells Association of Change Ringers in grateful memory of Ernest Seppings Cardew Lock, M.A., Priest, Master of the association 1925-1935.' Mr. Lock was Vicar of West Pennard and Rural Dean. He died on July 19th, 1935. Upon his gravestone in the churchyard were placed a cross and wreath composed of gorse blooms.

Amongst the towers represented at the gathering were those of West Pennard, Glastonbury, Street, Evercreech, Castle Cary, Diunder, Croscombe, Kilmersdon, Radstock, Frome, Chilcompton, Chewton Mendip, Bath, North Cadbury, Bruton, Ilminster and Taunton. The clergy present, in addition to the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, were the Revs. L. S. Lewis, chairman of the Glastonbury Branch, C. L. Buckingham, W. Bromham, Street, C. C. Angell, of Evercreech, with the Vicar of West Pennard (the Rev. T. H. Richards). Members of the family of the late Rev. E. S. C. Lock who attended were Brig.-Gen. Lock and Mrs. Lock (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs. Codner (sister), Mr. E. Lock (nephew), and Miss C. E. Lock (niece). There was a large congregation of parishioners and friends.

Before and after the ringers' service touches in various methods were rung on the peal of six bells in the tower.

The lesson during the service was read by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, taken from Revelation vii., 9. This was preceded by an appropriate psalm and followed by the Nunc Dimittis. Various collects and prayers followed, and after the hymn, 'O heavenly Jerusalem,' the choir and the robed clergy, the Revs. T. H. Richards, W. M. K. Warren and L. S. Lewis, proceeded to the vestry, and grouped around the tablet were also the official representatives of the association, Messrs. D. G. Taylor (hon. secretary, Ilminster), E. H. Nash (Frome Deanery), W. A. Osborn (Castle Cary Deanery), F. D. Rickards (Jurisdiction of Glaston), P. Merson (Taunton Deanery), J. Hunt (committee member) and J. T. Dyke (hon. general secretary). The dedication was performed by the Rev. L. S. Lewis with appropriate special prayers. The procession then returned to the chancel, where the service proceeded.

An address was given by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, who said they had dedicated that tablet to the late Master of the association as an offering of their affection for him, that his name might be remembered there, as they would all do though he had gone from among them. He was a man whom they had honoured for his good works. He was a clergyman who had worked in that parish and with them. There were few clergymen who took the interest that he did in their work as ringers. When last week it was necessary to select a clergyman for an office amongst the ringers of one of their deaneries, and they looked through the list of the clergy, it was surprising how few there were who were ringers themselves. Mr. Lock was a ringer as well as a clergyman, and he was valued by their members for his brotherly attitude towards them. That brotherly attitude was characteristic of ringers. They were ready to welcome a stranger who visited the towers, and any clergyman who did so, or a ringer from another place, might be sure of being heartily welcomed, as he had found recently. Those who lived in that parish could tell of his faithful labour among them as a parish priest, and how much work he did for his Master in that place. Through all he was a humble minded man. The last thing that would ever have entered his mind was to think of his name being recorded on such a tablet as they had just dedicated. But they desired to recognise his work as a fellow-labourer with them, as their Master and for his brotherly love to them.

Following the service, tea was served in the Parish Schoolroom, and at its conclusion, whilst other ringers returned to the tower, a meeting of the Glastonbury Branch was held, presided over by the Rev. L. S. Lewis, supported by the secretary, Mr. F. D. Rickards. About a score of members were present. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Street on Saturday, July 17th.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar, choir and churchwardens, to Mr. Warren for his address, to those who catered for the tea, and other helpers, on the motion of the Rev. L. S. Lewis, seconded by Mr. W. Marsh, of Street. The Rev. W. M. K. Warren briefly responded.

TILEHURST BELLS RESTORED

Messrs Mears and Stainbank have restored the bells at Tilehurst, Berks. The frame has been taken to pieces and re-erected in a quarter-turned position on a double foundation of steel girders. The bells have been rehung on ball bearings.

They were reopened on Saturday, April 17th, and the first quarter-peal since the rehanging was rung on them by the local band on April 19th as a compliment to their foreman, Mr. Harry Goodyear, on the fortieth anniversary of his wedding. The method was Grandsire Triples, and the ringers were: A. Bowers 1, J. Barnes 2, H. Hunt 3, E. H. Langley 4, H. Barnes 5, R. W. Runham (conductor) 6, H. Goodyear 7, D. Sellar 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(Established 1637.)

**THE TRICENTENARY FESTIVAL.
PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.**

A service will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 4 p.m. Dinner at Cannon Street Hotel at 6 p.m. Tickets to members 10s. each, to non-members 12s. 6d. each. The maximum seating capacity is 400. Application should be made as early as possible, as no tickets can be issued in excess of that number.

William T. Cockerill,
Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea in Institute at 5.30. Business meeting after. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Chrishall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby-Lonsdale on Saturday, May 8th. Tower open for ringing at 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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 8th. Towers available: Bedford (6), 3.30 to 4.30; Stanwell (5), 4.45 to 5.30, 6.30 to 7, and Harmondsworth (6), 7.15 to 8.30. Tea at Wheatheaf Inn, Stanwell, at 5.30, 1s. each. — Bus 116 leaves Hounslow Garage at 8 and 38 minutes past the hour for Bedford and near Stanwell.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Meppershall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 (free). This meeting has been arranged to welcome the new Rector. All ringers are welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Methods for practice: Oxford Plain Bob, Sandal T.B.—R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Dibden on May 8th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Eling and Fawley bells available. — G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Beddington, Surrey, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at Alford (6 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Service 4.15. Address by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Whitehead). Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, in Church Hall. Business meeting to follow. All welcome to try this lovely peal.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton, May 8th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bickington, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Laver's Café at 5.15 p.m.—A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Exhall on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. The Vicar (Rev. E. W. Bryan) is hoping to see a good number present and has kindly offered to give the tea.—M. Melville, Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, St. Helens, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Meetings and tea in schools.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec., Alness, Green Leach Avenue, St. Helens.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Walsden St. Peter's NOT available on May 15th. Therefore the meeting will take place at St. Paul's, Cross Stones, Todmorden, on that date. All ringers and

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at Hexham on Saturday, May 15th, when the bells of the Abbey will be available. Those requiring tea should notify Mr. H. W. Robson, The Abbey Press, Hexham, by the morning of Wednesday, May 12th.—R. Park, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., tea at 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberly Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit-Monday, May 17th. Committee meet Parish Room 10.45. Service, Thrapston Church, 12 noon. Lunch at King's Arms Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by meeting. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. All tickets to be applied for by May 10th. Bells available: Islip (6), Thrapston (8) 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. and after meeting, Raunds (8), Tichmarsh (8), Lowick (6) after the meeting. — Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The annual general meeting will be held at Newton Abbot on Whit Monday, May 17th. Service in St. Leonard's Chapel 12.15. Dinner and meeting at Globe Hotel 1 p.m. Woborough (8), St. Leonard's Tower (8), Highwick (8) and Kingsteignton (8) bells available. Visitors will be allotted a time for ringing if they give notice by May 10th.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 58th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 17th. 11.30 a.m. Service in the Cathedral, preacher Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; 12.15 p.m., approx., meetings in the Chapter House; 1.15 p.m., approx., lunch at The Golden Fleece (members 1s. 6d., non members 2s. 6d.). It is most important that those requiring lunch should notify the Hon. Sec. not later than Thursday, May 13th, in order that adequate arrangements can be made. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6).—L. J. Clark, Hon. Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llangollen on Whit Monday, May 17th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 3 p.m., followed by business meeting and tea. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 11th.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival on Whit Monday at Ludlow. Bells available from 12 noon. Service 3.30 p.m. (the Guild's new form of service will be used). Tea at Queen's Head Hotel 4.15 p.m., price 2s. Members applying for tickets before May 14th to Mr. W. J. Beniams, Ben-Ail, Henley Road, Ludlow, will be charged 1s. only. Money should not be

sent with applications. Business meeting after tea. Ringers and friends wishing to view Ludlow Castle please write to Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., S. Nicolas' Rectory, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—Please note:—The next meeting will be held at OVERSEALE on Saturday, May 22nd. Measham bells not available. Time 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. A hearty welcome awaits all visitors. Don't forget p.c. for tea arrangements to be sent to me by Thursday, May 20th.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Preliminary notice.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, May 22nd. Special method: London Surprise Major.—K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me not later than Tuesday, May 25th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmore, Upper Road, Neole Brace, Shrewsbury.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Ex-Chief Inspector W. Bottrill, vice-president of the National Police Guild, has removed to 38, Rugby Avenue, Greenford, Middlesex. Tel. Byron 1170.

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CRONDALL, HANTS.—A RINGERS' OPENING on Saturday, May 8th, at 3 p.m. Guildford Diocesan Guild (Farnham District) and Ladies' Guild (Southern District) joint meeting. Service 4.30. Tea and business at the Cricketers. A good muster of ringers and friends requested.—C. W. Denyer and H. L. Mills, Hon. Secs.

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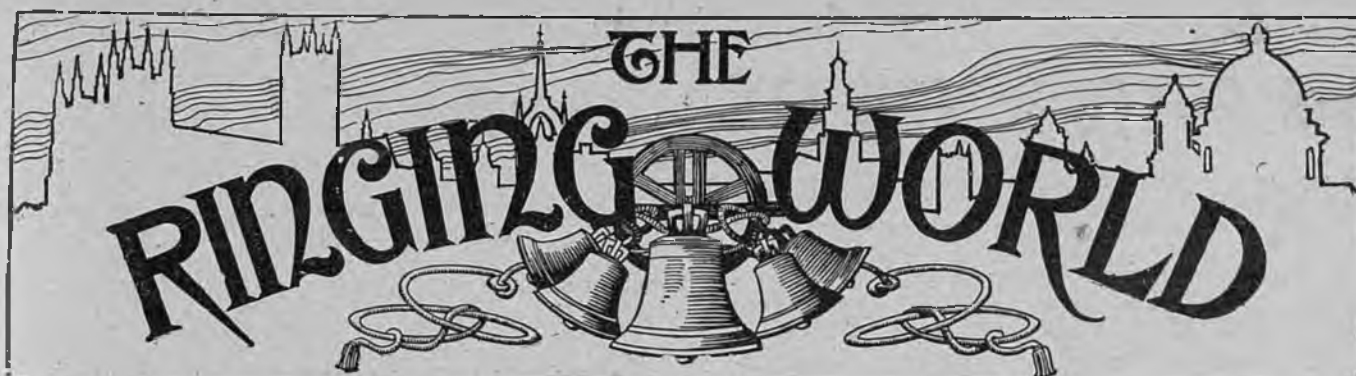
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The only motion on the agenda is likely to arouse discussion, for it brings up again, on the subject of peals of Doubles, a similar question to that raised on peals of Minor. There is most likely to be sharply divided opinion on the motion as it stands, for the admission of anything but true six-scores of Doubles in peals is a matter on which most ringers take a firm stand. As with Minor, there are some people who are prepared to admit that in Doubles anything is permissible so long as the changes are produced by a recognised method and do not occur more or less than 42 times each in a 5,040. They put forward their arguments in the case of peals of Minor, and will doubtless do so again, with equal cogency, in the case of the Doubles.

On the other hand, the majority of ringers, we think, are old fashioned enough to hold that if Doubles are to be allowed to rank as peals—and it is too late now to go back upon that subject—the six-scores, which are the foundation, must be individually true. Some, and probably a large part of the Exercise who give it a thought, hold that rounds must come at the end of each six-score. Between this and the licence which would be given by the movers of the resolution which is to come before the Council, there is a gap, into which the 'splicing' of one six-score into another finds a place. Where exactly between the various degrees of liberty the Council will land remains to be seen, but it must not be overlooked that in this question more is at stake than peals of Doubles.

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LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR RADLEY Treble	GEORGE GILBERT 5
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Monday, May 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

LESLIE W. STEVENS Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS 5
COLIN HARRISON 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
FRANK BRADLEY 4	EDWARD FOSTER Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung in honour of Mr. W. A. Hall, of St. Matthias', Nottingham, who was 21 this day.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF REAL DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR. 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* ERNEST H. ONENHAM ... Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	* DEREK M. SHARP 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	* EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
* ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... 4	* HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Real Double Norwich.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	HAROLD WARRILL 5
REGINALD WOKKALL 2	STANLEY R. HARRISON ... 6
FREDERICK NEALE 3	HARRY PARKER 7
HARRY W. HOWARD 4	CECIL RADDEN Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

Rung in honour of the Coronation.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

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

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Surprise and first attempt. Rung in honour of the Coronation.

MOULTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

OFFICERS' AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE-MEN'S CORONATION PEAL.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

REV. EVERARD S. POWELL, Guild Ringing Master Treble	
* GEORGE A. HOLLOCK, Secretary, Guilsborough Branch 2	
WALTER PERKINS, Ringing Master, Wellingborough Branch 3	
THOMAS LAW, Treasurer, Northampton Branch 4	
TOM TEBBUTT, Central Council Representative 5	
ERNEST C. LAMBERT, Central Committee, Towcester Branch 6	
BURLEY P. MORRIS, Central Committee, Kettering Branch 7	
ROBERT G. BLACK, General Secretary Tenor	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal of Major on the bells.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 5
* STANLEY E. EDWARDS 2	HARRY BRADLEY 6
HIRZEL EDWARDS 3	* HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 7
ARTHUR H. EVERETT 4	FRED CHALK Tenor

Composed by J. PRATT. Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford away from the treble. Rung in honour of the Coronation of their Majesties.

STEWKLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES. 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

RICHARD WHITE Treble	FREDERICK MESSINGER ... 5
WALTER SEAR 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 6
JESSE POPLETT 3	HARRY SEAR 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR 4	FRED WHITE Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

The first peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the birthday of the donor of the trebles (Mr. F. Bliss) and the 79th birthday of Mr. G. Holifield, sen.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

CHARLES LOOME Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	STANLEY COPLING 6
* FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
GEORGE W. HOWLETT 4	WILLIAM FLATT Tenor

Composed by REV. H. E. BOLWER. Conducted by WILLIAM FLATT

* First peal.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
* RALPH W. SAYERS 2	SYDNEY T. HOLT 6
GEORGE E. LARGE 3	† REGINALD WOODYATT ... 7
† ALLEN MORGAN 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal of Major and of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. This completed 100 peals by the conductor, rung in 50 different towers. Arranged in honour of W. Ranford's 68th birthday.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 six-scores each of St. Simon, Plain Bob and April Day, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire.

*SIDNEY WILKINS Treble	*FRED ROBINSON 3
†EDWARD HASTINGS 2	PHILIP JONES 4
CYRIL LONGLAND Tenor	

Conducted by PHILIP JONES.

* First peal. † First peal on a working bell. First peal on the bells since their rehanging and tuning by J. Taylor and Co. It is believed to be the first peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. R. H. Palmer, late curate of Little Houghton and Brafield, and Miss M. Benson, of Little Houghton.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

CHARLES W. CLARKE Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	ERNEST WHITMORE 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW 3	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently called extents.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES WOODVATT Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 4
†RALPH W. SAYERS 2	ALLEN MORGAN 5
REGINALD ROWE 3	WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal other than Triples. † First peal of Minor and with an 'inside' bell in the method.

CAWTHORNE, NEAR BARNESLEY.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kingston, Sandal and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILFRED TIBBLE Treble	ERNEST BROOKES 4
*ROLAND HILL 2	HAROLD CHANT 5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal 'inside' and first attempt.

WROXETER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*FRANK GREGORY Treble	*FRED GREGORY 4
*EDWARD HUGHES 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
WILLIAM DOWNES 3	*CHARLIE GREGORY Tenor

Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal and first attempt. Believed to be the first peal on these old bells, which date from 1598 to 1877. Ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6 are Sunday service ringers at this church.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, April 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Hughes 1, V. Smith (first quarter-peal of Triples) 2, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 3, W. J. Nurton 4, C. Mathers 5, F. E. Stone 6, E. Stith 7, J. Weathersby 8.

TOTTENHOE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in F sharp.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Treble	*FREDERICK L. COOK 4
*HUBERT C. HILLYARD 2	*WILLIAM A. TWIDELL 5
R. JACK SCOTT 3	JAMES G. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. G. NEWMAN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

UPWELL, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	WALLACE COUSINS 4
ALFRED BACON 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 3	FRED WIGMORE Tenor

Conducted by F. WIGMORE.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

CHARLES J. GARDINER Treble	CHARLES J. HATHAWAY 4
*GEORGE LANCASTER 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON 5
*A. GEORGE WELLS 3	WILLIAM M. GREENAWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. BERTRAM KYNASTON.

* First peal of Doubles. A compliment to Mr. R. C. Argent (a member of the local band) on the occasion of his marriage. Rung after meeting short for Triples, Mr. H. W. Bishop standing out.

MOORLYNCH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).

*S. HAROLD EMERY Treble	*ERNEST E. CHAPMAN 4
*ALFRED J. PEACOCK 2	JACK ROY 5
BERTRAM T. JEANES 3	*JOHN H. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by JACK ROY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the Coronation.

STEVENTON, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 extents in ten different callings and ten 240's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK W. BUNCE Treble	*WILLIAM E. GOODEY 4
JOHN NOBES 2	PERCY W. FLETCHER 5
*ALFRED BENNETT 3	*ERIC FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

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. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE WHITE Treble	REGINALD WEST 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	HARRY TYSON 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

All the above band are grandfathers.

FOR BEGINNERS.

DOUBLE METHODS.

When the work of a method with the treble in front (that is, in Minor when it is *below* 4th's, and in Major *below* 5th's) is reproduced, relatively, with the treble behind (*above* 3rd's in Minor and *above* 4th's in Major), that method is a 'double' method. A simple example is Double Bob.

In Plain Bob, the 2nd's place made when the treble is leading causes the bells *above* to dodge in pairs. If a place is made immediately below the treble when that bells lies its whole pull behind (5th's place in Minor, 7th's in Major), the bells *below* dodge in pairs. 'Double' Bob is the method in which both 2nd's and 5th's are made and dodging takes place on each occasion.

It is interesting to notice the effect of this on the 'lead head' (that is the position of the bells at the backstroke lead of the treble). Rounds is the first lead head. The second lead head in Bob Minor is 135264; the third lead head is 156342. You get this by transposing 135264 by 135264. Now if you introduce 5th's when the treble is behind as well as 2nd's when the treble is in front, then your second lead head is 135264 transposed by 135264, giving you 156342, and your third lead head is 156342 transposed by 156342, viz., 142635.

Without going into a detailed explanation of the reason, it may be stated that all 'regular' Minor methods produce the same lead heads, although, as we have seen above, they may come in a different order. There are five lead heads in a course, and, beginning, as we always must, with rounds, they can come up in four different orders:—

First lead head:	123456	123456	123456	123456
Second lead head:	135264	156342	164523	142635

If you work out the courses under each of these heads, by using the transpositions shown in each case, you will find that, as we said above, they produce exactly the same lead heads, but in a different order.

All this may seem to have little to do with 'double' methods, but it is one of the established facts about 'regular' methods which beginners should know and remember, because it will help in an understanding of certain groupings of methods, which we hope to deal with later.

But, now, about these double methods. In examining their construction, and, at the moment, we will deal only with Minor, you want to write out a course, draw your diagram over it, and then divide it from top to bottom with a line drawn between the 3rd and 4th figures. When you have done this you will see that the 'work' on each side of the line is exactly balanced, that you can, in fact, turn it upside down, read your method from bottom to top, and find it is the same either way.

When we explained Oxford Bob we said it consisted of 4th's place made twice inside each lead, and 2nd's place when the treble leads. Now Double Oxford Bob contains all these places, made when the treble is below 4th's, and corresponding places, two of them in 3rd's and 5th's place when the treble is above 3rd's. Here is a lead, but we recommend you to write out the full course and study it. Compare its construction with Oxford Bob:—

Oxford Bob	Double Oxford
123456	123456
214365	214365
241356	241356
423165	423165
432615	243615
346251	426351
364521	243651
635412	426315
653142	246135
561324	421653
516342	412635
153624	146253
156342	142635

The two methods are totally different to ring; and in some ways Double Oxford should prove easier than the single variety. There is really very little to remember. There is a three-pull dodge each way (that is, down and up, with 2nd's place between) on the front; and a three-pull dodge each way (that is, up and down, with 5th's place between) behind. In between, whether going up or down, there is a dodge in 3-4, places 'across the treble' (that is 4th's and 3rd's when going up or 3rd's and 4th's when going down), and another dodge in 3-4.

If you look at the figures above you will see the lead head of the double method, 142635, is a double transposition of the 156342 of the single method.

If you want a 720, you can call Double Oxford, as you call the single method (because, in both methods, 2nd's is made when the treble leads) Wrong, Right and Wrong, with an additional single called at the otherwise plain Right, at half-way and end. Remember, however, that while in Oxford Bob the Wrong is the third lead of the course, in Double Oxford the Wrong is the fourth lead.

There is the same alternative extent, with the fifth called Right, Wrong and Right, as there is in Plain Bob.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE WHITSUN MEETING.

HEADQUARTERS.—The County Hotel, High Street, Canterbury. Members are invited to use this hotel as a meeting place. Particulars of any alterations in the arrangements will be available.

CATHEDRAL.—Mr. Morton Pierce will be pleased to conduct members round the Cathedral. Please see Mr. Mitchell or Mr. Luck.

SATURDAY, May 15th.—No arrangements have been made for ringing. If required, please advise Mr. B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

WHIT SUNDAY, May 16th.—Holy Communion: Cathedral, 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Service ringing: Cathedral (12 bells), 2-3 p.m.; St. Stephen's (8 bells), 10-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m.; St. Alphege's (6 bells), 10-11 a.m., 5.30-6.30 p.m.; St. Dunstan's (6 bells), 10.30-11 a.m., 6 p.m.

WHIT MONDAY, May 17th.—Ringing: Cathedral, 11-1 and 4-8.30; St. Stephen's, 10-12, 2-4, 6.30-8.30; St. Dunstan's, 10-12, 2-4, 6.30-8.30; St. Alphege's, 10-12, 6.30-8.30.

The following bells are available, but members are asked to advise Mr. Mitchell (address below) or Mr. Luck if they wish to take advantage of the opportunity: Margate (8 bells), Ramsgate (10), St. Peter's, Thanet (8), Waterloo Tower, Quex Park (12), Broadstairs (8). (These places are easily accessible by bus or train.)

Standing Committee meeting at 8 o'clock at headquarters.

WHIT TUESDAY, May 18th.—Holy Communion, Cathedral, 8 a.m. Standing Committee meeting in Chapter House, 9.45.

Council meeting in Chapter House 11 a.m. prompt. (Will members kindly sign the roll and be in their places by 10.55?)

Members and their friends are invited to be the guests of the Kent County Association at tea to be served at headquarters. Admission by tickets to be applied for on or before Friday, May 14th, from Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

Ringing at the Cathedral during the evening.

Social at headquarters at 8 p.m.

IMPORTANT.—The Kent County Association have appointed a sub-committee to assist members. Please make your requirements known to them.

MR. J. BENNETT IN U.S.A.

RINGING AT KENT SCHOOL.

When the 'Queen Mary' docked at Southampton on Monday, one of her passengers was Mr. 'Jim' Bennett, of Lewisham. He had just finished 'a quick one'—no, not the kind usually associated with that phrase, but a swift visit to the United States. Mr. Bennett travelled out on the 'Berengaria' and spent about four and a half hectic days in America, during which he visited Niagara Falls (463 miles from New York), went to Kent School, Connecticut, and did some ringing, saw the famous carillon of 72 bells with 18 ton bass at Riverside Church, New York, and had a breathless ride to the top of the Empire State Building, 1,250 feet from the ground.

His visit to Kent School took place on Monday, May 3rd, and there he met the students who are endeavouring to carry on the ringing introduced when the new ring of bells was installed at the School Chapel. Prior to the usual short 6.15 p.m. service, various touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples and rounds on the excellent peal of ten bells were rung.

After service and supper, by the kind permission of the Rev. Father F. H. Sill, O.H.C., further ringing was carried on.

Among the several touches brought round were 120 Grandsire Doubles by Theodore Sterling, jun. 1, James Girdwood 2, James Bennett (conductor) 3, George Mallory 4, Joseph Bodell, jun. 5, William Taylor 6.

Also 168 Grandsire Triples by Theodore Sterling, jun. 1, Franklin Seeley 2, J. Bennett (conductor) 3, Harry Van Rensselaer 4, Joseph Bodell, jun. 5, James Girdwood 6, George Mallory 7, Julian Simmons 8. Two probationers, Dudley Amos and George Whittlesley, also took part in some rounds, etc.

Great credit is due to Father Sill and the students for maintaining a change ringing band at Kent School under very difficult circumstances. No instructor has been available since the return to England of Mr. I. J. Attwater, who first initiated this band into change ringing.

Any visiting ringers to the United States may be assured of a very warm and hearty welcome from Father Sill and the students.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist for evensong on Sunday, April 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,341 changes): R. Davis 1, J. E. Cooper 2, H. J. Skelt 3, E. Acock (first quarter-peal of Cinques) 4, A. W. Clark 5, D. Buxton 6, F. E. Mitchell 7, G. H. Humphries 8, J. Rumble 9, F. E. Collins 10, D. Cooper (conductor) 11, H. G. Pratt 12.

EASTBOURNE.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, April 4th, for evensong service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Percy 1, H. S. Hobden 2, R. Rayfield (first quarter-peal) 3, J. Filsell 4, B. Fisher 5, C. Savage (first quarter as conductor and first attempt) 6, H. Reynolds 7, W. Erridge 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

AN HARMONIOUS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, members from Beaconsfield, Boynce Hill, Bray, Burnham, Clewer, Cookham, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Hughenden, Marlow, Slough, Stoke Poges, Wendover, Old Windsor, Wooburn, High Wycombe and West Wycombe being present. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. S. Mahony, and an interesting sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon C. E. M. Fry, R.D.

Tea was enjoyed by some 60 persons in the Parish Hall, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Eldridge having provided an excellent repast. Owing to illness, the chairman, Sir Charles A. Bennett, was unable to be present, and the Master of the Guild (the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge) was, therefore, asked to preside at the business meeting. The vice-chairman (Mr. W. H. Fussell), Deputy Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) and general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) were also present.

Several new members were elected and the statement of accounts was accepted. The district has a balance of £27 14s. 3d. The secretary, having read his report, said that as it seemed to be one long grouse, he would tell them how nearly they had lost it. He caused much laughter with the story.

The Branch Ringing Master's report was unanimously accepted, and a recommendation from the committee that five guineas be given to the Stoke Poges Bell Fund was also passed.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, also the seven representatives for the General Committee.

It was decided to take part as usual in the joint meetings with neighbouring associations and guilds on August 28th and October 9th.

Mr. W. H. Fussell proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had helped to make the meeting a success, the Vicar, the preacher, the organist, Mr. W. H. Walker (foreman) and the ladies who had served the tea.

Mrs. A. D. Barker proposed a vote of thanks to the Master for conducting the meeting, and to the Deputy Master and general secretary for their presence.

Canon Coleridge expressed his very great pleasure at being able to come to this branch annual meeting and see how harmoniously the branch was conducted, which lightened the work of the general officers. He also reminded the members that good striking, the foundation of all good ringing, was the thing all ringers should aim at.

The Deputy Master (the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg) thanked the members for their welcome, mentioned that he had been meeting a certain individual at other branch annuals, and said that, in his opinion, this was the most efficiently run of all branches.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert gave his usual contribution to the proceedings. He said he had been meeting men with whom for over 50 years he had had real friendship. There was no lack of young faces in that branch. He hoped to meet them all for several more years, and if other branches would meet more often, it would help to keep the Oxford Guild at the top of the tree.

A short silence was observed in memory of Mr. Frank Boreham, of High Wycombe.

After the meeting, in answer to a letter from the branch, the following communication was received from Buckingham Palace:—

'The Private Secretary is commanded to convey to the members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers the King's thanks for their kind message of good wishes in connection with the forthcoming Coronation of their Majesties.'

NEWBURY BRANCH VOTES GRANT FOR BEENHAM.

The spring meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Aldermaston on Saturday, April 24th. About 40 ringers attended during the afternoon and evening, the following towers being represented: Bucklebury, Beenham, Chieveley, Compton, East Ilsley, Newbury, Thatcham and Aldermaston. Visitors attended from Basingstoke, Highclere, Overton and Swindon.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Newham) and the address given by the Rev. R. Howes (Vicar of Beenham). Mr. L. A. Nutley was at the organ.

Tea at the Hind's Head Hotel was followed by the business meeting, over which the Rev. R. Howes presided in the absence of the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford (chairman). He was supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. W. Curtis.

The summer meeting was fixed for Beenham in June.

A grant of three guineas was voted towards the rehanging of the bells at Beenham.

Two new members were elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. F. Newham, the Rev. R. Howes, Mr. L. A. Nutley and Mrs. Hunt for providing the tea. Various methods up to Double Norwich Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On March 27th, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Doubles was rung as a farewell to Miss J. Elliott and D. Avery: H. Palmer 1, W. N. Hawkins 2, T. J. Palmer 3, T. A. Palmer (conductor) 4, P. Newman 5, G. Barnes 6.

MANCHESTER TOWN HALL BELLS.

The new bells at Manchester Town Hall installed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. were formally opened on Saturday by the Lord Mayor of Manchester. The bells are now 24 in number. The great hour bell, weighing 8 tons, is hung in the dome of the tower with the remaining 23 bells below. Thirteen of the bells are hung for ringing, these being a ring of 12 with tenor 43 cwt., note B, and an additional sharp second to produce an octave with the 8 as tenor bell.

DEDICATION OF BURTON HASTINGS BELLS.

A GIFT FROM THE BARRON BELL TRUST.

The bells of St. Botolph's, Burton Hastings, were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Coventry on Saturday, May 1st. The tiny church proved quite incapable of holding all the parishioners and visiting ringers who desired to attend the service, and the congregation overflowed into the church walk and the village street.

The church had three bells, and two trebles have been added to make them into a ring of five. The cracked tenor bell has been recast and the peal hung lower down in the tower, with new fittings and new framework. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.—3 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. Note F sharp. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1937. This peal was augmented to five bells by the Barron Bell Trust, 1937. Emma Barron, Founder; F. Hopkins, C. M. Walroud, W. H. Eldred, Trustees.

Second.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. Note E. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1937. To commemorate the Crowning of King George VI.

Third.—4 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. Note D sharp. Bryanus Eldridge me facit, 1659.

Fourth.—5 cwt. 1 lb. Note C sharp. Henry Bagley made mee, 1687.

Tenor.—6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. Note B. Praise God only.

This bell was badly cracked and has been recast; its date is probably about 1600. The original inscription has been perpetuated.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Mostyn Robinson (Vicar of Wolvey with Burton Hastings). Special prayers were said, and the service took the form of shortened evensong.

During the singing of a hymn, a procession was formed and made its way to the west end of the church, where the Bishop, whilst holding a bell rope, dedicated the bells, and asked the Vicar and churchwardens to receive them for the service and glory of God.

Immediately after this a few rounds were rung by the Burton Hastings and Wolvey ringers.

In the course of a striking address the Bishop spoke of the church, which had come down through the ages and yet still stood at the centre of their village life. It was his privilege to thank all who had helped in bringing about that day, so that a dream could be realised, that of Burton's bells ringing for the Coronation. With regard to the bells, they could not have them sending out their message without the ringers. Change ringing was a true English custom. There was hardly any other country where the bells were rung like they were in England. People did all sorts of queer things with bells. When the bells of Jerusalem were broadcast he knew it was said that people wished bellringers from England had been there to ring them. He hoped there would always be the bellringers and that their relationships with the Vicar and congregation would always be of the best.

It was no good, the Bishop continued, dedicating bells to the glory of God unless there were people who were going to answer the summons and call. The bells spoke of the harmony which marked a Christian congregation; expressed sympathy at times of sorrow and joy; whilst they also bore witness to the love of Christ. There were many who never said a word in season about what Christianity had done for them. They might talk about the English reserve in making excuses for that, but he thought it was everyone's duty to tell it out, like the bells, into the streets, the workshops and everywhere.

Immediately after the service a representative band rang the first touch on the bells, and then they were thrown open to visiting ringers. The ringers were also entertained to tea in the Parish Schools by the kindness of the Vicar.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.

CORONATION PEALS.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Leek on Saturday, May 1st. Forty-seven members and friends were present from Brown Edge, Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Cheadle, Draycott, Derby, Kingsley, Kidsgrove, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Stone, Stoke-on-Trent, Tunstall and Uttoxeter.

A hearty welcome was extended to all present by the Rev. J. F. S. Martin (curate), and a vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar and the ringers of Leek for the use of the bells by Mr. T. Hurd, seconded by Mr. A. D. Steel.

Congratulations were extended by Mr. W. P. Deane, on behalf of the association, to Mr. T. Hurd, on completing his 100th peal.

Reference was made to the proposals regarding 'Coronation' peals. Mr. J. E. Wheelton withdrew his proposition that all peals rung during May should be recognised as Coronation peals, and proposed that should a band fail to ring the peal arranged for a Coronation peal in May, it may attempt it until the end of June.—This view was strongly supported by the meeting.

One honorary member, the Rev. Brookes (Rector of Longton), was elected.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH'S NEW SECRETARY.**

The South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association spent an enjoyable afternoon at Pulham Market on Saturday, April 24th, when 39 members supported the meeting, at which a new secretary of the branch had to be elected on account of Mr. Nolan Golden's appointment as general secretary of the association.

The Rev. R. Hugh Stacey, Rector of Pulham St. Mary, conducted the service and delivered an address. Tea was partaken of in the Rectory Room.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. William L. Duffield presided, supported by the Rev. R. Hugh Stacey, the Rev. Canon T. J. Perowne, Mr. N. Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Messrs. E. G. Bennett, A. G. Harrison, C. J. More, R. Riches and E. Whiting (members of the committee), and representatives from Alburgh, Diss, Redenhall, Saxlingham and the local band, while other branches were represented by members from Halvergate, Norwich, Swaffham and Wymondham.

The Chairman referred to Mr. Golden's appointment to the secretaryship creating a vacancy in the branch officers.

Mr. Golden spoke of the happiness the work had given him, and proposed that Mr. Albert G. Harrison, of Diss, be the new secretary. This was seconded and carried unanimously.—Mr. Harrison expressed his thanks and his willingness to undertake the work.

Mr. Charles Loomer, of Redenhall, was elected a member of the committee in place of Mr. Harrison.

The following elections took place: Capt. Andrew Johnstone, R.N., of Alburgh (performing member), Mr. Robert D. Guntton, of Alburgh (ratification of belfry election) and Mr. Frederick W. Munnings, of Mendham (re-election).

It was decided to visit Kenninghall on July 3rd and to include a visit, if possible, to Quidenham.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. R. Hugh Stacey for his hospitality and for conducting the service, to the helpers at tea and to the organist concluded the business of the meeting.

A variety of methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, including attempts at Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Saturday, March 20th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob by the local band, a quarter-peal (1,264) Bob Major: B. O'Neill 1, M. A. Blamey 2, P. A. Blamey 3, C. A. Burgess 4, J. E. Taylor 5, G. W. Lommer 6, G. H. Limmer 7, G. Gilbert (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**'SPECIAL' METHODS FOR MEETINGS.**

A glorious summer's afternoon should have attracted a crowd to a North and East District meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Pinner on Saturday, May 1st, but there was only a moderate attendance. Perhaps it was the cup final; possibly the bus strike; or a combination of both. However that may be, the 30 or so ringers who did attend were given a real royal welcome. In fact, there were so many flags and banners that it was difficult to see the church when looking up the main street in this fine old village.

Ringling commenced some little time after that advertised, and at 4.30 a short service was held. The Vicar (the Rev. Eric Barnes) gave a cordial welcome, and some interesting and useful thoughts on the Coronation, to the ringers present. After tea the usual business was held, and this very necessary, but sometimes boring, part of the day's proceedings was quickly disposed of, under the able chairmanship of Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

Harrow Weald was chosen for the next meeting on May 29th, and it was decided to give a further trial to St. Lawrence Little Bob Major as the special method. The hon. secretary reminded members that if they experienced any difficulty in obtaining the figures of the methods advertised for special practice, these could be found in the Central Council publications, on sale at a cheap rate, as advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. G. W. Fletcher proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address at the service and for the use of the bells, to the organist and choir, and to Mr. A. J. Harding for making arrangements for the meeting. This was carried with acclamation, and the Rev. Eric Barnes, in reply, said he was very glad indeed to see the members of the association, who were always welcome at Pinner.

A brief interlude on the handbells followed, after which more ringling took place on the fine peal in the tower, under the able guidance of Mr. T. J. Lock, who gave opportunity to all to ring the methods of their choice. Included in the ringling were an excellent touch of St. Lawrence Little Bob, the special method for the day; another of Cambridge Court Bob, to show that a previous special method had not been forgotten; and a touch of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods, as a grand finale!

In connection with the special methods chosen for practice, the hon. secretary would like it to be known that these are circulated, with the notice of meeting, to all affiliated towers. He will be prepared to make arrangements with any unattached members to supply them with copies at the time the tower notices are sent out.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, for many years hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, is about to retire from the position of Minor Canon of Canterbury Cathedral, which he has held for 58 years. A band of grandfathers rang a peal in seven Minor methods at Kempston Beds, on Saturday, and it is believed to be the first rung for the Bedfordshire Association by a band consisting entirely of 'granfers.' Mr. H. L. Harlow, who took part, is also a great-grandfather. The peal was called by the youngest member of the band.

A peal of 'Real' Double Norwich has been rung at Crayford. Other similar peals have been rung before, and we wonder who first seized upon the rather stupid way of describing this form of ringing the method. Double Norwich is just as 'real' whether bobs are made when the treble is behind or not.

Bobs made in 3rd's place when the treble is in 8th's do not make the method any more real; in fact, we should think the only thing they really do is to break away from Double Norwich pure and simple. We don't blame the Crayford men; they have only called it by the name others have used before them. It is another instance of the loose application of terms in ringing.

UNSAFE TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your article on a certain tower in which ringing has been forbidden because the tower is considered unsafe raises the question as to the position in which the Parochial Church Council are thereby placed.

Juries are very inclined nowadays to give heavy damages for injuries, and if ringing has been stopped, evidence of an incontrovertible nature has been gratuitously provided for anyone who may imagine he has been injured by the state of the fabric.

Is there no insurance expert among us who would explain the exact position?

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory.

ANOTHER BELFRY ROMANCE.

MARRIAGE OF MR. N. S. BAGWORTH AND MISS M. GREENALL.

At St. Andrew's Parish Church, Enfield, on April 24th, another belfry romance culminated in the marriage of Miss Elsie M. Greenall, a member of the Edmonton band and the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. Norman S. Bagworth, honorary secretary of the Metropolitan Police Guild.

The Rev. E. Cooke, Rector of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, the tower at which the Metropolitan Police Guild meet, officiated, and the hymns were 'The Voice that breathed o'er Eden' and 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven.'

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attired in a dress of oyster satin, an embroidered veil and halo of orange blossom, and carried a sheaf of arum lilies. She was attended by two bridesmaids, her sister and a friend, who wore ground length frocks of eaudenil satin, and carried sheaves of iris.

After the ceremony, the bride's mother held a reception in the Church Room, which was attended by a considerable number of ringing friends of the bride and bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Bagworth left later for Abingdon for their honeymoon.

A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Edmonton in honour of the occasion, but, unfortunately, came to grief after 55 minutes. It has been suggested since that the sole cause of the breakdown was 'weddingitis.'

ST. MARY'S, NOTTINGHAM

MR. RALPH NARBOROUGH ELECTED RINGING MASTER.

A meeting was held in the belfry of the above church on April 26th to appoint a Ringing Master in the place of the late Mr. Albert Coppock.

The Right Rev. Neville S. Talbot, D.D., M.C., Vicar of St. Mary's, presided, and on his special recommendation the ringers (with the exception of Miss Thompson, who expressed a wish not to vote) unanimously elected Mr. Ralph Narborough as their Ringing Master.

Mr. Narborough has been a member of this band since 1929, and he has the good wishes of the band now under his leadership. He was formerly Ringing Master at St. Peter's, Wisbech, and formerly represented the old Central Northants Association on the Central Council.

THE FALSE PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was very generous of Mr. O. H. Kippin to take the entire blame for the false peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Edenbridge.

My proving of the peal, as I thought, was entirely separate from the plan used by Mr. Kippin, but in both cases the course had 25346 was the stumbling-block, and I wish to offer my sincere apologies to the band who rang the peal for the oversight (first found by Mr. Kippin), which was as much, or more, my fault than it was Mr. Kippin's.

GEORGE BAKER.

THE DEDICATION OF BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL BELLS.



By courtesy of the 'Birmingham Post.'

Birmingham Ringers, with the Bishop and Lord Mayor, at the Dedication Ceremony.

From left to right: J. C. Gill (past warden), W. P. Waller (people's warden), Bishop Hamilton Baynes (Provost), A. Paddon Smith, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Alderman H. Roberts), the Rev. H. R. Holloway, the Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. Barnes), G. E. Fearn (Ringing Master at the Cathedral), T. H. Reeves, E. T. Allaway, A. Walker, A. Norman, F. E. Haynes, W. T. Froggatt, D. T. Matkin, H. H. Fearn.

DEVON GUILD.

BRANCH MEETING AT BICKINGTON.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Bickington, near Newton Abbot, on Saturday, when ringers were present from Kenn, Newton Abbot, Buckfastleigh, Collaton, Paignton and Cockington. Ringing commenced on the handy peal of six bells after three o'clock, and a service was later held in church, conducted by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills, chairman of the branch, in the absence of the Vicar of Bickington, who was away from home. The collection for the Guild Bells Restoration Fund amounted to 4s. 9d.

After ten the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. R. D. Mills presiding.

The Chairman reported that he had interviewed Mr. Pope regarding his resignation, but without success.

It was also reported that the General Committee had made a grant to the branch towards instruction purposes, but that it had not yet been received.

The secretary reported that he had the arrangements in hand regarding the proposed joint meeting with the Exeter Branch at Teignmouth on June 12th, and after a discussion it was resolved to apply for the bells of Bishopstoke only, in addition to St. Michael's, Teignmouth.

Apologies for absence were received from the president of the Guild, the general secretary and Mr. O. R. Lilley.

The following were unanimously elected non-resident members of the Guild, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin and Mr. D. Cooper, of Croydon, and Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden, of Tunbridge Wells.

A certificate was presented by the chairman to Mr. Richard Cann, of Cockington band.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Kingskerswell on Saturday, October 16th, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

Hearty votes of thanks, accorded the Vicar of Bickington for the use of his church and bells, Mr. Christopher for presiding at the organ, and the secretary for the arrangements, concluded the business, and the party returned to the tower for further ringing.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

THIRTEEN MEMBERS ELECTED AT BARKSTON MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Barkston recently and was well attended, some 25 ringers being present from Peterborough, Grantham, Rotherham, Market Deeping, Billingborough, Donnington, Hough-on-the-Hill, Blankney, Folkingham, and Barkston. The musical and good going peal of six was available for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and was kept going to a variety of methods, including Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise. Service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. A. Thorold Eller, who gave a helpful and interesting address and extended a hearty welcome to the visiting ringers. He explained that he returned to England in 1931, after being in Canada for 25 years, and one of the greatest joys to him on his return to this land was the sound of church bells coming across the green fields. He hoped ringers from the various parishes represented at the meeting would endeavour to ring their own bells Sunday by Sunday and to realise the duty and privilege that was entrusted to them. He was sure the average Englishman appreciated the sound of church bells twice on a Sunday, even if they did not often attend a place of worship. Tea was served in one of the large and spacious rooms at the Rectory, with a beautiful view across Syston Park, looking its best in the foliage of spring.

At the business meeting Mr. F. W. Stokes (general secretary of the Guild) presided, and 13 new performing members of the branch were elected, viz., J. E. Allen, A. E. Chilton, A. Chilton, G. S. Collishaw, G. Creasey, F. Carford, S. Wilson, all of Billingborough; J. Whitmore, A. Wilson, Mrs. Coupland, Miss Muriel Wilson, Miss Maud Faulkner, Miss Violet Palmer, all of Rippingdale.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Billingborough in July.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his hospitality and for the use of the bells and the service, and also to the organist.

The tower was again visited and it was gratifying to see a good muster of young ringers, some ringing their first touch in a method. The bells were lowered in peal at 8.30, and this concluded a very successful meeting.

400 YEARS OF BELL HISTORY.

ANCIENT RING RESTORED IN HAMPSHIRE VILLAGE.

One of the most interesting churches in the diocese of Guildford has just had its six bells restored. The village of Crondall, just inside the Hampshire border, goes back to Roman times; in Saxon days the manor was held by King Alfred. It passed through his successors to King Edgar, who left it in his will, dated A.D. 976, 'to the Church of the Venerated Trinity, lovingly dedicated to Peter and his co-Apostle Paul, in the city of Winchester, as a perpetual pension for the support of the monks dwelling therein, for the propitiation of my sins, and those of my sons, and of the people of the entire kingdom.' The nature and extent of the gift is described as 'a certain portion of land, forty-five cassates, in the famous place, which is called by the well-known name, Crundel.'

The Domesday Book, 1086, records that 'the Bishop holds Crundele; it has always belonged to the Church.' It goes on to state: 'There is a church there, worth twenty shillings.' This church, of course, was Saxon, the sole relic of which is the font.

During the latter half of the 12th century the present Norman church, dedicated to All Saints, was built. This consisted of a nave, with two lean-to aisles and chancel, and a central tower over the chancel arches. To the north of the chancel, a stair turret still exists, which gave access to the rood loft, and also to the great central tower.

The bosses in the chancel roof bear the stamp of having been carved by one of the carvers who were engaged at Canterbury, under William de Sens, c.1176. There are two styles at Canterbury, the second being derived from the first, but different from it in many respects. The second style spread to various places in Sussex, Hampshire, Surrey and elsewhere. But the first style of Canterbury has not been met with anywhere but in the Cathedral itself and at Crondall.

The stability of the ancient Norman tower became a matter of serious urgency in the year 1642. In that year a new bell frame was placed in the old tower, and the bells rebung. In 1653 the old tower was re-leaded, after which it was evident that the last straw had been added to the camel's back, and steps had to be taken to remove the old tower and build a new one. This was carried out in 1657, and the present tower built in 1659; the bell frame, which had been made in 1642, being transferred from the old tower to the new. It still bears the date of its making, and the names of the churchwardens and carpenter.

BELL FRAME 300 YEARS OLD.

Bells in the old Norman tower can be traced in the churchwardens' accounts as far back as 1543, when repairs were charged for 'the third bell,' 'the great bell,' 'the second bell' and 'the foremost bell.' In 1546 one 'Olyver of Froyle' mended 'all the iii bell clappers.'

The bell frame of 1642 was obviously made to carry six bells, but it is not known exactly when the ring was increased.

The treble bell bears the inscription: 'Henry Knight made this bell 1616. W.B.' This bell was recast in 1556, and again in 1616. A bell, not specified, was recast in 1586, probably the treble bell.

No. 2 bell has the inscription: 'William Baker and George Burt, churchwardens, 1619. H.K.' There is no specific reference to this in the accounts.

No. 3 bell is inscribed thus: 'Robert Wells, Aldbourn, Wilts, fecit, 1788.' This was a recasting.

No. 4 bell has a curious inscription: 'This bell gayned by William Baker, and his naybors, W.C., E.H., G.B., B.H., 1616; and new cast by H. Knight, 1619.' This, again, is not mentioned in the accounts.

No. 5 bell has a Latin hexameter line for its inscription: 'Me resonare jubet pietas, mors, atque voluptas, 1650. William Baker and William Reeves, Churchwardens.'

The tenor bell records that it was made by Robert Wells, of Aldbourn, Wilts, in 1788. This bell was recast in 1616, and, before that, was mentioned in the earliest accounts of 1543.

The tenor was badly out of tune and has now been recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have returned and rebung the rest of the bells. The old frame, which proved to be in excellent condition, has been retained and strengthened, and given the additional support of three beams of Australian jarrah wood.

There is a curious entry to the ringing room. The ringers use the old stairway that formerly led to the rood loft, then pass across an external wooden bridge, to the doorway leading into the ringing chamber in the new tower.

The tenor bell has again been recast as a memorial to Capt. Cecil Maxwell-Lefroy, C.M.G., R.N., and now bears three inscriptions: 'Recast 1616,' its 1788 inscription, and a new one, viz.: 'Recast, 1937. C. R. Anson, J. W. Taylor, Churchwardens. R. P. Butterfield, Vicar.' A memorial tablet or plate will also bear the inscription: 'To the memory of Captain Cecil Maxwell-Lefroy, C.M.G., R.N. The tenor bell restored by his wife, Beatrice W. Maxwell-Lefroy, 1937.'

The greater part of the cost has been raised within the parish, but among the gifts from outside was a donation of 30 guineas from St. Cross Hospital, Winchester.

The restored bells were dedicated by the Bishop of Guildford on Sunday week in the presence of a large congregation, which included Mrs. Maxwell-Lefroy and her son, Mr. J. R. Maxwell-Lefroy, who took part in the procession to the tower.

The Bishop's address dealt with the long history of the parish of Crondall and its church. Such traditions, he said, were a rich inheritance.

(Continued in next column.)

ARCHITECTS AND BELL RESTORATIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I know nothing of the circumstances at Thetford, other than as reported in your issue of April 16th, but, putting personal matters aside, there is, I think, a good deal to be said for the Advisory Committee's work. All bell founders or hangers are not equally competent, nor are all ringers even, and certainly not churchwardens. There is a tendency sometimes to exaggerate the antique side at the expense of the practical, but there is certainly an equal tendency to do the opposite. This is where the Advisory Committee is, or should be, able to guide both sides into the right channels. To do this they must have on the committee some competent architect and some competent ringer with a knowledge of what is good art as well as what is practical. The obvious person for this latter duty is the president or Master of the local Diocesan Guild. And it is certainly time that the Guilds got together, perhaps through the medium of the Central Council, and pressed for a representative on the Advisory Committee. In my diocese this has already been done without pressure, the Bishop inviting me, as Ringing Master, to be a member.

Some trouble is undoubtedly caused by antiquaries ignorant of the art of ringing, but, in my experience, there is far more danger from the desire to have something new and perfect at the expense of art. All pre-Reformation bells and a good many cast since should be treated primarily from the art side. To cut the cannons off a good old bell unnecessarily is a crime.

Prior to my appointment, within the last few years in one tower alone three medieval bells, uncracked, were put into the melting pot, and the other had its cannons removed when a ring of six was installed. This is merely one instance of many. As an instance of good work, take the following. A tower with one medieval bell requiring a complete ring. It was decided locally, with the advice of the founder, to cast a complete ring and keep the medieval as an art treasure. But supposing the contract had appeared before the Advisory Board with the inclusion of this ancient bell to be recast, are they to be considered 'silly old fossils' because they refuse to recommend the faculty? If so, I am a silly old fossil.

One could go on indefinitely, but I have already written enough to show that, in my view, it is not the existence of the Advisory Board which is wrong, but the fact that probably in some cases they do not go wide enough in their membership. It is, of course, absurd to botch up an old wood frame if the parish is prepared to go to the expense of a new one; but is it so equally absurd to refuse a grant to alter entirely the character of an old bell by cutting off its cannons unless there is some defect which makes this desirable? 'NEMO.'

WORM-EATEN FRAME 'TOO OLD TO BE DESTROYED.'

Dear Sir,—In reference to your recent leader, with which we quite agree, the Bishop's Advisory Committee certainly use very little commonsense in some of their decisions, as, for instance, when they decided that the old worm-eaten frame in which the six bells at Solihull Toney, Norfolk, had swung for so many years was too old to be destroyed, and had it fixed over the new frame, an excellent teak one, recently erected by Bowell and Son. Perhaps the local Church Council intend making a charge for viewing.

E. F. POPPY.

Stoke Ash.

A RINGERS' MEETING

(Continued from previous column.)

heritance and an inspiration, and the efforts of Crondall churchpeople in restoring their ancient peals of bells showed that they were not forgotten.

The collection, which was for the New Cathedral Fund, amounted to £7 16s. 10d.

After the service the local ringers first rang, and then ringers from various parts of the diocese took part in touches of Minor and Doubles on the restored bells. Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing the firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, took part in the ringing.

There was a large gathering of ringers and friends at Crondall last Saturday, when a joint meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held. Some good ringing was enjoyed in spite of the bells being hung anti-clockwise. The Rev. R. P. Butterfield (Vicar of Crondall) conducted the Guild service and interested the ringers with an address on the history of the Crondall Church and bells.

Tea was served at The Cricketers, a company of nearly 50 sitting down. The Farnham District business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, and three ringing members and one honorary member were elected.

Mr. J. W. Carter (Seale) congratulated the Vicar, ringers and all concerned upon the carrying out of the work of restoration in the tower. The bells were now a pleasure to ring, he said.

The Vicar responded and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the organist and local ringers with acclamation.

The Ladies' Guild business meeting was presided over by Mrs. Bruce. It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Frensham in June, and the next quarterly meeting at Aldershot on October 30th.

Ringing in the evening was directed by Mr. R. Hasted (District Ringing Master) and Miss H. Mills (hon. secretary, Ladies' Guild). Representatives were present from Ash, Aldershot, Seale, Worplesdon, Fleet, Farnham, Bramley (Hants), Bentley, Haslemere, Yorktown, Frensham, Long Sutton, Pirbright, Portsmouth and the local company.

EIGHTY—NOT OUT.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS, OCTOGENARIAN.

Last Friday, Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, reached the age of 80 years, and received the congratulations of many friends. Unfortunately a peal of Stedman Caters on the bells of North Stoneham Church in honour of the event was lost after about an hour and a quarter's ringing, much to the disappointment of all the band, not least to the conductor, one of George Williams' many pupils. In the comb-out of a rather bad mix up, after some excellent ringing on this almost toy-like ring of ten, there was a change course, and, despite the occasion—well, that was that.

Of course, it was not the first peal George Williams had lost, nor even the first on a great occasion, and he took it with the philosophical calm that has been a characteristic of his long ringing life. Has anyone ever seen George Williams excited, or ruffled in temper? I never have and I have known him for nearly 45 years. He still smiles his way through life, with that merry twinkle in his eye, that is so well known to his friends.



MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Last Friday I found him at his home at Eastleigh, where he has lived since he gave up work, surrounded by many reminders of his long career in ringing, and which recalled to me events of 40 years or so ago. For instance, there was a framed record of the first peal rung by a lady, when Mrs. Williams rang 1-2 to a peal of Grandsire which her husband conducted. Then there was the photograph of a group taken outside Winchester Cathedral in 1899 after the first peal of Stedman Caters in Hampshire and by the Winchester Guild.

'We thought we had done something to talk about when we rang that peal, George,' I said to him.

'Yes, and so we had,' he replied. 'Peals were peals in those days and you had to earn them.'

And so we did. Those whose peals in these days come almost for the asking hardly realise the difficulties that had to be overcome. When George Williams rang his first peal, rung at Soberton, Hants, which incidentally was the first peal in the county by the then newly-formed Winchester Guild, two counties had to be scoured to find ringers capable of ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples.

Since those days Mr. Williams has rendered yeoman service to the cause of ringing not only in Sussex and Hampshire in particular, but in the Exercise in general. It has been the encouragement he has given to youngsters throughout his long life that is the outstanding merit of his career. Scores and scores he has taught to ring; scores and scores of others owe their advancement to him. I am among the latter, and gratefully I acknowledge the encouragement I received from him when, as a lad, I was privileged to join in the practices at St. Peter's, Brighton, when that society were making history in advanced method ringing, but were never too concerned with their affairs to give opportunities to one much below their own ringing stature. George Williams was the mainspring behind the progress made at St. Peter's. His encouragement of the lesser fry, however, helped to make ringers of the future; and he was as ready to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples for a beginner as he was to ring a peal of London Surprise or in some new method with his own accomplished band.

And thus he has gone on through the years, giving his service to helping others and gaining his own reward thereby. He was for years a district secretary of the Sussex County Association when he lived at Brighton, and when he left was made an honorary life member. After returning to his native Hampshire he filled the office of hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, of which he was afterwards made a vice-president and Master—offices which, under the enlarged title, he still holds.

At North Stoneham, the tower with which he became associated when living at West End, near Southampton, he built up a new band and quickly got the bells augmented to eight. To celebrate their golden wedding Mr. and Mrs. Williams gave two new treble bells, and recently, in memory of his wife, who died about two years ago, Mr. Williams presented to the church a handsome oak belfry screen, to which, on his 80th birthday, was attached a bell metal tablet recording the purpose of the gift. It has effected a great improvement in the conditions for ringing, which is done on the ground floor and was formerly open to the church.

George Williams is 80 years young, and the wish of all his many friends will be that he may long be spared to enjoy the art of which he has been such a brilliant exponent. He has now rung 1,422 peals, of which he has conducted over a thousand.

J. S. G.

NEW BELLS IN SUFFOLK VILLAGE.

STOKE ASH RING AUGMENTED TO FIVE.

A ring of five bells has been installed in the Parish Church of the little village of Stoke Ash, in Suffolk, and they were dedicated on Sunday week by the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. The tower formerly contained four bells of considerable age, but they had got into a very dilapidated and dangerous condition.

Some time ago the late Mrs. Brance Bowen, widow of the late Rev. E. J. O. Bowen, bequeathed the sum of £100 to the Church Council to spend and use on the bells in memory of her husband, who was Rector from 1898 to 1920. This amount was insufficient to meet the cost of procuring a peal of five bells, and an appeal for further help, in conjunction with an appeal for a new organ, was made, and as a result the sum of £112 was collected.

The Church Council decided to have some of the bells recast, and the work was entrusted to Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. Nos. 1 and 2 were cast from a part of the old tenor bell, which was of the pre-Reformation period. The part bearing the inscription is now in the church. The two new bells bear the inscription, 'Alfred Bowell, Founder, Ipswich. Cast from old Tenor Bell, 1937.' No. 3 is another ancient bell bearing the inscription, 'William Dobson, Founder, Downham, Norfolk,' and was in good condition. No. 4 was recast, being an old Bury bell, and bears the inscription, 'Recast by Bowell, of Ipswich. Coronation of George VI., May, 1937. F. H. R. Perkins, Rector. G. H. Lunnis, E. F. Poppy, Churchwardens.' No. 5, a Bury bell of the period 1527-1587 and bearing the inscription, 'Sancta Anna Ora Pro Nobis,' was in good order.

The weights of the bells are: Treble, 2 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.; 2nd, 2 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.; 3rd, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.; 4th, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.; tenor, 6 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.; a total weight of 20 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

The church could not hold all who sought to be present at the dedication, and over a hundred were unable to obtain admission. The congregation included ringers from far and near, including the Master of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, and followers of campanology from Bentley, Boxford, Braiseworth, Cotton, Creetingham, Debenham, Eye, Goldhanger, Helmingham, Ipswich, Kenton, Mendlesham, Norwich, North Walsham, Saxlingham, Sproughton, Wetheringsett, Wickham Skeith, Woodbridge, Wymondham, Thorndon, Thornham, Stouham, Diss, Newmarket, Wrentham, Palgrave and Garboldisham.

The service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. H. R. Perkins, commenced with the singing of the hymn, 'Unchanging God,' followed by the 84th Psalm. The first lesson was read by the Rev. P. T. E. Wareham, and the choir rendered the anthem, 'Make a joyful noise.'

The second lesson was read by the Rev. W. E. Mattinson, and the Bishop and the clergy then proceeded to the ringing chamber, where the churchwardens, Mr. Lunnis and Mr. Poppy, were awaiting them.

After the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung in rounds while the procession returned to the chancel. The Bishop, in his address, referred to the ministry of the late Rev. E. C. J. Bowen, and spoke of the place of the bells in the lives of the people and history of the nation. The call to prayer and worship, he said, ought to be answered more regularly than it was at present. To attend church for worship was the height of good living.

At the conclusion of the service 120 Bob Doubles was rung by E. F. Poppy 1, Miss Phyllis Tillet 2, Miss Eleanor Reeve 3, Miss Bertha Reeve 4, Miss Sylvia Bower 5. The ladies are ringers at Ipswich. Afterwards visiting ringers in turn rang on the bells and later were entertained to tea in the Parish Room, where the Rector thanked them for their interest.

CORONATION QUARTER-PEALS.

On Sunday, May 9th, for morning service at the Cathedral Campanile, Chichester, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes): H. 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. Arranged as a Coronation quarter-peal for their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth. The band are all Sunday service ringers at the Cathedral.

At Swindon, Wilts, on Sunday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): W. A. Bullock 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. G. Townsend 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, E. J. Berry 5, S. Palmer 6, A. G. Wells 7, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 8, C. J. Gardiner 9, A. E. W. Smith 10. Rung before the official pre-Coronation service.

At Birmingham Cathedral, on May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: F. B. Yates 1, C. Webb 2, E. T. Allaway 3, H. H. Fearn 4, D. Marsh 5, H. J. Turner 6, J. Marshall 7, J. George 8, G. E. Feat (conductor) 9, S. J. Mason 10. The first quarter-peal on the bells. It was specially arranged for the Coronation civic service, conducted by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

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CLERICAL RINGING WEEK.

VISITS TO MANY CHURCHES ROUND EVESHAM.

The clerical ringing week was held this year with headquarters at Evesham, again under the efficient leadership of the Rev. E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke, Devon). The rest of the party were as follows: The Revs. E. G. Benson (Burghill), H. G. Benson (Nyasaaland), C. Carew Cox (Lyne Regis), F. L. Edwards (Kington Magna), E. B. James (Fareham), F. H. S. Marle (Deane), the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Powell (Staverton), the Revs. B. F. Sheppard (Cambridge), A. G. G. Thurlow (Wokingham), W. M. K. Warren (Binegar), C. Elliot Wigg (High Wycombe) and R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall) and Mr. Chris. W. Woolley, who had somehow forgotten to bring his clerical collar with him (O, these forgetful clergy!), and although he is sometimes known as a wizard, he couldn't manage to produce one! Some of us were, unfortunately, only able to appear for part of the week.

The programme opened on April 5th, punctually at 2.30, at Ashchurch, near Tewkesbury, where the six bells were raised and lowered in peal (this was always done when possible), and rang Bob Minor, Cambridge and Stedman. Mr. Harris kindly met and rang with us. After touches of Kent and Oxford at Overbury (6, tenor 9½ cwt.), we were kindly invited to tea by the Vicar; whence we went on to Breton's Norton (6, tenor 6 cwt.), where Mr. Attwood met us. Here the back five are by Rudhall. After spliced Kent and Oxford (when some wit remarked that the clergy had often spliced people, but not methods before), etc., we went to our headquarters, the Hampton House Hotel, Evesham, a very nice place, where they do not mind if you ring handbells till midnight.

SALLY NEARLY SEVEN FEET LONG.

On Tuesday we arrived first at Elmley Castle (6, tenor 18 cwt.), where the two trebles went tuning badly. Here we rang Cambridge, and, after 'a little something' at the Vicarage, went on to Little Comberton (6), and Great Comberton (6, tenor 8 cwt.), where the Rev. J. F. Hastings (who was, unfortunately, only able to be with us for a few hours) nearly got stuck in the narrow staircase. After Stedman and Double Court, we found a delightful spot near the River Avon (don't ask me which Avon!) for picnic lunch. Then on to Croome D'Abitot. Here the key, which ought to have been in the fust, or under the harmonium, or somewhere, had to be fetched some distance. After a long delay, which E. V. stood with amazing patience, we eventually got up to the bells, which hadn't been rung for two years. However, E. V.'s castor oil worked wonders, and the bells were soon going. The tenor sally is nearly 7ft. long. It was rather curious, while raising her, to have the top of the sally rising at handstroke, while the bottom was still coiled up in one's hand! How did the pigeons, hatching in the bell chamber, like our Grandsire, I wonder?

Then to Pershore Abbey (8, tenor 31 cwt.), where we rang Stedman and Bob Major, suspended 'twixt heaven and earth—heaven seemed terrifyingly near, and earth an uncomfortable distance away! After a hasty look round the glorious church and the nearby Church of St. Andrew, where the six are to be restored, we had tea at the Vicarage; then to Norton (St. Egwin, 6 bells, tenor 15 cwt.). After Grandsire and Cambridge here and dinner at Evesham, the day finished with London, etc., at Hampton (6, tenor 9½ cwt.), where we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Hemming and other friends.

We started at Offenham (6) on Tuesday, and there rang Queens and 'fired' the bells for the Vicar and Mrs. Combs' wedding anniversary. Then to Badsey, a nice ring of 8, tenor 15 cwt. After Double Norwich we went to Child's Wickham (6, tenor 11 cwt.), where the ringers of 4 and 5 can see their bells swinging. Unconducted touches are the most successful at this place. Mary Lane is buried here; she died, aged 133, in 1741. Then to Willersey, a nice 6 by Rudhall, tenor 11½ cwt. Here Mr. Heath rang with us, and later we had a 720 of Cambridge. At Saintbury, very near by, we rang Stedman, etc., on a nice ring of 6, tenor 11½ cwt., and also had the pleasure of ringing with Miss Mavis Brighton. Next, at Mickleton (8, tenor 18 cwt.), we rang Treble Bob (both variations) and Double Norwich and Stedman. Messrs. L. Kinchin and F. Tuffley rang with us, while Cyril Tuffley, aged 8½, showed us how to ring a bell solo. At Brefforton (6, tenor 8 cwt.), Mr. Perkins met us, and we rang Kent, etc. After a touch of London, off to dinner at Evesham. After this the Cambridge Guild members rang Grandsire Cinques and Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich, etc., on handbells, other members joining in too.

AN INTERESTING CHURCH.

Thursday began with Stedman and Cambridge at Bidford-on-Avon (6, tenor 13½ cwt.). At Alcester (6), the 5th slipped wheel and set during the first touch. After producing enough keys to unlock all the doors in Alcester, the Vicar's daughter kindly found the bell chamber key, and we righted things and had time for a short touch before leaving for Stratford-on-Avon. Here we rang Cambridge and Double Norwich on a beautiful ring of eight (tenor 17½ cwt.), and after lunch, a photograph and a look at Shakespeare's tomb, went on to Snitterfield, where the Rev. Thomas met us, and we much enjoyed Bob Minor, etc., on a fine six (tenor reputed 20 cwt.). At Quinton (6, tenor 19 cwt.) the Vicar, who afterwards kindly gave us tea, seemed rather perturbed at being told that his tenor would eventually come off the headstock if not tightened up. At Chipping Camden (8, tenor 25 cwt.) we were delighted to find one of the most beautiful

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DISAPPOINTING ATTENDANCE AT FENHAM MEETING.

The 'luxury meeting,' as it was termed by Mr. C. L. Routledge, held at Fenham, proved unsuccessful from the point of view of the attendance, only 15 members sitting down to tea when nearer 50 were expected. The feelings of those present, however, were not damped and good use was made of the bells, Cambridge Surprise Major, Duffield and Double Bob Major, the special method, being the most noteworthy methods brought round.

In the absence of the vice-president, Mr. M. D. Onbridge, Mr. Routledge presided over the meeting and thanked the Vicar, Canon S. Redman, for the use of the bells. The Vicar, in replying, referred to the fine effect produced by the use of the new silencers. The bells were almost inaudible at the foot of the tower, but at a distance they are sweetly and clearly heard.

Mr. John Anderson thanked the ladies for the splendid tea.

It was decided that no meeting should be held on Whit Monday, but St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, was proposed for the Saturday following, i.e., May 26th, and London Surprise Major was adopted as the special method for practice.

A district practice was also proposed for May 6th at St. George's, Jesmond where the bells have been recently rehung. Both proposals were agreed to.

The secretary informed the meeting that the report of the sub-committee on Coronation ringing was not yet ready.

Following the adjournment, the handbells were rung to Grandsire Caters, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and further ringing took place in the tower.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO FORMER CARY DEANERY SECRETARY.

A gathering of about 30 ringers attended the meeting of the Cary Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at Bruton on Saturday, April 24th. Fourteen towers were represented and visitors were welcomed from Melksham, Pensford, Zeals and Stourton. Ringing in various methods of Doubles and Minor took place in the afternoon and evening.

At the business meeting following the tea the president (Rev. F. H. Lang) presented Mr. E. F. Creed with an inscribed inlaid barometer as a token of appreciation of his work as hon. secretary of the branch since 1919. Mr. Creed taught first lessons in change ringing at many towers, and acknowledging the gift, said he was pleased to see there that day many of his pupils of years ago.

The secretary (Mr. W. A. Osborne), speaking on the subject of Coronation ringing, said that he hoped all tower leaders would make careful arrangements for ringing, and suggested that if a full peal was not possible a half or quarter-peal should be attempted, but whatever ringing was done nothing should be attempted that could not be perfectly done. The times for ringing should be arranged to fit in with the local celebrations, but no ringing should take place during the Abbey service broadcast or other important broadcasts.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the clergy, organist and choir and to the ladies who provided the tea.

CLERICAL RINGING WEEK.—Continued from previous column.

of the little Cotswold towns, with a grand church, similar in many ways to Northleach, with some fine old brasses, and the oldest cope and altar frontal, etc., still remaining in its own church in England. The cope dates from 1380, and the altar frontal (1480) was copied by command of Queen Mary for the high altar of Westminster Abbey for the Coronation in 1911. Here we rang Double Norwich, Stedman, etc.

After dinner we visited the Bell Tower at Evesham, built by Clement Lichfield, the last Abbot of Evesham but one, about 1525. Here we enjoyed Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent and Bob Royal on the fine ring of 10 (tenor 31 cwt.), and were very pleased to meet Mr. Hemming and other friends again.

An important discussion took place at the hotel in the evening. On Friday the only peal attempt of the week (Double Norwich) 'went west' after a little over an hour. This was at Hinton-on-the-Green. After ringing Cambridge, etc., during which Miss Johnson rang with us, we went on to lunch at Broadway, another delightful Cotswold village. After Double Court, etc., on the fine six at Broadway Old Church, on to Stanton, perhaps the least spoilt of all the villages we saw. Cambridge, etc., on the six here was followed by tea at Stow-on-the-Wold. We had meant to ring handbells in the four counties round the Four Shire Stone nearby, but as no one thought of bringing handbells, we contented ourselves with an unmusical course of Bob Minor on some of the table bells in the cafe at Stow. At Stow Church, our last tower, the Rev. Hare met us, and we had a pleasant finish to the week with Stedman and Bob Major on a fine eight (tenor 30 cwt.).

In conclusion, we should like to thank the clergy for the use of their towers, those clergy and their wives who gave us tea and other refreshment, the steeplekeepers and other ringers who rang with us, and most of all the Rev. E. V. Cox, to whose wonderfully efficient organisation the success of a most delightful week was so largely due.

A. G. G. THURLOW

NOTICES.**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

(Established 1637.)

THE TERCENTENARY FESTIVAL.**PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.**

A service will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 4 p.m. Dinner at Cannon Street Hotel at 6 p.m. Tickets to members 10s. each, to non-members 12s. 6d. each. The maximum seating capacity is 400. Application should be made as early as possible, as no tickets can be issued in excess of that number.

William T. Cockerill,
Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Walsden St. Peter's NOT available on May 15th. Therefore the meeting will take place at St. Paul's, Cross Stones, Todmorden, on that date. All ringers and friends welcomed. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.; business at 6.45 p.m. By the way, keep June 5th in mind. Great Ringing Day at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham. Further announcement with full particulars will be given later.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Whitsun meeting will be held at Hexham on Saturday, May 15th, when the bells of the Abbey will be available.—R. Park, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—For Newport Pagnell Deanery and others. A meeting at Milton Keynes. to-morrow, Saturday, May 15th. 2.30 begin. 4 p.m. service. 4.45 tea.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, May 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., tea at 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberly Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 58th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, May 17th. 11.30 a.m. Service in the Cathedral, preacher Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow; 12.15 p.m., approx., meetings in the Chapter House; 1.15 p.m., approx., lunch at The Golden Fleece (members 1s. 6d., non-members 2s. 6d.). Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Boreham (8), Great Baddow (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Broomfield (6), Danbury (6), Springfield (6), Little Waltham (6).—L. J. Clark, Hon. Gen. Sec., 36, Lynmouth Avenue, Chelmsford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual festival on Whit Monday at Ludlow. Bells available from 12 noon. Service 3.30 p.m. (the Guild's new form of service will be used). Tea at Queen's Head Hotel 4.15 p.m., price 2s. Members applying for tickets before May 14th to Mr. W. J. Beniams, Ben-All, Henley Road, Ludlow, will be charged 1s. only. Money should not be

sent with applications. Business meeting after tea. Ringers and friends wishing to view Ludlow Castle please write to Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hon. Sec., S. Nicolas' Rectory, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit-Monday, May 17th. Committee meet Parish Room 10.45. Service, Thrapston Church, 12 noon. Lunch at King's Arms Hotel at 1 p.m., followed by meeting. Non-members and non-resident members 2s. 6d. each. Bells available: Islip (6), Thrapston (8) 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. and after meeting, Raunds (8), Tichmarsh (8), Lowick (6) after the meeting.—Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 27th; St. Andrew's on the 20th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—Please note:—The next meeting will be held at OVERSEALE on Saturday, May 22nd. Measham bells not available. Time 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. A hearty welcome awaits all visitors. Don't forget p.c. for tea arrangements to be sent to me by Thursday, May 20th.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

RISHTON PARISH CHURCH.—The re-dedication of the peal of eight bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, will take place on Saturday, May 22nd, at 3 p.m. The dedication will be conducted by the Rev. Canon G. Stewart Perry, M.A. (Rural Dean of Blackburn). Tea will be provided after the service in the Horwood Road Schools. Ringers and friends are heartily invited to the dedication service.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Walsoken, on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Malpas on Saturday, May 22nd. Ringing from 3. Service, 4.30. Those who hope to be present for tea please notify me by Thursday, May 20th.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Usual arrangements for tea. The Sharnford meeting is fixed for June 26th.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Millom, on Saturday, May 22nd. Tower open at 2.30.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City and Rural Branches.—A combined meeting of the above branches will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please make a special effort to attend, and do not fail to send numbers requiring tea.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chenies (6 bells) on Saturday, May 22nd, 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.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 22nd. Service 4.15. Tea at the Sun Hotel 5 p.m. (resident members, whose subscriptions are paid for the current year, free, non-members 1s. 6d.), for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. and after the meeting. Hearty welcome to all.—F. S. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Rothley on May 22nd. Quorn bells not available. Ringing from 3.30 to 4.30 and 6 to 8 p.m. only. Subscriptions accepted.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Daventry (8 bells) on Saturday, May 22nd. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Wantage on Saturday, May 22nd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify early.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon, Berks.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—The first anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available all day. Dinner 5.30. Please notify.—J. W. Gibbard, Tetworth, Oxon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, May 29th. Cathedral bells available from 3 p.m. Meat tea at 5.15 p.m., price 2s. 6d. (1s. to members), but notification by May 26th is essential. Service will be at the sub-deanery church at 4.30. Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Advices by May 26th, please. Special method, St. Lawrence Little Bob Major. Nearest station, Stanmore (Met.), and short walk, or No. 114 bus (if running). Alternative route, if buses are available, tube to Edgware and No. 114 bus. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. number, Larkwood 1959.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Kissingbury on Saturday, May 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 27th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 29th, to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mr. C. Slingsby. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Dover. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea by Monday, the 24th.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me not later than Tuesday, May 25th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmore, Upper Road, Neole Brace, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday, May 25th?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The branch meets at Cromer on Saturday, May 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at the Rendezvous Tea Rooms, The Parade, at 5 p.m. Special business: (1) Presentation of album containing subscribers' names to his testimonial to Mr. A. L. Coleman; (2) election of branch secretary. It is hoped all members of the association will make a special effort to attend. It is important that I should be informed of those who require tea.—Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5th.—At Elstree, Herts (6 bells). Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Herts Association.—C. H. Horton, Bushey (City 4270).

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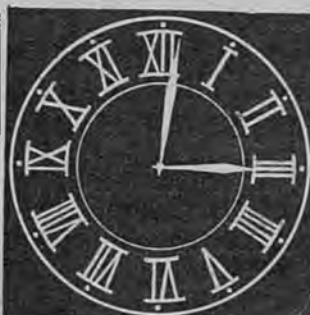
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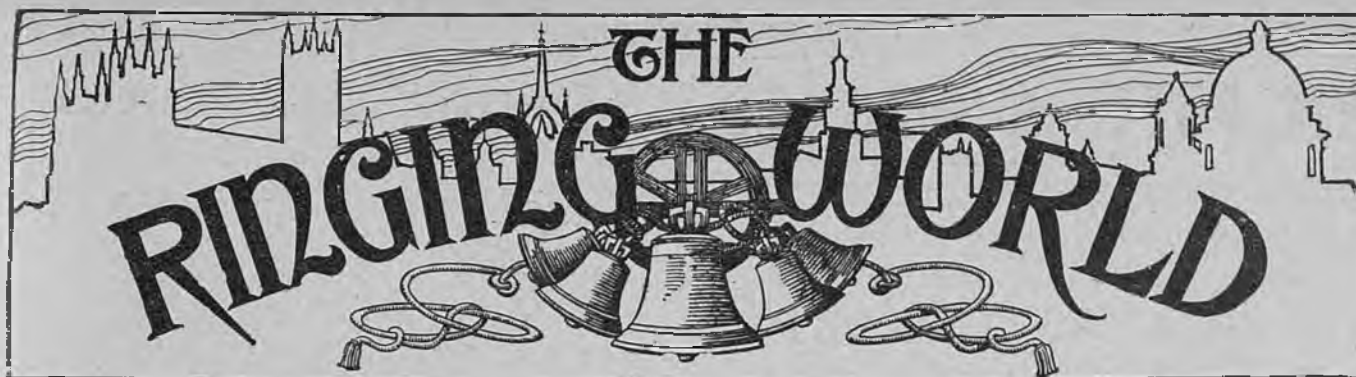
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Well and truly did the bells of old England, and of Wales and Scotland, too, celebrate the Coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth. There was, of course, never any doubt that they would play their traditional part, but if the information, which has ever since been pouring in to us, is any criterion, never before has so much ringing been done on one day. Peals there were in plenty—our peal columns will testify to that—and half peals, and quarter peals innumerable, to say nothing of the infinite number of shorter touches which were rung. The little villages have contributed their share as well as the towns and cities; indeed the villages, just as they have more than held their own with their greater neighbours in their decorations and celebrations, have vied with the more populous places in the enthusiasm of their ringing.

Early and late the bells were ringing. In several cases a 6 a.m. start heralded the day, and in one instance at least—at Guildford—ringing at 11 p.m. was part of the ordered programme of the day. And the bells were only a part of the expressed love and loyalty of this country to the throne, which is deep rooted in the hearts of the people. It was not only London, the centre of the solemn ceremonies, and the setting of the great pageant, that rejoiced. Everywhere the public, in their masses, and in every walk of life, joined in the celebrations, and those who imagine that a monarchy in this country is but a decaying institution must have realised last week that they are woefully out of touch with the real spirit of the nation. The sounds of the bells, if they heard them, must have jarred upon them as they often do upon those who, on other occasions, neglect the things to which the bells direct attention Sunday after Sunday.

Ringers themselves will be able to look back with satisfaction to the part they played on May 12th, 1937. Many old hands, while taking their share in the events of the day, were able to recall their exploits of previous Coronations, for quite a number must have counted this as the third in which they have helped in the celebrations at the end of a bell rope. Younger ringers, as they get on, will have happy recollections. Many of them rang their first peal or their first quarter peal. In a few cases whole bands have scored their first peal and there could have been no more auspicious occasion for so doing. To record the activities of ringers on Coronation day we have this week enlarged 'The Ringing World,' but so great has been the demand upon our space that even four extra pages will not accommodate all the reports sent to us and there are many other peals and interesting items of news to appear in our later issues.

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LONDON.

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER IN
WESTMINSTER,

(Commonly called Westminster Abbey)

A Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040 changes;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON Treble	ALFRED B. PECK 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD 6
WILLIAM H. PASMORE 3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 7
WILSON RUSHTON 4	JAMES H. ROMLEY Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD N. PITSTOW.

The peal commenced as the Royal Procession left the Abbey.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD Treble	*HENRY E. GREEN 7
HOWARD HOWELL 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
ALFRED BUCKLEY 3	WALTER R. HUGHES 9
ALFRED ADAMS 4	GILBERT HARDING 10
GEORGE W. HUGHES 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
HARRY T. HIGGINS 6	WILLIAM A. WALKER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal away from tenor. All are Sunday service ringers at
this church.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

ALBERT E. NORMAN Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 2	ALBERT WALKER 8
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
GEORGE E. FEARN 4	THOMAS H. REEVES 10
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LEICESTER.
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(LEICESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

SAMUEL COTTON Treble	FREDERICK WILSON 7
*LOUIS E. ALLEN 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	PERCY HARRISON 9
*MRS. H. J. POOLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 10
SHIRLEY BURTON 5	HARRY BROUGHTON 11
*CYRIL F. HOWITT 6	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal of Cinques. First peal on the bells since recasting and rehauling.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	WILLIAM PETTIGREW 7
ALLAN SHORT 2	FRED PRICE 8
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 9
*WILLIAM L. WHISTON 4	ERIC G. EVANS 10
GEORGE T. MITCHISON 5	PERCY N. G. RAINEY 11
GEORGE H. WILLIAMS 6	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band except the conductor. First peal on 12 bells by all except ringers of 1, 2, 8 and 12.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, PLYMOUTH.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. in C.

ALLEN S. WEATHERLY Treble	G. H. MYERS 6
*WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 2	ALFRED MITCHELMORE 7
*CECIL L. GUY 3	SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY 8
RAYMOND OVERY 4	A. WILLIAM MYERS 9
H. FREDERICK MYERS 5	THOMAS G. MYERS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal of Royal.

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THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

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On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 32½ cwt.

*ADAM DODDS Treble	*NEIL LEIPER 6
JOHN EWING 2	SYDNEY G. LEWIS 7
HENRY F. SARGENT 3	ERNEST A. STAFFORD 8
R. J. G. THORN 4	WILLIAM H. PICKETT 9
REGINALD O. STREET 5	THOMAS C. WINDERAM Tenor

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Conducted by W. H. PICKETT.

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Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

MRS. C. H. KIPPIN Treble	FRANK E. DARBY 6
*MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN 2	EDWARD G. TALBOT 7
*LEONARD BANCE 3	FRANK JENNINGS 8
*MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 9
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Treble Ten.

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GEORGE GRAY 3	ERNEST BRITT 8
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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT Treble	HARRY W. SMITH 5
*EDWARD T. SNELLER 2	EDGAR HUMFREY 6
REGINALD W. REX 3	GEOFFREY FOWLER 7
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GEORGE KERLEY 2	P. S. JOHN COLES 6
JOHN EVANS 3	FRANK ROWSELL 7
ROBERT COLES 4	REGINALD WESTCOTT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK ROWSELL.

NOTTINGHAM.

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On Monday, May 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 35½ cwt.

FRED BLOOD Treble	FRANK BRADLEY 5
RALPH NARBOROUGH 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
MISS I. B. THOMPSON 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER 7
HAROLD PARFREMONT 4	WALTER NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM MOSK Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 5
CLEMENT J. MORE 2	*SAMUEL J. PRING 6
WALTER ELSEY 3	WILLIAM STEGGALL 7
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Tenor 18½ cwt.

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FRANK LORD 2	JACK BRAY 6
FRED LACEY 3	ERNEST BRITAIN 7
HAROLD JUDD 4	THOMAS WARR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

* First peal away from tenor.

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THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

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Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS KATH BURCHNALL ... Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ... 5
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	RICHARD M. HARVEY ... 6
* JACK VESSEY ... 3	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... 7
* THOMAS VESSEY ... 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First attempt for a peal on eight bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JAMES R. LAMBEKIN ... Treble	JOHN WHBADON ... 5
JOHN H. CHENSAN ... 2	JAMES E. BAILEY ... 6
FRANK E. WALKER ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

THURCASTON, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Latimer Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5
FRANK MASON ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 6
* R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 4	† ARTHUR WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

JOHN W. J. COTTAM ... Treble	ERNEST WAGSTAFFE ... 5
ALBERT NASH ... 2	ARTHUR FIRTH ... 6
TOM BROTHWELL ... 3	REGINALD PAYNE ... 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 4	T. COLIN RYDER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS. Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in E flat.

E. DENNIS POOLE ... Treble	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS ... 5
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 2	WILLIAM A. FARMER ... 6
* JOSEPH L. STANIER ... 3	WALTER LAGO ... 7
G. LEONARD HEWITT ... 4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. PRITCHARD.
* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

* WILLIAM MADDOCK ... Treble	JOHN W. GARDNER ... 5
JAMES ROBINSON ... 2	JOHN ROBINSON ... 6
THOMAS ROBINSON ... 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 7
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 4	JAMES BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal and first attempt.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

REV. C. CAREW COX ... Treble	FRANK PRICE ... 5
* JOHN E. PHILBRICK ... 2	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 6
HENRY G. KBELEY ... 3	* FRANK E. BLACKMORE ... 7
* GEORGE H. WHITMORE ... 4	† ELI S. HAWKER ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells and the first peal of Stedman in Dorset by an entirely local hand.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT HELLIWELL ... Treble	VICTOR COPLEY ... 5
* DAVID W. BREARLEY ... 2	WILLIAM HARRISON ... 6
* LEONARD WRAGG ... 3	CHARLES GILLOTT ... 7
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 4	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by J. A. BREARLEY.

* First peal.

PENTRE RHONDDA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

JOSEPH LOVEIT ... Treble	FREDERICK LASBURY ... 5
HERBERT DAVIES ... 2	WILLIAM PAGE ... 6
* GEORGE PAGE ... 3	TOM PAGE ... 7
THOMAS HAMLIN ... 4	HENRY CRABE ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM PAGE.

* First peal of Stedman. The bells were 'fired' before ringing the peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE HOWLETT ... Treble	FRED GUNTON ... 5
STANLEY COPPING ... 2	RUSSELL RICHES ... 6
FRED MUNNINGS ... 3	WILLIAM FLATT ... 7
ROBERT GUNTON ... 4	CHARLES LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by GEORGE HOWLETT.

Rang for 11 a.m. service.

HETHEBSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in G.

ALFRED W. BROOME ... Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 5
* RAYMOND G. LOFTY ... 2	FREDERICK HUGGINS ... 6
CYRIL T. CROWE ... 3	HAROLD QUANTRILL ... 7
ROBERT G. FISHER ... 4	CHARLES H. MOORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal.

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DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, GRANTHAM

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
GEORGE S. TAYLOR	Treble	HAROLD B. DICHBURN	5
WILLIAM ARMOUR	2	JOSEPH W. PARKER	6
THOMAS STEVENSON	3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON	7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON	4	GEORGE HARVEY	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

LINDLEY, HUDDERSFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5004 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY GEE	Treble	FRANK RHODES	5
FRANK POPPLEWELL	2	JACK FISHER	6
JOHN TURNER	3	JOE C. MELLOR	7
WILLIAM HARGREAVES	4	HENRY H. SMITH	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 369). Conducted by JOE C. MELLOR

* First peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN FLINT	Treble	*HAROLD JACKSON	5
JESSE J. MOSS	2	HAROLD KENT	6
CHARLES MASON	3	JOSEPH LAXTON	7
BENJAMIN A. COOPER	4	STANLEY SLANEY	Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 500th peal.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

MARGARET E. REYNOLDS	Treble	WILLIAM G. COLLETT	5
HARRY MILES	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	6
VICTOR J. F. BENNETT	3	FRANCIS E. MAY	7
HERBERT BADDER	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS K. DRIVER	Treble	TOM A. OGDEN	5
WILLIAM BERRY	2	JAMES OGDEN	6
JOHN SMITH	3	JAMES H. BASTOW	7
JAMES RICHARDSON	4	ABRAHAM OGDEN	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

All are service ringers at the Parish Church.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., Wigston, Leicestershire, Loughborough, Grayford, Huntingdon, Bognor and Buckingham. Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

WM. H. HUMBERSTONE	Treble	RICHARD F. ROE	5
A. HARRISON CARTER	2	EDWIN LLOYD	6
JOSEPH S. CARTER	3	FRANCIS W. LLOYD	7
ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN	4	KENNETH A. ROE	Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.

First peal of 'Spliced' by all the band. The peal consisted of 704 changes each of Wigston, Leicestershire, Loughborough, Huntingdon, Bognor and Buckingham and 800 of Grayford. There were 153 changes of method.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
ALFRED POTTER	Treble	MATTHEW BERRY	5
MISS ANNIE POTTER	2	ALFRED POTTER, JUN.	6
*JOSEPH BOYCE	3	JOHN POTTER	7
BENJAMIN WELSBY	4	ROBERT DENNER	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal on eight bells and belongs to Nantwich.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

ERNEST DUMPER	Treble	HAROLD P. REED	5
GEORGE PULLINGER	2	*REGINALD A. REED	6
*LEONARD KNOTT	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. At the finish of the peal the bells were 'fired' 21 times.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
ARTHUR D. FELLOWS	Treble	CHARLES W. COOPER	5
WALTER FARLEY	2	ALFRED REYNOLDS	6
FREDERICK V. NICHOLLS	3	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE	7
KENNETH I. PARDON	4	ERNEST S. BUSHELL	Tenor

Conducted by A. E. WHATMORE.

All are members of the local band.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*GEORGE E. BOYDEN	Treble	†ROGER CADAMY	5
WILLIAM DENT	2	RICHARD W. STANNARD	6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK	3	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE	7
WILLIAM CHALK	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 23½ cwt.	
HERBERT W. COLLIER	Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE	5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE	6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	3	ALFRED H. PULLING	7
*COLIN A. HOPPER	4	C. ERNEST SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

ELTHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist for evening service on Ascension Day, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Kilner (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, A. Purdon 2, J. J. Lamb 3, W. J. Jeffries 4, J. E. Lyddiard 5, J. Batters 6, F. J. Hurrell 7, H. Wood (conductor) 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Sunday, April 11th, as a last tribute to the late Mr. George A. Card, the Burnham Cumberlands rang a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1,260 changes): G. Gilbert 1, P. A. Blamey 2, M. A. Blamey 3, B. O'Neill 4, J. E. Taylor 5, G. W. Limmer 6, G. H. Limmer 7, C. A. Burgess 8. First quarter-peal of Triples with a bob bell by the Blamey brothers.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob spliced. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN A. BROWN Treble	*REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 4
*THOMAS W. CROWE 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON 5
*JOHN ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal in eight methods.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. THOMAS

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In five methods, viz., 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, two 720's each of Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*H. WEBB Treble	*H. WINDSOR 4
*A. WINDSOR 2	W. J. CARTER 5
*W. SHEPHERD 3	J. A. COOK Tenor

Conducted by J. A. COOK.

* First peal and rung at first attempt. First peal as conductor.

HORSELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*E. HOCKINGS Treble	L. SCAMMELL 4
*A. CLARK 2	W. PECK 5
*E. GOATER 3	*A. BOYLETT Tenor

Conducted by E. GOATER.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Doubles by all. Ringers of 1, 3 and 6 are local men.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt, 28 lb.

BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. ... Treble	JACK BRAY 4
*FRED LACEY 2	FRANK LORD 5
*HAROLD JUDD 3	ERNEST BRITAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in five methods. Mr. B. Gillatt, jun., has now completed the circle at this tower.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 London Scholars' Pleasure and two 720's each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES MANIFOLD Treble	MISS MILLCENT FRITHS ... 4
*NORMAN MEAKIN 2	JOSEPH WHITTAKER 5
WILFRED STEVENSON ... 3	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in four methods.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 4
WILLIAM BRAMMER 2	FRANK REYNOLDS 5
ALAN J. BROWN 3	KENNETH LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by K. LEWIS.

* First peal in three methods.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob with 14 callings. Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.).

*MRS. F. OSBALDISTON ... Treble	KENNETH LEWIS 4
*SAMUEL GRABAM 2	ARTHUR WHITING 5
*ERIC WIGLEY 3	*FRANK OSBALDISTON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. WHITING.

* First peal and rung at first attempt. † First peal away from treble. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles by all the band. This is the first peal on the bells rung by an entirely local band.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN DAY Treble	FRANK J. BERRY 4
FREDERICK J. CHAPLIN ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK 5
GEORGE PLAYLE 3	*FREDERICK KEMP ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, 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, two 720's Kent Treble Bob and three 720's Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*DOUGLAS E. RUST ... Treble	WALTER C. MEDLER ... 4
*ARTHUR S. BROTHERS ... 2	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... 5
ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE ... 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

* First peal in three methods.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury, 20 of Bob Doubles and 10 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

LESLIE J. HAWKINS ... Treble	GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 4
MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... 2	DOUGLAS W. RANSOM ... 5
*STANLEY GUPPY 3	*CECIL J. RANSOM ... Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

* First peal and first attempt.

REDBOURN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten extents.

W. TAYLOR Treble	JOE HOBBS 4
W. RANSOMBE 2	G. DANIELS 5
*L. HOBBS 3	*R. NEWBERRY Tenor

Conducted by JOE HOBBS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CHATTERIS, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt, 1 qr, 9 lb.

RUSSELL PAUL Treble	WILFRED YOUNG 4
*STANLEY MURPHY 2	*DUDLEY PAUL 5
ARTHUR ABRAMS 3	WILLIAM SEEKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEEKINGS.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. First seven-method peal by a local band at this tower.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Beverley, Netherseale, Norwich, York, Wells, Cambridge and London. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... Treble	HORACE L. WAITE ... 4
FRANCIS E. TOMPKINS ... 2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Milton, London, Wells, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN F. RYLES ... Treble	*ALBAN J. JACK ... 4
CHARLES S. RYLES ... 2	WILLIAM C. LAURENCE ... 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3	JAMES WALLY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal 'inside.'

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PEARCE ... Treble	CHRIS. WILLEY ... 4
ALBERT KING ... 2	HARRY KING ... 5
SIDNEY KING ... 3	*SAMUEL BLATCH ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY KING.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in this tower by a team wholly composed of members of the local Guild.

WANSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Oxford, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MRS. JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Treble	CHARLES J. PETTY ... 4
*JOHN C. PETTY ... 2	JAMES CHALK ... 5
*ALBERT G. PETTY ... 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

MONK BRETTON, NEAR BARNSELY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Braintree Delight, Wragby Delight, Neasden Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, Capel, Sandal and Kingston. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

ROLAND HILL ... Treble	ERNEST BROOKES ... 4
JOHN THOMAS WHITE ... 2	HAROLD CHANT ... 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Capel and Kingston; (2) Capel and London Scholars' Pleasure; (3) Capel and Sandal; (4) Sandal; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure; (6) Kingston; (7) Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM ATKINSON ... Treble	*ALBERT BANCROFT ... 4
ARTHUR HIBBERT ... 2	*THOMAS RAMSEY ... 5
KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

* First peal in five methods.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, London and Wells. Tenor 7½ cwt.

RICHARD BOSBY ... Treble	W. NORMAN PARK ... 4
JAMES T. TITT ... 2	GEORGE W. PARK ... 5
ROBERT B. SIMPSON ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. N. PARK.

A royal salute was 'fired' at the conclusion of the peal.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK HOOPER ... Treble	MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 4
FRANK VERNON ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
RICHARD M. HARVEY ... 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

ENTHUSIASM AT GRIMSBY DISTRICT MEETING.

A very pleasant meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Alford on Saturday, May 8th. The good weather brought together many ringers. Members attended from Bigby, Burton-on-Slather, Ulceby, Grimsby, Killingholme, Mablethorpe and the local members. The members were glad to welcome the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. R. Richardson), who brought with him Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, of Birmingham, and Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Pervin, of Coventry. Ringing friends from Lincoln were also present. The lovely peal of six were rung to a large variety of methods.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Whitehead), who gave a hearty welcome to the members and also an excellent address. Mr. Graves presided at the organ. Tea was served in the Church Hall, kindly arranged by churchworkers, and a party of 34 sat down.

The business meeting was presided over by the president (Archdeacon Parry), supported by the Vicar and churchwardens (Mr. G. Muston and Mr. W. J. Humphreys). Mr. G. Muston was elected an honorary member. The Vicar and both churchwardens of Alford are now honorary members.

The collection for the District Bell Fund amounted to 9s. 8d.

The President informed the members of the sad death of Mr. W. Fisher, who was accidentally killed in a motor-cycle accident on Saturday, May 1st. He was at one time a ringer at St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby. Members stood in silence to his memory.

Mr. J. Bray welcomed the visitors and said he hoped they would see them again if possible. Mr. A. Walker replied and expressed the pleasure of the visitors in attending the meeting. If they had larger gatherings at their meetings in the Midlands, he was sure there was more enthusiasm at that meeting. Members were attending from as far as 65 miles and he hoped that interest would continue.

Mr. Bray proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the bells, to the caterers and to those who had made arrangements. Mr. M. Walker seconded and the president supported the vote of thanks, to which the Vicar suitably responded.

A hearty vote of thanks to the president for presiding brought a very happy meeting to a close. After some good ringing on handbells the tower was again visited.

DEDICATED ON CORONATION DAY.

NORTHREPPS BELLS REHUNG.

The peal of five bells at Northrepps has for some years been in an almost unringable condition, but in spite of this several ringers have been taught on them, and attempts have been made to ring the bells for services up to a few months ago. Then the Rector (the Rev. Charles H. Winter) organised an appeal, and the work of rehanging the bells in a new steel frame, with new fittings, including cannon-retaining headstocks, and retuning the peal, was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., who have carried out the work satisfactorily.

The rededication service was conducted by the Rector, following a Coronation service, on May 12th. Visitors included Mr. N. Golden, general secretary and treasurer of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and Mr. W. R. West, of Wiveton. After the new ropes had been replaced by used ones, extents of Grandsire were rung, and, following the crowning of the King, further ringing took place.

The Rector hopes to have a sixth bell installed by July 6th next.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS OPENED

TRANSFORMATION OF RINGING CHAMBER.

The new ring of 12 bells at Leicester Cathedral were opened on Coronation Day, together with the new electrically driven clock and chimes. At 8 a.m., Colonel Sir Frederick Oliver performed the opening ceremony by striking the first few blows on the tenor, which, by permission of H.M. the King, is inscribed 'The Coronation bell of His Majesty King George VI.'

A few rounds were rung upon the ring of 12 followed immediately by rounds upon the light eight, utilising the flat sixth bell. Afterwards Stedman Cinques and other methods were rung until 10.45. In the afternoon a peal of Stedman Cinques was successfully accomplished.



LEICESTER CATHEDRAL.

The bells, which are of exceptionally fine tone, are by the famous Loughborough Foundry. Hung on ball bearings in an iron frame with all up-to-date fittings, the 'go' is excellent. The clock and chimes are by Messrs. Gent and Co., electrical engineers, of Leicester, whose reputation for this kind of clock is world-wide.

In addition to new bells, clock, etc., the tall spire of the Cathedral has been restored and the ringing chamber transformed from the former barn-like structure into a very pleasant apartment. All the old encumbrances have been removed; the upper walls cleaned down and colour-washed, the lower portions panelled in oak. Oak doors have been fitted in the north and south doorways, a new oak floor laid and oak furniture installed. With a rearranged lighting system the whole combine to make what must be one of the finest ringing chambers in the country.

A very regrettable feature of the opening ceremony was the absence, through a serious illness, of the Provost of the Cathedral (the Very Rev. F. B. Macnutt), who was responsible for the work being done. He raised the necessary funds in an incredibly short period of time. Gramophone records of the proceedings were taken to enable the Provost to hear the opening ceremony in his own home. The ringers wish him a speedy recovery.

It is hoped to arrange an 'open day' for visiting ringers in the near future, of which notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

After having been in charge of ringing affairs at St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester, since the Coronation of King George V., Mr. Fred Dexter has thought it time that someone else should take over

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

AMENDED RULES ADOPTED.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held jointly with the Sheffield and District Society at Rammoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, May 1st, when the light peal of ten bells was made good use of by the members.

A meeting of the General Committee was held in the Church Hall during the afternoon, and a short service, conducted by the Rev. — Adams. About 80 sat down to tea in the Church Hall—many more than had sent in their names, but fortunately the Rammoor company were equal to the occasion.

The general meeting was held immediately after in the same room, the president of the association (Canon C. C. Marshall) being in the chair.

The thanks of the company to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the Rev. — Adams for conducting the service, and to the organist for his services was voiced by the chairman and acknowledged by the Rev. — Adams in the absence of the Vicar. Thanks to the local company for the arrangements they had made for the success of the meeting and to the ladies for waiting at the tea tables was also passed, Mr. P. J. Johnson at the same time making some pointed remarks to those who had failed to send in their names for tea.—Mr. C. Haynes acknowledged the vote of thanks on behalf of the Rammoor company.

It was decided to hold the next general meeting at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on September 18th, or, failing that, at some other tower in that district.

The proposed alterations to the rules were explained at length by Canon Marshall, and on his proposition, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, the alterations were carried, after discussion on two or three points.

Some animated exchanges took place during discussion on Rule 3, paragraph 1, in relation to Rule 10. After it had been proposed, seconded and carried that the meeting proceed with the next business, the following motion was tabled for the September meeting, proposed by Mr. G. Robinson and seconded by Mr. R. H. Vigor:—

'In view of the fact that the revenue (yearly) account of the association continues to show a substantial credit balance, the cost of providing the teas at the annual general meeting be met annually out of the aforesaid account, to all those members who give due notice of their intention to be present, provided that the liability thereby involved does not exceed the sum of £7 in any one year, in which case a small charge per head be made to cover the cost over and above the said amount.'

Messrs. Geoffrey Kibblewhite and Harry Barnes were elected members, and Mr. C. Metcalfe, of Mansfield, was elected a non-resident life member of the association.

Mr. C. Haynes informed the meeting that the new peal of eight at Harthill would be open to the Sheffield and District Society on May 29th.

This concluded the business and further ringing took place.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MASTER.

A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Dibden on Saturday, May 8th, when there was a fair attendance representing the following towers: Dibden, Eling, Fawley, Bishopstoke, North Stoueham, Ringwood, Southampton (St. Mary's), Upham, Winchester and Wimborne. The service was conducted by the Rector of Dibden, the Rev. G. T. Tritton, who is chairman of the district. At the business meeting after tea he congratulated the Master of the Guild and of the Southampton District, Mr. George Williams, on attaining his 30th birthday on the previous day, and, in referring to the wonderful ringing record set up by Mr. Williams, recalled the fact that last August the Master's one thousandth conducted peal on tower bells was rung at Dibden, though unfortunately the honour had since been transferred to another tower in the Guild (Curdridge) by the elimination of a false peal.

Mr. Williams, in replying, said he hoped that he might be spared for many years to continue his active ringing, and also the work of helping to teach others the art.

The towers of Fawley and Eling, as well as Dibden, were available during the afternoon and evening, and were made use of by the members. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire to London and Cambridge Surprise Major.

At the business meeting a cordial invitation from the new Rector of Eling to the Guild was conveyed by Mr. W. Pearce, the captain of Eling tower. It was decided to accept the invitation for the summer of 1938.

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the duties. In future, therefore, all correspondence in connection with the bells there should be addressed to Inspector H. J. Poole, The Wayside, Narborough Road, Leicester, or to Mr. Harry Broughton, The Glen, Cooden Avenue, Leicester, who have been appointed Ringing Master and hon. secretary respectively.

QUEEN MARY'S GIFT TO BELL FUND.**KING'S BROMLEY BELLS RECAST.**

The bells of King's Bromley, or, to give it its older title, Bromley Regis, were first hung in the tower the year before the union of England and Scotland, an event which was, no doubt, the first of national importance which they were called upon to celebrate. History does not record the many and varied occasions for which they have been rung, and it was deeply regretted by the inhabitants that their bells were in no fit order to be used for celebrating the Jubilee of King George V. and to be sounded in muffled ringing at his passing. But they were restored for the Coronation of King George and Queen Elizabeth, and made ready to take part in the national celebrations.

The six bells have been recast at Loughborough and now form a very handy ring, tenor weighing approximately 11 cwt. It is interesting to note that the enthusiasm of the people of the village was stimulated by a personal gift to the bell fund from H.M. Queen Mary.

The completed work was solemnly dedicated by the Bishop of Stafford on Tuesday evening, May 4th, in the presence of a large congregation. An interesting feature to the villagers was the number of visiting ringers who were present in spite of the lateness of the hour, amongst them being Mr. W. A. Stote, of Coventry, Mr. L. Oliver, of Bridgnorth, Mr. J. H. Swinfield, of Burton, Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough, and members of the band from Overseale, under Mr. J. W. Cotton. Everyone expressed their pleasure at the beauty of tone and improved 'go' of the bells, the work having been carried out in the usual thorough manner of Messrs. Taylor and Co.

FORMER GRIMSBY RINGER KILLED.**FATAL RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT.**

It was with deep regret that the members of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Guild and others heard of a fatal motor-cycle accident to Mr. W. Fisher, 'Little Billy' as he was affectionately known in Grimsby. Until four years ago he was a member of the band of St. Andrew's Church, where he rang his first peal. Previous to coming to Grimsby he resided at Bigby. His father was killed in the Great War and he was brought up under the kindly guidance of Archdeacon and Mrs. Parry. He removed to London, where he was doing well in his trade as a cabinet maker and had a promising career before him. On Saturday, May 1st, whilst motor-cycling with a young lady companion, he met with an accident which caused his death in a few hours and injuries to his companion.

The funeral took place at Belchford on Thursday, May 6th. The last sad rites were conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, president of the Grimsby District. Mr. R. Sutton represented the Grimsby ringers, who sent a wreath in the form of a bell.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**DORCHESTER BRANCH ENTERTAINED AT BUCKLAND NEWTON.**

In delightful spring weather the quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Buckland Newton on April 24th. A party of ringers were there on the stroke of 3 o'clock to raise the bells in peal, assisted by Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who had already taken particulars of the tenor bell. He thus added another tower to his long list, and followed with another later.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Fitzpatrick), and the chairman of the branch (the Rev. A. W. Markhy) read the lesson.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the branch chairman, supported by the vice-chairman (the Rev. R. P. Farrow).

The secretary reported that the next quarterly meeting would take place at Wyke Regis in July. It was resolved, among the practice meetings during the summer, to hold one at Hilton, and thus help forward the ringing at that tower. It was also decided to hold one or two Thursday afternoon practice meetings.

The chairman made sympathetic reference to the sudden passing of one of their promising young change ringers, the late Arthur Groves, captain of the St. Peter's, Dorchester, band, and the members stood in silence as a mark of respectful sympathy.

One associate member was elected.

The Chairman, in proposing a comprehensive vote of thanks, thanked the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. P. Field, for the kind hospitality that afternoon in providing, in co-operation with his mother, the excellent tea they had enjoyed. This was received with acclamation. Thanks were also accorded to the Vicar for taking the service and use of the bells, and to Mr. M. E. Blessley, to whom great credit was due for all the local arrangements.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Bradford Peverell, Buckland Newton, St. Peter's, Dorchester, East Lulworth, Preston, Stratton, Upwey, Wyke Regis, Wareham, Lytchett Matravers, Shooton, Iwerne Courtney, Thornford, Sherborne Abbey, Longburton and Lydlinch. There were welcome visitors from Swindon and Cookham, Berks, making a total of over 50 members and friends present during the afternoon and evening. The methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob and St. Dunstan's Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob Minor.

MERE, WILTS.—On Sunday evening, May 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Hill 1, G. Coward 2, J. Paul 3, J. Gray (conductor) 4, G. Bunce 5, W. Keats 6, E. Coward 7, H. Jordan 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 2 and 8, also as conductor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master of the London County Association) has been decorated with the King's Coronation Medal for his services in the Post Office.

We regret to record the death of an old Sussex ringer, Mr. George Walder, of Bolney, who died on May 7th at the advanced age of 81 years.

The death occurred on Coronation Day of the Rev. John Freeman Russell, Dean of Oriel College, Oxford. He was 39 years of age. When a student at Pembroke College he learned to ring, and since his return to the district he has frequently rung both with the University and Oxford City ringers, by whom his early death is much regretted.

It must be rather unusual for a ringer to ring a peal of Superlative Surprise Royal before ringing a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, but, having rung the Royal some time ago, Mr. F. E. Darby, of Beddington, has just rung his first in the method on eight bells.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Kerley was celebrated at Aberdare by a peal of Grandsire Triples. Mr. Kerley was a ringer for 22 years before the war. The peal in honour of the golden wedding was conducted by his son.

The peal rung at Cockington, Devon, on April 23rd, should be credited to the Devon Guild.

The Coronation peal of Stedman Triples at Marlow, Bucks, last Saturday was the first peal on the bells for a period of 33 years. Now that the ice has been broken it is to be hoped that such a long period will not be allowed to lapse before the next peal is recorded.

The first peal of Rochester Surprise Royal was rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, on Saturday. F. J. Smith, who was a member of the band, has rung the method on 8, 10 and 12 bells, being the first to gain such a distinction.

Mr. J. H. Cheesman, the noted North Kent ringer, added another link to his record on May 13th when he rang his 100th peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. John the Baptist Church, Erith.

IN RURAL MIDDLESEX.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S UNUSUAL TRIP.

The recent notice of a meeting of the Middlesex County Association at Bedfont, Stanwell and Harmondsworth, optimistically referred to 'buses from Hounslow.' The complete absence of such apparently kept the greybeards at home, and we now report the May run of 'the South and West District Cycle Club.' 'Tis true there were two hikers, but the rest were all cyclists. There were big, little, heavy, light, old and new cycles of every description with handlebars of wonderful design! There were also two pairs of braw knees on view.

Rev. G. H. Bradley, Vicar of Bedfont, welcomed members to his tower, and expressed his pleasure at their visit. And so to the bells, a tuneful ring of six (when heard at a distance!). There is the story of the village idiot who, when asked why he was clouting his own head, replied that it was so nice when he left off. Such is the din in the ringing chamber at Bedfont that one has a somewhat similar feeling when the bells are set up!

At Stanwell, Rev. H. F. Gaster greeted the party, and remained with them throughout their visit. It was refreshing to meet a cleric so genuinely interested in ringing and ringers. He presided over the tea, and later, in his study, presented the secretary with a guinea towards the association funds. The five bells proved more difficult than many expected. The beginner is told to hold his bell up more when hunting up and the reverse when coming to lead. The lower the number of bells, the more marked the difference. If eight-bell ringers would bear this elementary rule in mind, their attempts at five and six-bell ringing would be more successful! Stanwell tenor was cast in 1766. On the belfry wall are details of 'a record peal of two hours,' in which two men rang the tenor! No doubt a notable achievement in local history.

The last town, Harmondsworth, presented no difficulties. A nice handy ring of six, they were rung to various methods, including Cambridge Surprise.

From the top of the tower, a vast mound of gigantic stones could be seen set in a field. It was the remains of Waterloo Bridge, and not a pyramid in course of erection, as first suspected! Certainly an odd sight in a district chiefly agricultural.

And so to a final impression, the 'club' spinning along the homeward round in orderly formation. An enjoyable meeting, notable for its friendly atmosphere.

The next meeting will be held at Sunbury on June 12th.

MR. F. WHITE'S 200 PEALS.

Mr. F. White, of Cranbrook, Kent, rang his 200th peal on Saturday, April 24th. His total is made up of: Grandsire Triples 5, Caters 5, Stedman Triples 41 (2 in hand on 7-8), Caters 7, Cinques 1, Plain Bob Major 4, Royal 2, Maximus 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 8, Royal 10, Maximus 1, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Spliced Treble Bob Major 1, Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 22, Cambridge Surprise Major 18 (one New Cambridge), Royal 2, Superlative 47 (conducted 2), London 9, Bristol 6 (including 12,160), Norfolk 3, Yorkshire 3, Little Bob Maximus 1, Canterbury Pleasure Maximus 1, total 200. Rung in 80 towers, in 17 counties, with 360 different ringers.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING AT CANTERBURY.

President Elected an Honorary Member.

The second session of the sixteenth Council, the 45th annual meeting, was held in the Chapter House at Canterbury Cathedral on Tuesday.

There were present 83 representative members and 12 honorary members, 51 representative and four honorary members being absent. Of the 50 affiliated societies, 19 associations were fully represented, 20 partially represented and 11 were unrepresented.

The chair was occupied by the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis), who is a representative member of the Cambridge University Guild, but the affiliation fee of the Guild not having been paid, under the rules Mr. Lewis was debarred from speaking or voting. The situation was met by electing him an honorary member.

Before the meeting opened, however, the President said that, had his engagements permitted, the Archbishop of Canterbury would have been present to welcome them, but he had had to return to London. Fortunately, they had someone else to welcome them to the county of Kent and the city of Canterbury in the person of an old member of the Council, who was for many years secretary of the Kent County Association—Canon Helmore (applause).

Canon Helmore, who is now considerably over 80 years of age, was received with renewed applause. He welcomed the Council to the Cathedral, the city and the county. He wished the Council success in their deliberations and hoped the result of their meeting would be the progress of the Council and the cause they had at heart. He added that he used to be a member of the Council, but that was a thing of the past.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) reported as to the constitution of the Council, which consisted of 50 affiliated associations, entitled to 138 members, of whom 135 had been elected, and 15 hon. members. He added that the subscriptions of the Durham and Newcastle, the North Notts, the North Wales and the Cambridge University Guild had not been paid.

The difficult situation in which the president was thus placed was surmounted by Mr. A. Paddon Smith immediately proposing the election of the president as an honorary member.

Mr. S. H. Wood seconded, and, as a member of Cambridge University Guild, expressed regret for the omission which had produced the rather unfortunate situation.

The motion was carried with applause.

MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

The following message of loyalty and congratulation to the King was passed by the members standing:—

'The members of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, who represent 21,000 change ringers, assembled for their annual meeting in the Chapter House, Canterbury Cathedral, wish to repeat to your Majesty the message of congratulation and loyalty which rang out last Wednesday from the church towers of the country.—Edwin H. Lewis, President.'

During the afternoon the following reply was received from Buckingham Palace:—

'President, Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

'The King is much gratified to receive your message of congratulations on the occasion of His Majesty's Coronation. I am desirous to express his warm thanks to all who joined in these good wishes.—Private Secretary.'

After the reading of the message the members joined in singing the National Anthem.

The following retiring hon. members were re-elected: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, E. C. S. Turner and S. H. Wood.

After the presentation of new members to the president and the reading of a long list of apologies for absence, reference was made by the president to the members and past members who had died during the year, and the Council stood for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

GLOSSARY TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

The report of the hon. librarian referred to the additions made during the year to the library and asked for instructions as to the disposal of 962 copies of the 'Glossary,' much of which was out of date. It also called attention to the fact that the following books were exhausted: 'Rules and Decisions of the Council,' 'Model Rules for a Local Company' and 'Preservation of Bells.' The two latter are in demand.

The Council adopted the report and decided to distribute the copies of the Glossary to associations free of charge, on payment of carriage, and to reprint 'Model Rules' and 'Preservation of Bells.' They also decided to reprint 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners' if necessary.

Thanks were accorded to the donors of books to the library.

The statement of accounts showed that the receipts, which amounted to £51 13s. 5d., included £30 15s. from affiliation fees for 1936-7 and 10s. in arrears for 1935-6, £1 10s. from hon. members' subscriptions, £5 from interest on stock and £14 3s. 5d. from sales of publications. The expenditure amounted to £15 3s. 1d., leaving a balance on the general account of £105 11s. 7d., compared with £68 16s. 3d. last year.—The accounts were adopted.

A METHODS REGISTER.

The Methods Committee, in their report, pointed out that they had in working order a scheme by which all methods can be tabulated and indexed, and any information regarding them can be obtained in a

very few minutes. The assistance of the Council was asked in making it operative. Several thousands of Surprise methods are available, and any information respecting them will readily be given to any ringer or band asking for it.

The report went on to deal with the question of claims to methods by those who work them out. These men, the committee said, had a right to claim that they had composed the methods, but the claim to ownership and exclusive rights had failed. That, however, did not diminish the credit which rightly belongs to those men who have made so many good methods available for the Exercise.

The following recommendation of the committee, as well as the report, was adopted.

'That in order to assist the Council in keeping up to date a Register of Methods which have been rung, the secretaries of affiliated associations be asked to forward to the Council the figures of any method rung for the first time, and the composition, together with particulars of the first performance.

ANTI-NOISE LEAGUE LEAFLETS.

The Towers and Belfries Committee in their report said that the committee had given advice in some dozen cases. In several of the towers advice was asked about modification of sound near the church. Since the last meeting of the Council the Anti-Noise League had printed a pamphlet on the subject. The committee thought it desirable to co-operate with the Anti-Noise League as far as possible, and, after reviewing the pamphlet, decided to send copies to all Archdeacons with a covering letter recommending it to their serious consideration.

WELDING USELESS FOR CRACKED SOUND BOWS.

In moving the adoption of the report, the President gave an interesting dissertation upon the welding of bells. As the result of what he had seen in the case of a bell welded, which had cracked again, he expressed the opinion that it was useless to weld a bell cracked at the sound bow. Mr. Lewis explained the scientific difficulties in the way of successful welding.

He also gave some important details as to the effect upon weak towers of the lowering of bells in peal, and, referring to the recent case of the refusal of a faculty at Thetford, reminded the Council of the importance of the various associations having someone on the Diocesan Advisory Committees wherever possible.

Discussion took place, and on the president's suggestion a resolution was passed to obtain from the affiliated associations information as to what was happening in the dioceses, so that they might know which associations had representatives on the diocesan advisory boards and which had not. When they had that information, the President said, they could consider what further action could be taken.

A discussion next followed as to the insurance of ringers, which elicited the information that the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company was prepared to insure against accidents to ringers (whether paid or voluntary) in the belfry and in going to and from ringing, at the rate of one shilling per ringer per annum, with a minimum of ten shillings.

It was resolved to make a donation of one guinea to the Anti-Noise League in recognition of the gift to the Council of the leaflets sent out to the Archdeacons, and to keep the Council in touch with the League's activities.

The report of the Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee reviewed the treatment of ringing by the Press, and referred to the principal events in broadcasting in which bells had figured.—The report was adopted.

COLLECTING INFORMATION.

In the report of the Peal Boards Committee it was stated that many interesting records had been received, including a complete list of 48 peals rung by the Society of Sherwood Youths, which was established in 1672. Many records had been sent without the names of the performers. The committee asked the Council's opinion whether the names of the performers should be obtained and recorded, and it was decided that the fullest information should be obtained and recorded.

The Biographies Committee reported that only slightly over half the number of forms sent out had been returned, and asked those who had the remainder in their hands to send them in at an early date. Permission was asked to spend up to three guineas for the necessary albums, and also to incur expenditure in having certain photographs copied that were at present only on loan.

The report was adopted, together with a suggestion by the Standing Committee that the Biographies Committee be empowered to have all the necessary photographs copied to bring them to a uniform size. The committee were also authorised to obtain biographical details and photographs from present members of the Council, for future use, the committee having expressed the opinion that this course would save much trouble in the future.

A report, arising out of last year's discussion on the subject of increasing the circulation of 'The Ringing World,' said that the request to members of the Council and secretaries of affiliated societies for suggestions had an extremely disappointing result, and it was resolved to give a further opportunity for suggestions to be sent in.

The president presented a report upon the question of muffled ringing, which was approved in general outline, and when further information as to local customs has been obtained it will be submitted to the authorities of the Church for their approval.

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CORONATION JOY BELLS.

HOW RINGERS CELEBRATED THE GREAT EVENT.

News from All Parts of the Country.

Everywhere throughout the country, from the tower of Westminster Abbey itself to the tiniest village church, the bells celebrated the Coronation of King George VI. and his Queen. A large number of peals were rung, many were attempted but lost, but in the vast majority of places the ringers were content with shorter lengths. We print to-day many interesting details with regard to Coronation Day ringing.

The peal records, elsewhere, begin with the achievement at Westminster Abbey, where, after the King and Queen had left, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung.

Listeners throughout the world heard over the ether the ringing of the bells at St. Margaret's, Westminster, as their Majesties approached the Abbey, and at the climax of the wonderful service, when the King was crowned, the 'firing' of the bells of the Abbey. Then, after the ceremony and before the peal began, the bells were 'fired' 42 times—the King's age—separated by the Queen's change, as a salute for Her Majesty.

A peal was begun immediately after the Abbey service at St. Clement Dances in the Strand and successfully completed, as recorded elsewhere.

It had been hoped to attempt a peal at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, but a stand erected on the roof of the church made continuous ringing for this length of time impossible. However, the Cumberland Youths rang touches of Stedman Cinques and a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus during the afternoon, in which the following members took part: Mrs. G. H. Cross, Miss J. Thompson, G. Radley, J. H. Cheesman, H. Hovard, H. E. Audsley, H. Parkes, F. J. Cullum, J. Bailey, T. Newman, N. Summerhayes, G. W. Steere, W. J. Nudds and G. H. Cross.

Ringings took place also at many of the London churches. The peal attempt at St. Paul's Cathedral had to be postponed until Saturday, when, however, it was unfortunately lost after two and a quarter hours' excellent ringing.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, Lancs, on Coronation Day, a date touch of Bob Major (1,337 changes): R. Taylor 1, A. Parkinson 2, J. Woods 3, G. Ainsworth 4, H. Biskham 5, K. Harrison 6, J. Wade 7, E. Parkinson (conductor) 8. Longest length by all except ringers of 3, 4 and 8. Longest length as conductor. All are service ringers at St. Leonard's Church.

At Kingston Magna, Dorset, the bells were rung at intervals from 5.30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 'fired' as a bonfire was lit at nightfall.

The festivities at Guildford concluded with revelries in the High Street, as the signal for the starting of which, at 11 p.m., the bells of the Cathedral were rung at the request of the Mayor.

At Yateley, Hants, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Hearmon 1, W. G. Bunch 2, A. Hearmon 3, C. Bunch 4, S. Bunch 5, A. Goodall 6, G. Butler (conductor) 7, F. Bunch 8.

At New Alresford, Hants, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 7.6.8 behind: J. Boniface 1, H. Shaw 2, C. White 3, L. Tremear 4, H. Newnham (conductor) 5, W. Smith 6, W. Wearing 7, G. Allen 8. First quarter-peal by all excepting the conductor.

At Benhilton, Sutton, Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung by the following local band: Arthur Ison (first quarter-peal) 1, F. H. Randall 2, A. W. Long (first quarter-peal) 3, E. Enticknap 4, G. Chiverton 5, H. Smerdon 6, W. C. Smith (conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8.

At Hayes, Kent, 720 Bob Minor: W. Lyddiard 1, J. Lyddiard 2, A. Purdon 3, Miss Oakshett 4, F. Keech 5, M. F. Oakshett (first 720 as conductor) 6.

BELLS OPEN OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

The official programme at Cirencester, Glos., was opened by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) at the Parish Church: H. S. Parsons 1, H. L. Cooke 2, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 3, F. J. Lewis, jun. 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. G. Cook 6, H. C. Bond 7, A. Painter 8. W. H. Hayward 9, F. F. Bloxham 10, and was followed by a 'royal salute' of 21 shots. F. J. Lewis, jun., has now rung a quarter-peal on each of the 10 bells.

At St. Luke's Church, Bromley Common, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Lyddiard 1, Miss Oakshett 2, A. Purdon 3, M. F. Oakshett 4, F. E. Pitman 5, E. Mounter 6, J. Lyddiard 7, P. Whitehead (first quarter-peal) 8.

For the special Coronation 'dedication' service on May 9th at Hugglescote, Leicestershire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Hadfield 1, G. Walker 2, W. Johnson 3, J. H. Dean (conductor) 4, H. Mould 5, J. Tovell 6, H. O. Over 7, T. Aldread 8.

At Watford, the Watford Society rang the first peal of Watford Surprise Major. What for? did somebody ask? Why the Coronation, of course.

At Woolwich (St. Mary's) Parish Church for Coronation service on Sunday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. S. Davis 1, D. M. Sharp 2, A. J. Hopper 3, H. Mackinder 4, F. Johnson 5, A. S. Richards 6, B. W. Aldridge (conductor) 7, S. McCabe 8.

At St. Mary's, Nottingham, for Coronation Day Communion service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Parfremment 1, H. Clemence 2, F. A. Salter 3, W. Nichols 4, F. Blood 5, J. A. Parratt 6, F. Bradley (conductor) 7, B. Marshall 8.

At Stalybridge, Cheshire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Robert Crawshaw 1, Walter Schofield 2, George Crowdy 3, James Jackson 4, Frank Hodge (conductor) 5, Herbert Davenport 6, Harry Saxon 7, Tom Broadbent 8.

At St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples after the evening Coronation service: B. Weaver 1, H. Corney 2, F. Corney 3, A. Boyack (first quarter 'inside') 4, S. Webb 5, C. Moss 6, E. Holman (conductor) 7, W. Morley 8. It was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

Ringings at Spalding Parish Church commenced at 7 a.m., when 504 Stedman Triples were rung: A. J. Farr 1, J. T. Brown 2, N. Hollingworth 3, R. Smith 4, W. Hollingworth 5, F. Wootton 6, J. G. Ames (conductor) 7, Raymond Smith 8. After this a salute of 41 'shots' was fired on the bells, then followed another 504 of Triples, with G. W. Mills in the place of F. Wootton, conducted by A. J. Farr.

After meeting short for a peal attempt of Bob Major at Longstanton, Cambs, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor and 720 London Surprise Minor were rung by F. G. Gleaves, G. Crisp, B. Wayman, R. St. J. Smith, H. Martin, T. R. Dennis and E. G. Hibbins.

'THREE THREES.'

Mr. J. Gould has rung at Henbury, Gloucestershire, for three coronations, three royal funerals and three jubilees. He conducted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on Coronation Day: A. J. Hilbar 1, Mrs. J. Gould 2, T. Harris 3, C. Gould 4, H. Baugley 5, H. Bromfield 6, J. Gould 7, F. Lewis 8.

Three 'firsts' were included in the quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings: S. J. Levett 1, N. S. Palmer 2, *G. Broome 3, *S. May 4, L. Giles 5, *J. E. Pennells 6, C. A. Levett (conductor) 7, J. Downing 8. * First quarter-peal.

At Billingham, Lincs, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of a 720 of Single Court and a 540 of Bob Minor: A. Chilterns 1, J. E. Allen (conductor) 2, G. Creasey (first quarter-peal) 3, L. Wilson 4, F. Carford 5, G. S. Collishaw 6. The band made an unsuccessful attempt for a Coronation peal on Saturday, May 8th, breaking down in the fifth 720.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, who also took part in the ringing for two previous Coronations, rang in a touch of 240 Oxford Treble Bob at St. Clement's, Ipswich, after the following had rung 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Frederick Bowell (conductor) 1, David Brunning 2, Victor E. Waters 3, William Prime 4, Ed. C. Simpson 5, Ernest C. Kimm 6.

Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in the morning at Christ Church, Southgate, Middlesex: Mrs. E. H. King 1, Mrs. N. A. Tomlinson 2, W. J. Bowden 3, J. E. Miller 4, H. Miller 5, J. G. Nash 6, S. Wade (conductor) 7, F. Miller 8.

At Tunstall, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by *Miss Freda Hollands 1, G. H. Spice 2, W. Spice, jun. 3, Mrs. G. H. Spice 4, G. Webb 5, J. Webb 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, *John Spice 8. * First quarter-peal and first attempt. Also a 720 of Bob Minor: Miss F. Hollands 1, John Spice 2, Mrs. G. H. Spice 3, J. Webb 4, G. H. Spice 5, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 6. First 720 by Master John Spice.

A RECORD.

'Teddy' Barnett, of Crayford, has made another record, and one which will probably stand for a long while. He is only eighteen years of age, but the Coronation peal which he conducted was his one hundredth peal in his own tower, and is the third generation of his family to reach this number, for both his father and grandfather surpassed this number at Crayford.

At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Farningham, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Mills 1, F. Mason 2, W. Wingate 3, J. Couchman 4, A. Bates (conductor) 5, B. Garman 6.

At Rotherfield, Sussex, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples by members of the local company: A. Lovell 1, J. Hack 2, R. Mitchell 3, A. F. Lewry 4, F. Hammond 5, B. Bishop, sen. 6, C. Brasier (conductor) 7, H. Hinson 8.

A band who only started method ringing in October last year rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at Longparish, Hants. It was their first quarter-peal and first attempt. They are all Sunday service ringers: G. Brown 1, F. Tonge 2, A. Boudall 3, A. Turton 4, L. Trickey 5, F. Sully 6. The conducting was shared by A. Boudall and L. Trickey. An attempt for a peal on the following evening failed in the 20th extent.

At Lydiard Millicent, Wilts, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 43 minutes: Dennis Brewer (aged 11) 1, A. Lawrence (aged 82) 2, A. H. Strange 3, R. Shailes 4, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 5, A. J. Gough 6.

At Grimsby, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Haydn Hadwick 1, George Snell 2, Arthur Swain 3, J. Benjamin Budd 4, Frederick Overton 5, Charles W. Taylor (conductor) 6, Stephen Blomfield 7, Charles Kennington 8.

Six ringers rang their first quarter-peal of Bob Major at Liscard, Cheshire, when 1,280 Bob Major was brought round: Hugh Roberts 1, Robert Lear 2, Douglas Watson, jun. 3, J. Norman Benson 4, David Hughes 5, George Ledsham 6, Lester L. Gray 7, Frank Varty (conductor) 8. First quarter of Bob Major for ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8.

A quarter-peal of London Surprise Minor (1,272 changes) was rung at Limpsfield Chart, Surrey: Frederick G. Budgen 1, James W. Knight 2, H. F. Hytton Tidy 3, Edward E. Tidy 4, John O. Weller 5, Leonard A. Tidy (conductor) 6.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Ashford, Kent: Mrs. C. W. Everett 1, T. Tabrett 2, J. Parsons 3, H. C. Castle 4, G. Swaffer 5, P. Page 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, D. Godden 8.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Heston, Middlesex: W. H. Stevens 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, H. C. Chandler 3, W. Morris 4, W. Sparrow 5, A. Jones 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, H. G. Cooper 8. Members of the Heston band also assisted at Feltham and Hounslow earlier in the day.

After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Holloway, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Brown 1, Miss Dixon 2, R. Newman 3, R. Charge 4, C. Charge 5, M. Feusom 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, A. Johnson 8.

HARD LUCK FOR BOURNEMOUTH RINGERS.

The St. John's, Bournemouth, ringers had hard luck with a peal of Stedman Triples. After three hours' excellent ringing, the bells just 'piled up' with only a few minutes to go. The band wish to congratulate the tenorman, Mr. F. Longman (who is in his 72nd year), on his steady ringing throughout the peal.

A 720 of Bob Minor was rung at Willingham, Lincs: W. Roberts 1, H. Bingham 2, P. A. Lunn 3, N. B. Thurlby 4, F. Scrimshaw 5, George L. A. Lunn (conductor) 6.

Four local ringers at Lea, Lincs, took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. M. Smith (first quarter-peal) 1, George L. A. Lunn (conductor) 2, Miss E. Marshall 3, P. Dixon 4, P. A. Lunn 5, George W. Hudson 6. The local ringers were those on Nos. 1, 2, 5 and 6.

At Stretford, Lancs, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. J. Steele 1, W. Birchall 2, C. W. Birchall 3, T. Birchall 4, H. Birchall 5, C. N. Birchall 6, H. Chapman 7, W. J. Moss (conductor) 8. Also during the day the bells were 'fired,' and 'Queen's' and 'Whittington' changes rung, Messrs. W. Wigglesworth and T. Aldcroft taking part.

At Woodburn, Bucks, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 1.2 leading and 1 tenor covering: R. Burton (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Baker (first quarter-peal) 2, S. Burton (first quarter-peal) 3, A. Martin 4, T. Burton (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, P. Hinton 6, B. Collet 7, R. Jones (first quarter-peal) 8.

Three quarter-peals were rung on Coronation Day at Netherton, Worcestershire, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (composed and conducted by Alfred Davies), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), both conducted by Alfred Davies. The ringers were John W. Smith 1, Stanley Prestidge 2, Henry Hill 3, Fred Boote 4, William Davies 5, Henry Hubbard 6, Alfred Davies 7, Joseph H. Davies 8.

At St. Mary's, Newmarket, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: F. E. Helps 1, R. Heath 2, S. Ward 3, S. Howlett 4, R. C. Sharpe 5, A. E. Austin (conductor) 6, and at All Saints', Newmarket, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor with 6.8 covering: S. Ward 1, S. Howlett 2, R. Heath 3, A. E. Austin (conductor) 4, F. E. Helps 5, F. C. Turner 6, R. C. Sharpe 7, I. Beale 8.

MR. JAMES GEORGE COMES BACK.

It seems very fitting that on Coronation Day Mr. James George, who, by the way, is in his 84th year, should renew his peal ringing activities after an absence of 13 months. On Wednesday he rang the 7th at Thurstaston to a peal of Stedman Triples. He has lost none of the knack of putting a bell in its place, and to ring a 'five thousand' of Stedman without a single mistake is truly a remarkable performance, even for such an octogenarian.

A first quarter by all the band, who are Sunday service ringers, was scored at Ticknall, Derbyshire, on Coronation Day, 1,260 changes of Grandsire Doubles was rung by W. Scar 1, J. Hulse 2, G. Hill 3, T. J. Marriott (conductor) 4, F. Hulse 5, A. Woodward 6.

Coronation Day ringing at St. Margaret's Church, Uxbridge, consisted of a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss V. Cooper 1, Miss E. Bedford 2, G. Gutteridge 3, A. Bray 4, B. Marson (first 'inside') 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, C. Nicholls 7, J. Childs 8.

After a peal attempt failed at Thatcham, Berks, on Saturday, May 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by T. Fisher 1, H. Lawrenson 2, W. Warrick 3, Miss S. Davis 4, S. Quintin 5, G. Fowler 6, E. W. Rex (conductor) 7, C. Tilling 8.

Two twelve-year-old ringers achieved their longest lengths on Coronation Day. Enid Richardson, of Surfleet, daughter of the Master of Lincoln Diocesan Guild, rang her first quarter-peal, and to add to the distinction it was conducted by her mother—Mrs. Richardson's first quarter-peal as conductor. Unfortunately, his recent accident prevented 'daddy' taking part as well.

An outstanding performance was that at Wigston Magna, Leicestershire, where a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods, with a change of method at every lead, except three, when a Before was called, was rung. And its merit was enhanced by the fact that all the band are Sunday service ringers at the church, and that it was the first 'spliced' peal by all the band.

The Sunday service band at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, did well in scoring the first peal of Grandsire Caters for the Scottish Association. Only two of the ringers, the conductor (Mr. W. H. Pickett) and Mr. R. O. Street (of Cambridge University Guild) had previously rung a peal of Grandsire Caters.

Five of the bells at St. Edburgha's Church, Yardley, Birmingham, have rung for no fewer than twelve Coronations, for they date back to the early part of the 17th century. The present peal of six was completed by the addition of a treble to commemorate the Coronation of King Edward VII. in 1902. On Wednesday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on them by Conrad Phillips 1, Roland Edwards 2, Albert T. Scrivens 3, George H. Taylor (conductor) 4, William Mullock 5, John Lindon 6.

All the ringers who took part in the peal of Stedman Cinques at Walsall are Sunday Service ringers at St. Matthew's Church, and at Stourbridge, Worcestershire, a local band rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

CELEBRATIONS IN FIVE REIGNS

At the Parish Church, Brighouse, for 9.30 a.m. service, the local ringers, assisted by a recruit from Stainland, rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, after which the bells were 'fired' 41 times in royal salute: Jack Whitely 1, Arthur Hinchcliffe 2, George Drake 3, Cyril F. Sutcliffe 4, James Pulman 5, W. E. Holroyd (conductor) 6. The ringer of the 3rd has now rung for celebrations in five reigns.

Two ringers, A. White and E. Rodenhurst, who rang in the tower at Stanton-on-Hine-Heath, Salop, for the Coronation of King George V. on June 22nd, 1911, rang last Wednesday for the Coronation of King George VI. For the Coronation service, 960 Grandsire Doubles: J. Bayley 1, A. White 2, A. Bayley 3, A. Jones 4, E. Rodenhurst (conductor) 5, P. Davies 6.

The peal at East Ilsley, Berks, on May 5th, was specially arranged as a prelude to the Coronation festivities in the village.

The Coronation was celebrated at Marple, Cheshire, by the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band—a peal in two methods of Doubles. Two of the ringers, including a lady, rang their first peal at the first attempt, and two others, including the lady's husband, their first peal away from the treble. It was also Mr. A. Whiting's first peal as conductor.

Another good performance was at Kirkby-in-Furness, where five of the local band rang their first peal at the first attempt. The conductor was Mr. N. M. Newby, the district secretary of the Lancashire Association.

At Whittle-le-Woods, Lancs, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung. The ringers defied superstition and rang Mr. Arthur Knight's composition No. 13. It was a 5,088, reduced from 7,360, and was rung for the first time. Nothing untoward happened, so the superstition had another blow.

SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR.

The peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Dartford for the Coronation, had only just been completed, and the bells were being lowered in peal, when an ominous thump overhead announced the fact that the tenor clapper had broken off short below the staple.

Twin sisters and twin brothers took part in a peal of Bob Major at Sutton-on-Trent on Coronation morning. The Misses Kath and Grace Burchmell, who have rung over a hundred peals together and never one apart, rang the treble and 2nd, and Jack and Thomas Vessey, who were making their first attempt for an eight-bell peal, rang the 3rd and 4th. And they got up early to do so, for 'Go' was called at exactly 6 a.m.

This peal was called by Clifford Vessey, another brother, who later conducted the quickest peal rung at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, where the tenor is only 6½ cwt. This was in seven methods, and occupied only 2 hrs. 24 mins. And yet another member of the family participated, for Miss Dorothy Vessey rang the 4th.

The bells of St. Hilda's Church, South Shields, were rung for a few minutes following the actual crowning of the King in Westminster Abbey. The bells had also been rung from 6.30 to 7 o'clock in the morning, and after the broadcast of the Abbey service 2,160 Bob Minor was rung: R. Keddie 1, T. F. Preston 2, S. Patterson 3, C. Lea 4, H. Lea 5, W. Robson (conductor) 6. This is a comparatively new band, it was the longest length by any of them except the conductor.

The quarter-peal (1,344 Bob Major) was rung by Miss Enid M. Richardson 1, C. Dobney 2, J. W. Carter 3, J. W. Flowers 4, C. C. Rawding 5, E. T. King 6, N. T. King 7, Mrs. R. Richardson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

The other young ringer was F. Perrem, of Brampford Spoke, Devon, who scored his first 720, when he rang the treble to an extent of Bob Minor, the band being F. Perrem 1, W. J. Baker 2, W. J. Andrews 3, W. H. Key 4, H. J. Rowe 5, Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 6.

The first peal on the bells at St. Mark's Church, Bath, was rung on Coronation Day, and by a band all attached to the church.

In a peal of Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering, at Sunbury-on-Thames, four of the band rang their first peal at the first attempt, and another rang his first peal 'inside.'

For the broadcast Coronation service, in the Parish Church of St. Martin, Tipton, Staffs, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Williams 1, N. Leech 2, B. Windsor 3, G. Hughes 4, R. Morton 5, A. Rowley (conductor) 6, C. Winwood 7, G. Morton 8.

The first 720 of Double Oxford by all but one of the ringers was rung at Bergh Apton, Norfolk: A. Boggis 1, L. Jermy 2, R. Warman 3, H. Boggis (conductor) 4, R. Drane 5, L. Lester 6. First by all, except the ringer of the third.

At Stavley, near Chesterfield, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): Miss M. Harris 1, Lewis G. Palmer 2, George Willis 3, Frederick E. Parsons 4, Herbert Stowe 5, Dennis Parsons 6, William T. Palmer 7, Alfred E. Palmer (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 3rd, and first quarter-peal 'inside' by the ringer of the 6th.

An attempt for Heywood's peal of Stedman Triples, at Kingsteignton Parish Church, Devon, failed after 2 hours 5 minutes' good ringing owing to a shift course: A. L. Bennett 1, H. G. Lewis 2, J. E. Lilley 3, C. R. Walker 4, E. J. Taylor 5, H. C. Collyer 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, H. J. Hole 8.

WEDDING GIFT AFTER CORONATION RINGING.

Touches of London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung on Coronation morning at Irthlingborough. At the conclusion of the ringing a set of carvers was presented to Mr. Fred Palmer, of Irthlingborough, as a wedding gift, the presentation being made by Mr. A. Y. Tyler (foreman). Mr. Palmer was married at the Rushden Independent Wesleyan Church on Saturday to Miss M. Lawson, of Rushden. The same day in honour of the Coronation and also as a wedding compliment an attempt was made for a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at Irthlingborough. After 1 hour and 20 minutes' good striking the peal was lost. The ringers were E. Shelton 1, B. Morris 2, H. Chambers 3, F. Tite 4, C. Bird 5, B. Saddington 6, A. Bigley 7, A. Y. Tyler (conductor) 8.

His Majesty is patron of the living of Landulph, Cornwall, and it was only natural that the bells there should be rung with special significance. Members of the Truro Diocesan Guild rang, first 720 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. H. J. Clark 1, F. Hosking 2, G. Snell 3, H. M. Brown 4, H. J. Clark (conductor) 5, L. Clark 6. The first 720 by the treble and tenor ringers. This was followed by a quarter-peal of 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hosking 1, F. Hosking 2, G. Snell 3, H. M. Brown 4, H. J. Clark (conductor) 5, H. Hosking (first quarter-peal) 6. The conductor is one of His Majesty's tenants.

But the peal had been rung, and the ringers were more fortunate than a band at Yeovil, where a peal of Stedman Caters was lost at the very last change. We are informed that 214365879 came up—and then it 'bust.' What luck! We should have liked to hear the 'inquest' that followed.

HALF-PEALS.

In several places half-peals were rung. One at the Parish Church, Wareham, Dorset, was rung for the 8 a.m. Communion service. It was a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 10 variations, with 7-6-8 covering: Leon M. Day 1, P. Owen Day 2, Dr. A. M. Cunningham 3, H. W. Saunders 4, Francis G. Blake (conductor) 5, Frederick Welsh 6, William G. Hiseock 7, John C. H. Hughes 8. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the church.

Before the 7.30 a.m. service at Bradford Abbas, Dorset, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles: *H. Gilham 1, *P. Smith 2, R. C. Day 3, *C. Smith 4, P. Field (conductor) 5, *E. Smith 6. *Longest length. All are members of the local band except the conductor.

At Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea, a half-peal of Bob Major (2,528 changes) was rung: H. Richardson 1, N. Townsend 2, W. Perry 3, A. Reeve 4, R. Watts 5, W. Dudley 6, E. Lufkin (conductor) 7, W. Taylor 8.

At Henlow, Beds, before Holy Communion service at 7.30 a.m., a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Wilton 1, S. Gravestock 2, F. Beaumont 3, J. Church 4, L. Bywaters 5, P. Tompkins 6. For 10.30 service a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob by the same band.

A peal at North Cadbury, Somerset, had to be abandoned owing to a broken rope, but a half-peal, consisting of two six-scores of Bob Doubles and 19 six-scores of Grandsire, was rung in one and a half hours: S. Laver 1, W. Laver 2, J. Laver (conductor) 3, L. Davis 4, W. Osborn 5, W. Parker 6.

Mr. A. Woods, of Thorne, Yorks, has now rung for three coronations. He took part on Wednesday in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: 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.

At St. Mary's Church, Birkenhead, Cheshire, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) was brought round: R. J. Fawcett 1, W. K. Hamilton 2, W. J. Battle 3, G. Battie 4, J. Cooke 5, J. A. Blair (conductor) 6.

The bells at St. John-the-Baptist Church, Tibshelf, Derbyshire, were 'fired' at 6.30 on Coronation morning. A 720 of Bob Minor followed: F. Wood 1, J. Maddison 2, J. Todd 3, H. Todd 4, J. Draycott 5, H. Draycott (conductor) 6.

Previous to the united service, held in St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, at 9.30 a.m., two complete 720's of London Surprise Minor were rung: D. Parry 1, A. J. Martin 2, Mrs. D. M. Poole 3, J. Leslie 4, F. T. Parry 5, W. Dean (conductor) 6.

After meeting short for Triples at Earls Barton, Northants, 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung with 7-8 covering: J. Lipier 1, H. Line 3, G. Packwood 4, E. Johnson 5, G. Brofield (conductor) 6, F. Jones 7, T. Haughton 8.

The treble ringer at St. Mary's Church, Widdford, Essex, also scored his first quarter-peal in a 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Sibley 1, A. Tarbun 2, J. Tarbun 3, H. W. Kirtan 4, H. W. Shadrack 5, L. J. Clark (conductor) 6, E. J. Runter 7, A. Brewers 8.

A HALF-PEAL.

A half of Parker's Twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hour 40 mins. at Truro Cathedral, where the tenor is 33½ cwt.: John Treloar (longest length on working bell) 1, W. H. Southard 2, Miss E. Jessie C. Angwin 3, F. H. Harris 4, E. Sanders 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 7, P. R. C. Williams 8.

About half-way through the peal of Treble Ten, at Beddington, a Press photographer appeared, accompanied by the verger. Although no visits were expected, a flashlight photograph from the doorway was taken of the ringers in action. The peal concluded at 10.45 a.m.

On Coronation morning, at St. Andrew's, Cobham, for early service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Holden 1, A. Roberts 2, J. Mills 3, E. Matthews 4, W. Faulkner 5, W. James (conductor) 6.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles rung, we know not where, because the report does not say, was scored by the following on Wednesday: John Adams 1, Frederick W. Pritchett 2, Thomas Brewer 3, Harry Adams, jun., 4, Leonard Lerner (conductor) 5, Harry Adams 6. In addition to being in honour of the Coronation, it was a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Adams.

Mr. Charles Tyler, an original member of the Sussex Association, founded 53 years ago, took part at Henfield, Sussex, in a Coronation service quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Brown 1, W. Morey 2, C. Tyler 3, F. Parsons 4, W. J. Alliss 5, A. E. Baker 6, G. Payne (conductor) 7, F. Cruttenden 8.

At Chelmsford Cathedral, 1,259 changes Grandsire Caters gave the treble ringer opportunity for his first quarter-peal: R. Groves 1, H. W. Kirtan 2, H. Allen 3, H. Edwards 4, A. O. Hume 5, L. J. Clark (conductor) 6, J. Wood 7, R. C. Thrift 8, R. C. Clark 9, G. Cooper 10.

On Coronation Day, ringing at Dunstable started at 7 a.m., when 252 Stedman Triples, 272 Bob Major and 336 Grandsire Triples were rung. The ringers taking part were C. E. King, C. W. King, H. Burrows, H. Tearle, G. Haley, F. Ramsay, A. G. Matthews, G. H. Sentance, J. Holmes, E. Franklin and A. E. Sharman. The bells were also fired as a royal salute.

A quarter-peal of Single Oxford Minor (1,260 changes) was rung at Billesdon, Leicestershire, on Coronation Day by R. Boddy 1, H. Faulkner 2, R. Russell 3, G. Geary (conductor) 4, H. Payne 5, N. Geary 6.

At Warnham, Sussex, at 7 a.m., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Leslie Brock 1, John Cook 2, John Stanford 3, Peter Charman 4, William Hooker 5, Jack Branch 6, Walter Charman (conductor) 7, Alfred Charman 8.

At St. Mary's Church, Finchley, a quarter-peal of Minor (900 Plain Bob and 360 Oxford Bob): G. Saunders 1, R. Willis 2, P. Blake 3, F. Tubb 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6. On Thursday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob): R. Willis 1, P. Blake 2, B. Tubb 3, F. Tubb 4, A. Warren 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

GOING STRONG AT 85.

Eighteen ringers took part in the Coronation Day ringing at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, when 1,056 Cambridge Maximus, also 528 Superlative Maximus, 905 Stedman Cinques, touch of Grandsire Cinques and Forward Maximus were rung. Among the company was the veteran Robert H. Brundle, who although in his 86th year rang in both the Cambridge and Superlative Maximus—really a wonderful performance.

A quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung at All Saints' Church, Basingstoke: W. Hilbert 1, F. A. Munday 2, C. W. Munday 3, E. Austin 4, H. Wooding 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6, F. G. Cooper 7, J. Chesterman 8.

A band of Sunday service ringers at Whitbourne, Herefordshire, rang a quarter-peal of Doubles in three methods, viz., Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire: R. J. Caswell 1, Fred Davis 2, Ernest Jones 3, George Jones 4, George Soley (conductor) 5, William Morris 6.

Prior to a service at the Parish Church, Hallow, Worcestershire, the local band rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Lane 1, P. L. Blissett 2, A. H. Tyler 3, J. Batchelor 4, L. Clay 5, A. Morgan 6, T. G. Green (conductor) 7, W. A. Sharp 8.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Thomas', Exeter, after 7.15 a.m. service: W. Rundle 1, J. Hosgood 2, R. Truman 3, W. A. Wills 4, F. Wills 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, E. Hill 7, E. Spurling 8. First quarter-peal for W. Rundle and E. Spurling. The quarter-peal was preceded by a royal salute of 21 'shots' fired on the bells. After 9 a.m. service further ringing took place with 'firing' at intervals. Time would not permit an attempt of a peal.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SIGNS OF ADVANCE IN THE ART.

Hon. Secretary's Cheerful Outlook.

The Earl of Shaftesbury (president) presided over the luncheon and meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at their annual festival at Salisbury on May 1st. He was supported by the Bishop of Salisbury, the Dean of Salisbury, the Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry, Ringwood), and the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Gillingham). A company including many clergy, and numbering 162, sat down.

The loyal toasts and that of the Bishop of the Diocese were honoured.

The annual meeting followed, and the hon. secretary, in his report, stated the number of peals rung was naturally below the outstanding record of 1935. The list included one notable achievement in the first peal of Cinques on the twelve bells of Trowbridge. It was rung by the local band, to whom cordial congratulations were offered. 'Considerable progress in change ringing is being made in different parts of the diocese,' continued the report. 'The formation of a ringing society at the Theological College is a step of great practical value; some of our younger enthusiasts are showing praiseworthy activity in training bands of beginners in the art, while more experienced bands are making steady advance under skilled direction. Practical proof of this fact is to be found in the peal record—as well as in the variety of methods rung at some of the brunch meetings.'

SATISFACTORY FEATURE OF PEALS.

A most satisfactory feature of the whole list of peals was that in no less than 31 out of the 37 rung one or more of the band scored a first peal, or else first in the method or the number of methods. The progressive company at Lyme Regis lost no time in inaugurating the new reign. Within a week of King George VI.'s accession to the Throne they rang the first peal of Bob Major ever accomplished by a local band in West Dorset, with the Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Cox, as conductor. The first peal of Cinques in the county of Wilts, in the diocese and by the Guild brought the record for 1936 to a memorable conclusion on the last day of the year.

'In the coming year,' stated the Master's report, 'I rejoice to see signs of an advance in the art of change ringing; there are more taking advantage of the services of the instructors and interest in different methods, so that there is every prospect of good peals being accomplished.' A great debt of gratitude was owed to instructors.

The statement of accounts showed the income for the year to be £67 4s. 9d. and the expenditure 60 18s. 11d., the credit balance being £66 13s. 4d., as against £60 2s. 6d. the previous year.

The report and accounts were adopted.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Master, the Rev. R. H. Gundry; hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. F. L. Edwards; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. F. Green, Devizes; hon. auditors, the Rev. R. E. G. Newman, Gillingham, and Mr. H. R. Hopkins, Kingston Magna; committee, the officers of the Guild and of the branches, the Rev. Canon R. E. P. Gorrings and Mr. E. P. Field.

Messrs. W. J. Mees, Hilberton, and William Williams, West Lulworth, were elected life members, and Mr. H. D. W. Bishop, of Evershot, was appointed an instructor.

ADDRESS TO THE KING.

On the motion of the Earl of Shaftesbury, it was agreed to send the following loyal address to H.M. the King on the occasion of his Coronation: 'Members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, assembled at their annual meeting in this year of the Royal Coronation, humbly desire to assure your Majesty of their loyal devotion to your throne and person, and pray that for many years to come it will be the privilege of the ringers of this ancient diocese of Salisbury to celebrate your Majesty's birthday with the music of the church bells.'

The sum of 19s. was voted to the Bishop Donaldson Memorial Fund. Mr. Jennings proposed that grants be made to the following towers: St. Peter's, Dorchester, Rampisham, Wyke Regis and Poole.

The Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby, whilst thanking the Guild for their kindness, said St. Peter's could now see their way to meet their needs and would like to stand down for some other tower in greater need (applause).

The other grants were passed.

MUSIC OF BELLS.

The Guild service was held in the Cathedral, when the Bishop, in his address, said the great significance of a bellringers' festival was that brethren of the craft, a holy craft, came together to realise the greatness of the contribution which they made to the united religious life of the country. There is in this country, declared the Bishop, no music so ancient as that to which we have listened in its miniature form in the course of this service (a peal was rung on handbells during the service). There is no music so widely diffused over the country, except, of course, in the miracle of broadcasting, there is none so widely spread and coming from so many points as the music of the church bells. There is no music in the land which engages so many instrumentalists at the same time as the church bells on any Sunday morning, Sunday evening or Coronation Day. 'God speaks through your bells, and you do well to make your ringing as scientific, as skilful and as beautiful as you can.'

About 400 attended the service, and the collection, £4 6s. 1d., was on behalf of the Cathedral Spire Fund.

The methods rung at the various churches through the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Cambridge, London and Superlative Surprise.

MANCHESTER TOWN HALL BELLS.

FINE RING OF TWELVE FOR THE CITY.

An Eight-Ton Hour Bell.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have just completed a magnificent set of bells for Manchester Town Hall, and they are crowned with an eight-ton bourdon on which the clock will strike. During the past few weeks drays with heavy hoisting tackle, followed by others with steel girders and then, later, others with bells, have created interest in front of the main entrance at Manchester Town Hall. Crowds of onlookers gathered to watch the manœuvring of the great compound girders of the new bell frame and the 'handing' of the larger bells up the steps and through the main doorway. All this was part of the work of rehanging the recast bells in the tower of the Town Hall, which is one of the few civic buildings to possess a ringing peal of bells.

There are now 24 bells all told, the great hour bell, weighing 8 tons, being hung in the dome of the tower, with the remaining 23 bells below. Thirteen of the bells are hung for ringing, there being a ring of 12, with tenor 43 cwt., note B, and, in addition, a sharp 2nd, so as to produce a true diatonic octave with the 8th as the tenor bell, which will be found to be very useful for practice purposes.

The other ten bells are hung rigid, and they, together with the 13 bells of the ringing peal, will be connected up to an electro-pneumatic player, whereby well-known tunes will be played at specified times of the day. When the Town Hall authorities placed the contract with Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, the wish was expressed that everything possible should be done so that the ringing peal would be in order for the celebration of the Coronation, and in the limited time at their disposal for a great work of this nature the bell foundry are to be congratulated on what they have accomplished.

The peal was formally opened at noon on Saturday, May 8th, the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Alderman J. Toole, giving the signal to commence the ringing. The ringers (members of the Police Force) then broke into rounds, and then was heard for the first time the beautiful effect as the trebles sounded out, followed down the scale by the larger bells. Grandsire Cinques and Treble Twelve followed.

Mr. J. Wilson, who is in charge of the bells, regrets that notice of the formal opening of the peal was too short to allow of any announcement in 'The Ringing World,' and he hopes that no one will feel aggrieved because they were not informed of the event. A few outsiders, however, either got to know of the ceremony or by chance heard the bells being rung, and upon ascending the tower were made welcome and took part in the ringing. Amongst the ringers present were Supt. P. R. Williams (president of the National Guild of Police Ringers), Mr. W. H. Shaker (secretary of the Lancashire Association), and visitors from Didsbury, Ashton, Reddish, Marple and Bolton, whilst Mr. J. P. Fidler represented Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the contractors for the whole of the bell restoration scheme. The work has included the recasting of 20 bells and adding three new smaller ones, the peal being equipped with modern fittings throughout, and hung in a massive cast-iron and steel framework upon a grillage of steel girders. The bells are inscribed as follows, each bearing a line from Tennyson's immortal poem, 'In Memoriam'—

Tenor.—M. C. Ring out the grief that saps the mind.

This peal of bells was recast and rehung in the Coronation year of King George VI., 1937.

22nd.—W. H. T. For those that here we see no more.

T. S. W.	M. E. M.	J. B.
W. K.	W. D.	R. N. B.
R. T.	W. M.	T. R. A.
J. H. S.	G. W.	E. G.
W. C.	J. C. G.	N. W.
S. W.	J. M. W.	G. R. L.

(The initials are those of members of committee.)

21st.—J. H. Ring out the feud of rich and poor.

20th.—J. L. Ring in redress to all mankind.

19th.—J. M. Ring out a slowly dying cause.

18th.—C. S. And ancient forms of party strife.

17th.—J. C. Ring in the nobler modes of life.

16th.—J. A. With sweeter manners, purer laws.

15th.—J. W. Ring out false pride in place and blood.

14th.—G. B. The civic slander and the spite.

13th.—J. T. Ring in the love of truth and right.

12th.—J. H. Ring in the common love of good.

11th.—J. B. Ring out old shapes of foul disease.

10th.—J. G. Ring out the narrowing lust of gold.

9th.—W. B. Ring out the thousand wars of old.

8th.—J. M. B. Ring in the thousand years of peace.

7th.—P. F. W. Ring in the valiant man and free.

6th.—B. N. The larger heart, the kinder hand.

5th.—J. K. Ring out the darkness of the land.

4th.—J. G. L. Ring in the Christ that is to be.

The three smallest bells have no inscriptions.

The Loughborough foundry have added another glorious peal of twelve to their imposing record. The bells are now rung from the chamber above the previous ringing chamber, and the shorter draught will no doubt be much appreciated by all those who are familiar with the tower. There is no doubt that the Police Guild will make good use of this, their first ring of twelve bells.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

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PEALS OF DOUBLES.

The following motion was then discussed:—

That so much of all previous resolutions of the Council as defines or attempts to define what shall be recognised as a peal of Doubles be rescinded and that the following be substituted therefor:—

1. Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
 - (a) True and complete Six-Scores, without interval between any two Six-Scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
 - (b) Round blocks consisting of two or more Six-Scores, provided that each of the Six-Scores which comprise the round blocks shall be itself a true and complete round block.
 - (c) Twelve-Scores known as Morriss' and Pitman's.
 - (d) Combinations of (a), (b) and (c) above or any two of them.
2. At the conclusion of 5,040 or more changes, rung in accordance with (1) above, one true touch of any length less than 120 changes may be added.
3. Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell.

It was moved by Mr. Wilfred Wilson, in a 'maiden' speech. He reviewed the course of the controversy on Minor and Doubles peals, commencing with the Hereford meeting in 1928, and urged the Council to adopt his proposal as placing Doubles on the same basis as Minor, since the admission of the Bankes James arrangement.

The motion was seconded by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, and opposed by Mr. S. H. Wood and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Mr. J. Hunt, Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. P. J. Johnson spoke in support, the last-named on the ground that the Council should be consistent in its inconsistency.

An amendment, moved by Mr. Trollope and seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, to omit clause 2, was carried, but another amendment, moved by Mr. W. B. Kynaston and seconded by Mr. S. H. Hillier, to delete sub-clauses (b), (c) and (d), was defeated by a considerable majority, and the resolution, as proposed, was then adopted.

The Council by a large majority decided to meet next year at Leeds. Other places proposed were Leicester and Dublin.

CONGRATULATIONS.

On the motion of Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. Trollope, it was resolved to send a letter to the Ancient Society of College Youths congratulating them upon attaining their tercentenary.

On the suggestion of Mr. F. W. Rogers it was also decided to send a letter of congratulation to the Ladies' Guild on reaching their silver jubilee.

The subject of 'radio' bells was ventilated, but no action taken.

Mr. A. J. Harris broached the subject of the publication of notices of matters of major importance at least six months before the Council meeting, so that associations might have the opportunity of considering them at their own annual meetings.

It was pointed out that, to enable all associations to have this opportunity, motions would have to be handed in a year ahead.

The President ruled that no action could be taken that day as an alteration of the rules was involved, and due notice must be given.

PROPOSED MEMORIALS TO PAST MEMBERS.

It was resolved, subject to the scheme being carried out to provide a memorial to the late Canon H. J. Elsee, to subscribe a sum of three guineas. The scheme at present before the committee of the Lancashire Association consists of improvements in the tower of St. George's Church, Bolton, estimated to cost about £450.

A sum of three guineas was also provisionally voted to a scheme, if one were set on foot, for a memorial to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, who was librarian of the Council.

RAISING AND FALLING BELLS.

The President made reference to the practice in some places of jangling the bells up and down, and called attention to a previous resolution of the Council that bells should preferably be raised in peal, but where it was necessary to raise them otherwise it was desirable to raise them singly and in order. He hoped that ringers would adhere to this practice where they could not raise or lower the bells in peal.

An omnibus vote of thanks to all concerned in the arrangements for the meeting was passed, and hearty thanks were also accorded to the hon. secretary and Mrs. Fletcher, and to the president.

This brought the meeting to a close soon after 5 p.m.

Members and friends afterwards took tea at the County Hotel as the guests of the Kent County Association, and later there was a social evening.

Throughout the week-end there was much ringing done on the bells of the Cathedral and other churches in Canterbury and neighbouring places. There was also a tour of the grand old Cathedral conducted by Mr. Morton Pierce.

A fuller report of the meeting will be commenced in our next issue.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On May 2nd, for evening service at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss I. Tuck 1, Miss E. Southby 2, T. E. Denyer 3, G. W. Challen 4, W. Denyer 5, E. J. Gower 6, W. H. Viggers (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. Kenward 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(Established 1637.)

THE TERCENTENARY FESTIVAL.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

A service will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 4 p.m. Dinner at Cannon Street Hotel at 6 p.m. Tickets to members 10s. each, to non-members 12s. 6d. each. The maximum seating capacity is 400. Application should be made as early as possible, as no tickets can be issued in excess of that number.

William T. Cockerill,

Hon. Secretary.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held

at St. Magnus' on the 27th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 25th, 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.—Please note:—The next meeting will be held at OVERSEALE on Saturday, May 22nd. Measham bells not available. Time 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. A hearty welcome awaits all visitors.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

RISHTON PARISH CHURCH.—The re-dedication of the peal of eight bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, will take place on Saturday, May 22nd, at 3 p.m. The dedication will be conducted by the Rev. Canon G. Stewart Perry, M.A. (Rural Dean of Blackburn). Tea will be provided after the service in the Horwood Road Schools. Ringers and friends are heartily invited to the dedication service.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Walsoken, on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Usual arrangements for tea. The Sharnford meeting is fixed for June 26th.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Millom, on Saturday, May 22nd. Tower open at 2.30.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 22nd. Service 4.15. Tea at the Sun Hotel 5 p.m. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. and after the meeting. Hearty welcome to all.—F. S. Butler, Hon. Sec., 2, Bayard Street, Gainsborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City and Rural Branches.—A combined meeting of the above branches will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (8) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please make a special effort to attend, and do not fail to send numbers requiring tea.—R. C. Gifford, Hon. Sec., Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Chenies (6 bells) on Saturday, May 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Rothley on May 22nd. Quorn bells not available. Ringing from 3.30 to 4.30 and 6 to 8 p.m. only. Subscriptions accepted.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, May 22nd, at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Special method: London Surprise Major. It is hoped that members will make a special effort to be present.—K. Arthur, Dis. Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Daventry (8 bells) on Saturday, May 22nd. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Henlow on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Wantage on Saturday, May 22nd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify early.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon, Berks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Histon on Saturday, May 22nd. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. The short ringers' service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the meeting.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, May 23rd, at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice at Shoreditch on Thursday, May 27th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Ass. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Epping Town (8 bells) on Wednesday, May 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify L. Cordell, Dis. Master, Potter Street, Harlow, Essex.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A combined practice will be held at Hatfield on Wednesday, May 26th, at 7.45. Please note the date, as it will only appear once. All ringers welcome.—W. Nash and H. V. Frost.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—The first anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available all day. Dinner 5.30. Please notify.—J. W. Gibbard, Tetsworth, Oxon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, May 29th. Cathedral bells available from 3 p.m. Meat tea at 5.15 p.m., price 2s. 6d. (1s. to members), but notification by May 26th is essential. Service will be at the sub-deanery church at 4.30. Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Advices by May 26th, please. Special method, St. Lawrence Little Bob Major. Nearest station, Stanmore (Met.), and short walk, or No. 114 bus (if running). Alternative route, if buses are available, tube to Edgware and No. 114 bus. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. number, Larkwood 1959.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Kissingbury on Saturday, May 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by May 27th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 29th, to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mr. C. Slingsby. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Dover. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea by Monday, the 24th.—P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Oswestry on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me not later than Tuesday, May 25th.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmore, Upper Road, Neole Brace, Shrewsbury.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The branch meets at Cromer on Saturday, May 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at the Rendezvous Tea Rooms, The Parade, at 5 p.m. Special business: (1) Presentation of album containing subscribers' names to his testimonial to Mr. A. L. Coleman; (2) election of branch secretary. It is hoped all members of the association will make a special effort to attend. It is important that I should be informed of those who require tea.—Nolan Golden, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, Winton, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on May 29th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea by the kindness of the Rector; business after.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, May 29th. Bells available 2.30. Service by Rt. Rev. Bishop N. S. Talbot, D.D., M.C., 4 o'clock, followed by tea (rs.) in Barker Gate Institute. Please notify me for tea by May 26th. This is the Guild's Jubilee year—come and celebrate. Gentlemen specially invited.—I. B. Thompson, 53, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Doncaster District and the Eastern District will be held at Thorne on Saturday, May 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Those attending must make own arrangements for tea. Plenty of cafés near church.—H. S. Morley and E. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—An extra meeting will be held at Leamington Hastings, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Rectory, by kind invitation of the Rev. J. E. Wigram, at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Batley on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Beckwithshaw (near Harrogate) on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. A. Holmes, The Smiths' Arms, Beckwithshaw, before Thursday, May 27th. A hearty invitation to all.—Edward Mudron, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—On Saturday, May 29th, through the kindness of the Rev. H. R. Everson, Rector of Hartill, near Sheffield, the bells (8) of Hartill Church, recently restored, etc., will be available for ringing. For tea, please notify the Rev. H. R. Everson, Rectory, Hartill, near Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Romans Road, Sheffield 7.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 29th, at Seavington. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock at the Volunteer Inn. All requiring tea notify me by Tuesday, May 25th.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, May 29th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. each. Meeting in the Schoolroom. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. A. Kershaw, 118, Moss Lane, Pendlebury, not later than Wednesday, May 26th.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Manor Arms at 5.30 p.m. Immanuel bells (8) after tea until 8.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 26th, please.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Coseley, Staffs, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 9d. each for those only who notify me not later than Tuesday, June 1st. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5.30, 9d. each. Meeting afterwards.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Halewood, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Price 9d. each. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. W. Gardner, Church Road, Halewood.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 19th, at Bolsover, Derbyshire. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m., in Church Hall, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea *must* apply not later than June 15th to Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, Derbyshire.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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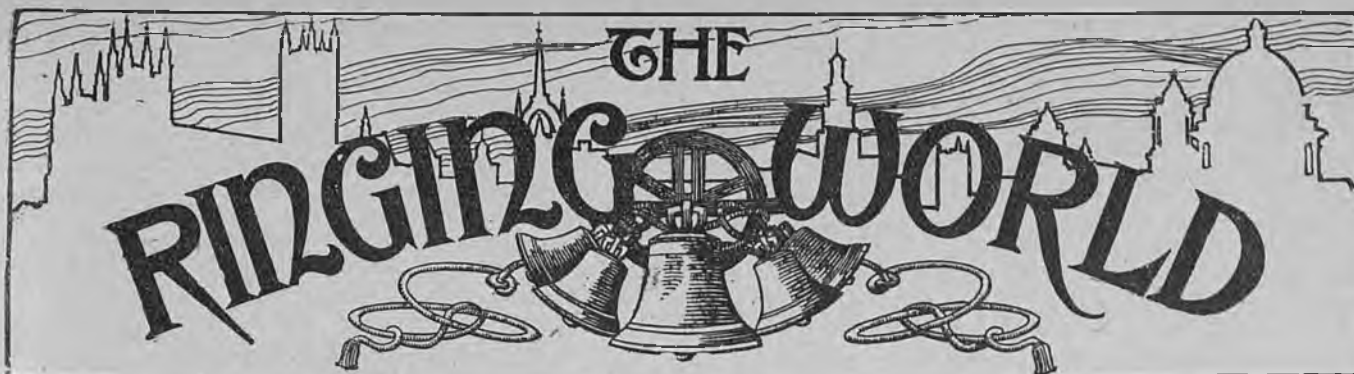
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Those who attended the Central Council meeting at Canterbury last week must have been quite satisfied with a day well spent. It was not an occasion when the agenda produced much diversity of opinion, except on the definition of what should constitute a peal of Doubles, but there was some very solid work done, which revealed once more the continued and useful activities of the committees of the Council and its officers. The proceedings of the Council have been reduced to a very businesslike basis, but despite this, the meeting lasted, in all, nearly five hours, and interest was thoroughly maintained throughout.

Canterbury is the only place which the Council has visited more than once, if we except Birmingham, where the preliminary meeting, to pass resolutions forming the Council was held, followed by a routine meeting two years later. The first annual meeting of the Council was held in London in 1891; it was not until 1905 that a visit was paid to Canterbury, and it is instructive to contrast the interest displayed in the meetings of the Council in those days with the present time, judged by the attendance. At the first Canterbury meeting, when the total membership of the Council was exactly a hundred, the attendance was 41. There have never been fewer at a meeting, but it was not much below the then average provincial gathering; for the ten meetings outside London up to that time had had an average attendance of only 45. Last week the attendance was 95, out of a total membership of 150. Only five members present in 1905 were at Canterbury in 1937. They were Canon Cole-ridge, the only person who has attended every meeting of the Council since its formation, and Messrs. J. H. Cheesman, C. Dean, R. Richardson and J. A. Trollope. Indeed, there are not many members left who were associated with the Council thirty-two years ago. Time, even so comparatively short a time, works wondrous changes, and one of the most noticeable differences is in the atmosphere of the gatherings. In these days the social distinctions have entirely disappeared.

This year's meeting was marked by an unprecedented incident. The rules debar any representative member of the Council from voting at a meeting if the affiliation fee of his society is unpaid. The President found himself in this rather unfortunate position, for the Cambridge University Guild, of which he is a representative member, had failed to pay the necessary fee before the meeting. The Council, therefore, took the step of electing the President an honorary member as a solution of the difficulty. It seems strange that so important a person

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as the President should be dependent for the discharge of his office upon the payment or otherwise of the current subscription of the society which he has been elected for three years to represent, but it was a position that was not foreseen when the rules were drafted. It might be well in future if steps were taken to place the three chief officers of the Council above this risk, because there may not always be vacancies among the hon. members of which advantage can be taken.

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FREDERICK G. LEARER 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE 11
RICHARD CLARK 6	CECIL F. MOGFORD Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Cinques.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

LESTER GRAY Treble	*ERNEST BOUMPHREY 7
*FRANK VARTY 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 8
*THOMAS G. HORRIDGE 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
*ARNOLD BRUNTON 4	CLAUDE I. DAVIES 10
[GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	ERNEST CAUNCE 11
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 6	*ERNEST F. BENNETT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † 300th peal for the Lancashire Association. ‡ First peal 'inside' in any method.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, April 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Jeffery 1, W. Watts 2, J. Jeffery 3, E. Mitchell 4, G. Lewry 5, C. L. Mitchell (conductor) 6, G. Apps 7, F. Leney 8.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 7
ERNEST BRETT 2	JOSEPH MARKS 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	GEORGE H. DEBENEAM 9
RAYMOND G. COUSINS 4	HERBERT LANGDON 10
JACK M. CRIPPS 5	ALFRED B. PECK 11
GEORGE N. PRICE 6	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN A. FREEMAN Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES 7
KENNETH W. MAYER 2	JOHN WALDEN 8
JOHN FREEMAN 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 9
CHARLES C. MCGUINNESS 4	HAROLD MARCON 10
*GEORGE M. MAYER 5	HAROLD WALKER 11
*PERCY HOLMES 6	HERBERT LOWMAN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTT, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD Treble	FRANK SKEVINGTON 6
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 7
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 3	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 8
E. RALPH MACKRILL 4	HENRY G. MILES 9
PERCY L. MILES 5	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by H. G. MILLS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST J. KING Treble	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	FRANCIS E. DAWE 7
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 3	HENRY T. WILSON 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK 9
RONALD H. BULLEN 5	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

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

The peal commenced at the completion of the service in the Abbey.

WORSLEY, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

CARTER'S BROADSHEET, No. 31.

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILFRED GRUNDY Treble	JAMES K. WELSBY 6
BENJAMIN T. ALLRED 2	FRED GRUNDY 7
CHARLES RIDYARD 3	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 8
ROBERT ALLRED 4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 9
ERIC YATES 5	ROBERT JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

First peal of Stedman Caters by all except the 2nd, 3rd and 9th ringers. First peal as conductor. Also rung as a birthday peal to Viscount Brackley, son and heir of the Earl of Ellesmere, his birthday taking place on the 10th.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday morning, April 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstons): S. Smith 1, A. Crane 2, F. Stenton 3, H. Morris 4, W. Sear 5, H. Sear 6, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 7, E. Smith 8. Arranged for Mr. A. P. Cannon.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles, Camberwell,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... Treble	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 6
*MISS HILDA H. MILLS ... 2	WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	FRANK E. DARBY ... 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	EDWARD D. SMITH ... 9
ERNEST J. KING ... 5	NORMAN H. MANNING ... Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER
First peal on ten bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... Treble	WILLIE ROUGHTON ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... 7
HENRY G. MILES ... 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 8
ERNEST BRETT ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
GEORGE N. PRICE ... 5	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
HOBART E. SMITH ... 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 5	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS
First peal of Rochester Surprise Royal ever rung.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 6
MISS DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... 2	*NORMAN H. MANNING ... 7
HERBERT W. LIDBETTER ... 3	FREDERICK G. BALDWIN ... 8
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 4	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 9
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 5	HARRY BROOKS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.
* First peal in the method.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb.

C. ERNEST SMITH ... Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 7
THOMAS E. DENYER ... 3	WILLIAM T. BRESON ... 8
CHARLES W. DENYER ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Treble	†ARTHUR G. WILLET ... 6
Mrs. C. H. KIPPIN ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 7
RONALD A. TOFFIN ... 3	†AMBROSE T. SHELTON ... 8
FRANK B. JEAL ... 4	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 9
*GEORGE OLLIVER ... 5	WALTER CLAYDON ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. COSS. Conducted by W. CLAYDON.
* First ten-bell peal. † First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

H. PLATT ... Treble	V. SYKES ... 5
O. MOORES ... 2	I. KAY ... 6
F. LAWTON ... 3	H. BARLOW ... 7
J. LEES ... 4	C. E. PLATT ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by C. E. PLATT.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Watford Society.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
A PEAL OF WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*FREDERICK BULLOCK ... Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 5
WALTER G. PAUL ... 2	RICHARD G. BELL ... 6
ARTHUR W. DIX ... 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HAROLD G. CASHMORE.

* First peal of Major. This is the first peal in the method.

LANCASTER, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Priory Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt.

R. HARDEN ... Treble	J. ORR ... 5
F. POSTLETHWAITE ... 2	B. THOMPSON ... 6
W. BATESON ... 3	E. JAGUES ... 7
A. ALDREN ... 4	J. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. POSTLETHWAITE.

First peal by all.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*EDWIN L. CAMPTON ... Treble	ALFRED BALLARD ... 5
EDWARD J. CLOUGH ... 2	ERNEST RIVITT ... 6
†WALTER J. CLOUGH ... 3	FRANK K. MEASURES ... 7
GEORGE DUDLEY ... 4	†JOHN VEASEY ... Tenor

Conducted by F. K. MEASURES.

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

WHITEBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES TINDALE ... Treble	GEORGE WHITE ... 5
ALFRED E. OXLEY ... 2	WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 6
ALBERT V. COATES ... 3	HARRY SHORT ... 7
SYDNEY ELWICK ... 4	RICHARD HANSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by H. SHORT.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTONS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
HERBERT MAREWELL ... 2	ALFRED C. PANKHORST ... 6
HAROLD S. HODDEN ... 3	ERNEST GOWER ... 7
EDWARD BRAY ... 4	FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by A. H. BEAMISH.

* First peal of Bob Major 'inside.'

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE W. WARNER Treble	C. JOHN TROTMAN 5
A. STANLEY WOODARD 2	FRANK L. FISHER 6
WILLIAM A. WOODS 3	*ALDERMAN LING 7
W. JAMES WOODRUFFE 4	ROBERT MALSTER Tenor

Conducted by F. L. FISHER.

* First peal in the method.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

FREDERICK C. WILSON Treble	ELIJAH PAMMENTER 5
FRANK PICKERING 2	THOMAS COOPER 6
FREDERICK F. WILSON 3	GEORGE TUKE 7
ALBERT FIRTH 4	HARRY MORTMORE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by H. MORTMORE.

The Royal Salute of 21 'shots' was fired at the end of the peal.
All are Sunday service ringers.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD Treble	EVEREST FORD 5
CEDRIC MOORE 2	MAJOR CROOK 6
WILLIAM TYSON 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7
PETER NUTTALL 4	RICHARD W. MOSELEY Tenor

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*EDWARD RAMSBOOTHAM ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 5
THOMAS BARKER 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 6
JOHN JACKSON 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7
ADAM BLOGG 4	ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 13). Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG

* First peal. This composition, a 7,360 reduced, was rung for the first time.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DEREK M. SHARP Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	JOHN A. C. ABSON 6
ALAN J. HOPPER 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 7
GEORGE W. FOGDEN 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

D. M. Sharp's 50th peal. E. A. Barnett's 100th peal on the bells.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb.

*FRANK CHAPMAN Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS 5
*GEORGE MASKELL 2	†ALBERT GOLDSMITH 6
OLDER WAGHORN 3	WILLIAM GORRINGE 7
*EDWARD BISHOP 4	JAMES G. POWELL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. G. POWELL.

* First peal in the method. † First peal 'inside.' Rung by a local band. First peal in the method on the bells by resident ringers.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

MISS JOAN PEARCE Treble	JAMES TOPP 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
LESLIE PEARSON 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

The conductor's 400th peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ARTHUR B. CLOSE Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
HARRY LEWIS 2	WILLIAM HOPWOOD 6
JOHN HAYES 3	THOMAS MATHER 7
†JOHN BEST 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	JOHN GODFREY 5
STANLEY GALL 2	R. WILLIAM BARBER, JUN. ... 6
PHILIP W. J. FRYER 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
*WILLIAM T. DE VILLE 4	ROSSER J. CORSON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

* First peal of Major. First peal of spliced by all except ringers of treble and 7th.

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LYTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

*STEPHEN LAWRENSEN ... Treble	*JOHN H. FOSTER ... 5
*JONATHAN ALLANSON, JUN. ... 2	*ROBERT CARDWELL ... 6
*JOHN BOARDMAN ... 3	GEORGE MARIES ... 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 4	PETER CROOK ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

MIDDLETON'S.	JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 6	
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 3	HARRY HOVERD ... 7	
MALCOLM C. C. MELVILLE ... 4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Tenor	

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD ALLPORT ... Treble	HAROLD SHUCK ... 5
WILLIAM POTTER ... 2	HECTOR G. BIRD ... 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 3	JOHN LLOYD ... 7
*BERNARD LAWTON ... 4	†ERIC MYLES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM FORRESTER ... Treble	†BERTRAM C. HINES ... 5
ERNEST W. FORBANK ... 2	JOHN H. SITCH ... 6
†LESLIE THRIFT ... 3	†CHARLES E. PRYKE ... 7
†ALBERT E. PRYKE ... 4	†ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBERT C. HEAZEL.

* First peal. † First peal of Oxford. First peal as conductor. All are members of the local band.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 27 cwt. in D.
FRANK JONES ... Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY ... 5
GEORGE JONES ... 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 6
WILLIAM HOPWOOD ... 3	HARRY THOMAS ... 7
THOMAS PUGH ... 4	EDWARD PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES, JUN.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble	*MISS MARY WHITE ... 5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3	HARRY DAVISON ... 7
KENNETH SIMPSON ... 4	FREDERICK SEAGER ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal in the method and first attempt on an 'inside' bell.
The 100th peal on the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's all different. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

REV. R. L. B. OLIVER ... Treble	GEORGE BATTERBER ... 4
*KENNETH BUGG ... 2	*ALEC NURSE ... 5
*RALPH BURTON ... 3	FRED RIX ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIX.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD BROWN ... Treble	HERBERT TAYLOR ... 4
CHARLES PERKINS ... 2	CHARLES E. BLACK ... 5
WILLIAM DUFFY ... 3	FRANK TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

D. WATERWORTH ... Treble	C. L. SYKES ... 4
T. W. MOORHOUSE, JUN. ... 2	L. RAWLINSON ... 5
W. MOORHOUSE, SEN. ... 3	N. M. NEWBY ... Tenor

Conducted by N. M. NEWBY.

All are service ringers except the conductor, who is from Ulverston.
First peal and first attempt by all except conductor.

EVERSHOT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSMUND,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents each of St. Dunstan's and St. Bartholomew's, six each of St. Simon's, Stedman Slow Course, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and ten of Grandsire, with 33 callings. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

WILLIAM RUTLEV ... Treble	†HAROLD C. R. VINE ... 4
H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 2	ARTHUR G. CHUBB ... 5
*MAURICE BATTEN ... 3	WILLIAM GROVES ... Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' All are members of the local band.

LYTCHETT MATRAVERS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MISS PEGGY MARSH ... Treble	†PHILIP N. TOCOK ... 4
LIONEL H. PINK ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
HAROLD E. WHITE ... 3	*JOHN B. POWLESLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Peggy Marsh is only 11 years of age.

THURLEIGH, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*REGINALD PARROTT ... Treble	ERNEST ASQUE ... 4
†GEORGE SETH ... 2	DONALD L. COCKINGS ... 5
*J. HAROLD SWEPSTON ... 3	*ALBERT STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

EDWARD BUTCHER Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS 4
*GEORGE BROOKER 2	HARRY BISHOP 5
TOM SAUNDERS 3	†WILLIAM H. DARTNALL ... Tenor

Conducted by L. J. HONESS.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

LYTCHETT MINSTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN B. POWERSLAND ... Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
PHILIP N. TOCCOCK 2	HAROLD E. WHITE 5
*FRANK H. WILLS 3	*SIDNEY F. SIMS Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD E. WHITE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Rung with 4-6-8 covering. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*DODGLAS E. ROWLES ... Treble	DENNIS BROCK 5
*JOHN W. STEWART 2	STEPHEN COOTER, SEN. ... 6
†RONALD F. ALLFORD 3	ARTHUR F. PUTLAND 7
*STEPHEN COOPER, JUN. ... 4	*VAGHAN L. P. DAVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR F. PUTLAND.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.'

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY ANDREWS Treble	GEORGE BAATZ 4
*ROBERT J. LAWRENCE 2	†REGINALD W. PERRY 5
CLAUD S. KNOTT 3	WILLIAM G. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. BROWN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First peal on the bells. All the band are attached to this church.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*LEONARD E. A. DAVIES ... Treble	HUBERT JONES 4
†EDWARD SULLIVAN 2	ARTHUR NASON 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	GEORGE ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the ringer of the tenor.

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

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

HAROLD MORWOOD Treble	MARTIN WALKER 4
RONALD BOWNES 2	*GEORGE BLANCHARD 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3	GEORGE L. HALL Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First seven-method peal 'inside.'

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

J. GIDDINGS Treble	RON HARDING 4
ROY HARDING 2	P. HARDING 5
S. WILTSHIRE 3	W. WHEELER Tenor

Conducted by P. HARDING.

EXNING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 15 six-scores of Stedman, 23 six-scores of Grandsire and four six-scores of Bob Doubles.

*WILLIAM WEBB Treble	*STANLEY BUNTING 3
*SIDNEY BUNTING 2	ERNEST JAGGARD 4

SIDNEY BROWN Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY BROWN.

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

SANDAL MAGNA, WAKEFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London, Duke of York, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal Exercise, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

H. SPENCER Treble	E. COTT 4
*A. LAMB 2	J. W. MOXON 5
C. E. NETHERWOOD 3	G. COTT Tenor

Conducted by E. COTT.

* First peal.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's Kent Treble Bob, two of Woodbine and 720 Oxford Treble Bob.

VALENTINE TURRELL ... Treble	ROBERT LANGRIDGE 4
*FREDERICK ROBERTS 2	FREDERICK TURRELL 5
VICTOR GOACHER 3	WILLIAM DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by W. DENMAN.

* First peal.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

ALDENHAM.—On May 2nd for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Bishop 1, A. Wootton 2, Rev. P. Buries 3, O. Evans 4, C. H. Horton (conductor) 5, W. Inwood 6, W. Gilks 7, W. Lawrence 8. First quarter-peal by treble and tenor ringers, and first 'inside' by 3rd ringer.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: O. Bond 1, Mrs. R. Blaby 2, R. Blaby 3, F. G. Briggs 4, E. Timpson 5, A. Newton 6, P. Newton 7, R. Biggs (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by the ringers of 1, 2 and 5.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Sunday, May 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Hiscock 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, O. W. Powell 3, G. H. Whitmore 4, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, H. G. Keeley 6, F. E. Blackmore 7, E. Hawker 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by E. Hawker.

PATLERSBURY, NORTHANTS.—On April 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Smart 1, B. Smart 2, F. Webb 3, J. Foster 4, E. Smart (conductor) 5, P. Foster 6. First quarter-peal and first attempt by the local band.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On April 17th at St. Mary Magdalene's Church for Holy Eucharist service, 1,264 Bob Major: F. Whitby 1, W. Aley (first quarter-peal) 2, S. Clark 3, B. Copping 4, L. Cordell 5, V. Tipton 6, W. Wheeler 7, E. Rochester (first as conductor) 8.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, April 11th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. Alfrey 1, E. Rapley 2, C. Wood 3, T. Adams 4, H. Wood 5, W. Wicks 6, R. Wood 7, R. Wood, jun. (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 2.

ADWICK-LE-STREET.—At St. Lawrence's Church for evening service on April 4th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): J. Lewis (first quarter) 1, H. H. Goodale (conductor) 2, F. P. Newton 3, W. Fay 4, C. Nottage 5, I. Hampshire 6.

CORONATION JOY BELLS.

MORE RECORDS OF THE CELEBRATION.

Another attempt for the Coronation peal at St. Paul's Cathedral is to be made to-morrow. On Saturday week, the peal of Stedman Cinques came to grief after two and a half hours' ringing.

By a printer's error the peal on Coronation Day at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was described last week as Grandsire Cinques. The peal was Stedman Cinques. As a matter of fact, it is over 40 years ago—to be precise, on December 28th, 1896—that the last peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung there.

Among those who took part in the Coronation peal were Messrs. Walker, Mansell and Paddon Smith, who also rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's for the Coronation of King George V. and Queen Mary, on June 22nd, 1911—the only twelve-bell peal rung on that date.

For a united service held on Coronation Day at St. Mary's Church, Fairford, a quarter-peal of Minor in different methods was rung after meeting short for Triples, viz., Double Court, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob: B. Guy 1, Miss F. M. Hope 2, W. A. Law 3, E. Cooper 4, H. Accock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Old Church, Smethwick, Birmingham: T. Johnson 1, C. Hastings 2, R. Willetts 3, D. T. Matkin 4, S. O'C. Holloway (conductor) 5, F. Masters 6. All except the ringer of the 4th are members of the local band, and it was their second attempt for a quarter-peal.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was begun at St. James' Church, Taunton, at 6 a.m.: B. T. Holt (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Hunt 2, W. T. Jeanes (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 3, A. A. Walker 4, A. H. Reed 5, H. Bungay 6, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 7, T. Jarman 8. At 9 a.m. a start was made for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, but a shift occurred in the last course of the 3rd part. J. Hunt has now rung for three Coronations.

SUFFOLK RINGING.

Ringling commenced at Halesworth, Suffolk, at 7 a.m. A royal salute was 'fired' on the bells, and touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Bob Major and Triples were rung. The ringing was continued at intervals throughout the day.

At Wissett, too, the six bells were fired at 7 a.m. and touches of Grandsire Doubles rung by the local band at intervals until 3 p.m.

Ringling, which began at 9 a.m., carried on until 6 p.m. at Chediston, Suffolk, while at Wenhamston the bells rang before and after the united service at the Parish Church.

The newly-formed young band at Ramburgh rang the five bells in call changes and 'fired' a royal salute. Many touches were rung on the eight bells during the day at Southwold.

A Coronation touch was rung at Highclere, Hants, after evening service on Sunday, May 16th. It was 720 Bob Minor after meeting short for Triples: Miss Irene Knapp 1, A. Challice 2, Miss Doris Honeywell 3, P. Batchell 4, F. Knapp (conductor) 5, G. Chesterman 6.

Seven members of one family took part at Appleton, Berks, in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): F. S. White 1, F. C. White 2, G. Holfield, sen. 3, H. C. White 4, F. Messenger 5, A. H. White 6, C. G. White 7, G. Holfield, jun. (conductor) 8, R. White 9, F. White 10.

KING'S EMPLOYEES RING PEAL.

The only peal of bells on the King's Sandringham estate is at Dersingham (a mile from Sandringham), and it was fitting that a peal should be rung there on Coronation Day. The peal was rung by the regular Sunday service ringers, most of whom work on the estate. The Vicar took part in the peal.

The Coronation peal on the new bells at Croydon Parish Church was rung by twelve members of the regular Sunday service band, of whom six rang their first peal on twelve bells and one other his first ever. This is a good 'send-off' for the peal ringing history of this fine ring, the product of the local foundry.

A peal at Kidsgrove, Staffs, was in honour of the centenary of the church as well as of the Coronation.

At Moorside, Oldham, the Coronation peal, rung on May 10th, was also in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Crossland, of New Earth Street, Oldham.

The ringers of the Priory Church of St. Mary, Lancaster, must be a proud band. Their peal of Grandsire Triples on Coronation Day was the first peal by all the band.

At Willesden on May 11th, 1,440 Spliced Bristol, London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major: F. B. Bartley 1, J. A. Trollope 2, J. H. Riding 3, T. J. Lock 4, Miss K. M. Bradford 5, C. C. Mayne 6, H. Kilby 7, E. C. S. Turner (conductor) 8. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt for the same methods.

At Kilmersdon, Somerset, a quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of three six-scores of Plain Bob, three of Old Doubles and 42 Grandsire: E. Connock (first quarter-peal) 1, H. K. Rhymer 2, R. W. Rhymer (conductor) 3, W. Johnson 4, E. H. Nash 5, F. Dredge (first quarter-peal) 6.

EARLY BELLS.

Ringling began at 6.10 a.m. at St. James Church, Taunton, with a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. T. Holt 1, J. Hunt 2, T. Jeanes 3, A. Walker 4, A. H. Reed 5, H. Bungay 6, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 7, S. Jarman 8.

At Selby Abbey ringing began at 5.45 a.m. when an attempt was made for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. This, however, came to grief owing to a 'change course' after 1½ hours' ringing, but afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, with F. Cryer taking the place of W. Terry, of Hemingbrough: F. Cryer (Selby) 1, Mrs. E. Bradley 2, Miss M. D. Hawley 3, F. Terry (Hemingbrough) 4, R. H. Vigor 5, H. S. Morley, conductor (Selby) 6, E. Bradley 7, T. H. Foster (Selby) 8. Ringers of 2, 3, 5 and 7 from Sherburn-in-Elmet.

The peal at Hethersett, Norfolk, was begun at 6.17 a.m. It was rung by the local company, with the inclusion of the hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association as conductor.

Messrs. Cotton, Dexter and Taylor, who took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques on the new ring of twelve bells at Leicester Cathedral, rang in peals in the same tower for the Coronations of King Edward VII. and King George V.

The bells at Apsley End, Herts, went into changes at six minutes to six a.m. and came round at 8.38. That was an early start. At the conclusion of the peal the bells were fired.

One of the earliest peals in the area of the North Staffordshire Association was rung at Norton, where seven Surprise methods were begun at 6.40 a.m.

A HAPPY COINCIDENCE.

Mr. John Flint, of Bolsover, rang his 500th peal on Coronation Day—a very happy coincidence. It was also the 150th peal which he and Mr. Jesse Moss had rung together.

The first peal of Stedman Triples in West Dorset ever rung by a local band was scored at Lyme Regis, under the conductorship of the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Cox). The band are all Sunday service ringers and three of them rang their first peal of Stedman.

The treble to a peal of Kent Treble Bob at Lindley, Huddersfield, was rung by Geoffrey Gee, a 16-year-old youth, who thus rang his first peal after only six months' training. He had never rung the method before, and his striking roused the admiration of the whole band.

The local band at Evershot, Dorset, rang a peal of Doubles in seven methods, and special credit is due to Maurice Batten, who scored his first peal at the first attempt. He was 15 years 14 days old on Coronation Day and only learned to handle a bell 16 months ago.

The band who rang the peal at Monk Bretton, Yorks, afterwards went on to Barnsley and were hospitably entertained by Mr. C. D. Potter.

Prior to 8 a.m. Communion service, at Chilvers Coton, Warwickshire, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. E. Rayson 1, H. Harris 2, J. Draycott 3, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 4, P. Stone 5, J. Gibbons 6, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 7, J. E. Moreton 8.

At Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): A. Lawrence 1, R. G. Townsend 2, S. Palmer 3, W. W. T. Daniel 4, H. W. Bishop 5, W. B. Kyuaston (conductor) 6, A. G. Wells 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, E. J. Berry 9, A. E. W. Smith 10.

At St. Mary's Church, Southampton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,331 changes): J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 1, H. Smith 2, E. J. Trimmer 3, R. Curtis 4, N. Curtis 5, L. M. Squires 6, F. Mursell 7, H. Reeves 8, E. Brown 9, J. Elliott 10. Roy Faithfull was the reserve for the occasion.

A HALF-PEAL

At Ottery St. Mary, Devon, on Coronation Day, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples, 2,520 changes (the first half of Holt's Ten-Part), was rung in 1 hour 34 minutes: Victor Pyne 1, John H. Godfrey, jun. 2, Lewis Hine 3, Charles J. Turner (conductor) 4, John H. Godfrey 5, Edward Marks 6, John Arbury 7, Robert Wood 8. It was the longest touch of Grandsire for all the band with the exception of the 5th and 7th ringers.

Three local ringers scored their first quarter-peal at Bray, Berks, on May 12th, when 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was rung by N. Tomalin 1, W. Clark 2, F. J. Russell (conductor) 3, B. G. Ludlow 4, H. W. Russell 5, J. Hine 6. It was the first quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2 and 6, and all the band are regular service ringers at this church, where the tenor is 27 cwt. and the bell frame is supported on stanchions carried up from the ground floor.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at All Saints' Church, Weston, Bath: R. Brewer (first quarter-peal) 1, G. H. Cross, sen. 2, G. H. Cross (first quarter-peal away from treble) 3, G. Brewer 4, S. S. Woodburn (conductor) 5, G. Drew 6.

At Chattham, Kent, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Norris 1, H. Poulter 2, D. T. Hills 3, F. G. Southgate 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, C. E. J. Norris 6, W. A. J. Knight 7, G. Lawrence 8.

After ringing for service at 8.45 a.m., the ringers of Manaccan, Cornwall, met again at 2 p.m. for a peal of Doubles. The conductor, Mr. J. Ninnies, whose first attempt at conducting a peal it was, had unfortunately a badly sprained ankle. However, he gallantly made the attempt, but after half an hour he was only able to stand on one foot. In spite of this, he went on to call the bells round to a splendid quarter-peal (1,260 changes). All 10 callings were used—a very creditable performance at a first attempt with a dog 'gnawing at your foot': O. Lovesy 1, C. F. Jerram 2, R. Vague 3, E. Cossentine 4, J. Ninnies 5, J. Vague 6.

As a prelude to the Coronation festivities at Crawley, Sussex, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: C. Charlton 1, Reginald V. Johnson 2, Miss F. Whymman 3, Cecil Ince 4, K. Snelling 5, N. Elliott 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, W. Diplock 8.

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YOUNGEST CORONATION PEAL RINGERS.

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Miss Peggy Marsh, of Lytchett Matravers, Dorset, is probably the youngest ringer to ring a peal on Coronation Day. She is only eleven years of age and is to be congratulated on ringing her first peal upon such an auspicious occasion. She had rung her first quarter-peal two days earlier, for a Confirmation service. In both she rang the treble and the method was Grandsire Doubles.

Another young ringer to score his first peal during the Coronation celebrations was Reginald W. Collis, of Croft, Leicestershire, who, at 13 years of age, rang the treble to a peal of Doubles in five methods. Harry Cheesman scored his first peal at the age of 14, at Banstead, on May 17th; and it was a peal of Stedman Triples, too.

The Coronation peal rung at St. Giles', Camberwell, by the London County Association was also as a compliment to the Master of the association, Mr. T. H. Taffender, who had received direct from His Majesty the King the King's Coronation Medal for his service as a senior supervising officer in the General Post Office.

LOYAL SENTIMENTS ON OLD BELLS.

At Pavenham, Beds, where a Coronation peal was rung on the five bells on May 15th, the 2nd bell is inscribed, 'God save the Queen, 1602,' and the tenor, 'God save the King.'

The Coronation peal at Mullion, Cornwall, was the first peal on the bells. The peal of Doubles at Rampisham, Dorset, was also the first peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

A quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor was rung at St. Margaret's Church, Barley, Herts: V. Lee 1, W. Chapman (first 'inside') 2, W. Mannfield 3, H. Howard 4, W. Tack 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.

On May 15th at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, Cirencester, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 1, H. L. Cooke 2, Miss Kathleen E. Fletcher 3, Miss Dorothy R. Fletcher 4, H. C. Bond 5, H. S. Parsons 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. G. Cook 8. Misses Fletcher are from Beaconsfield, Bucks.

At St. Katherine's Church, Merstham, Surrey, 720 Bob Minor: Alec Cheasely 1, George Welch 2, Charles Killick 3, Bernard H. Wells 4, Robert Andrews 5, James Batters (conductor) 6. Afterwards the bells were 'fired' and lowered in peal.

For 10 a.m. service at Burnham, Bucks, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Bob Major by local band: M. A. Blamey 1, P. A. Blamey 2, J. E. Taylor 3, C. A. Burgess 4, B. O'Neill 5, G. W. Limmer 6, G. H. Limmer 7, G. Gilbert 8. From 8 a.m. until 8 a.m. early celebration, touches of Little Bob, Kent and Bob Major were rung by the same band.

In the evening at Hitcham, Bucks, a quarter-peal of Minor (consisting of 720 Plain Bob, 360 Canterbury Pleasure and 180 Single Oxford): H. Webb 1, Miss J. A. Blackman (Wokingham) 2, A. J. N. Rance (Binfield) 3, W. C. Woodley 4, R. W. Walker 5, J. E. Taylor (Burnham) (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor by 1, 3 and 4, who are local men.

The Coronation peal at Barton-on-Humber on May 15th was also rung as a compliment to Miss M. Eayres and Mr. G. Johnson, both members of the local band, on the occasion of their marriage, and in honour of the birth of a son to Mrs. H. J. Chapman, wife of another local ringer, who took part in the peal.

A band who had arranged a Coronation peal at Stamford, Lincs, on Whit Monday, looked like being one short for the attempt, but Mr. W. H. Smith stepped into the breach at the last moment to ring the treble, and the peal was successful. The rest of the company are grateful to Mr. Smith for his kindness.

CITY WITHOUT BELLS.

The city of Ely was without bells for Coronation Day. The ring of eight at St. Mary's Church are silent, as the foundation beams and frame have been condemned, and it is feared that ringing would damage the tower. It is hoped a restoration may soon be undertaken, but matters have been delayed, as the parish at present is without a Vicar.

The peal rung at Marlow, Bucks, for the Coronation was the first in the tower for 33 years!

The band which rang the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on May 15th, in honour of the Coronation, was practically a 'local' band, Mr. J. Ridyard, who hails from Southport, being the only member who could not be strictly termed 'local.'

It is interesting to recall that the last occasion on which a local band rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Nicholas' was for the late Queen Alexandra's funeral (November 28th, 1925). Messrs. Newton, Hammond, Cave, Davies and Caunce were in both peals.

A quarter-peal of Bob Major in honour of the Coronation was rung at Overseale, Derbyshire, on Whit Sunday for evensong: H. C. Adams 1, G. W. Clayfield 2, L. Freeman 3, W. Brooker 4, W. E. Clayfield 5, P. W. Grice 6, J. W. Cotton 7, W. H. Curson 8. First quarter-peal of Major by the local band.

A touch of 1,764 Grandsire Triples was rung on May 15th at Harwell, Berks, to commemorate the Coronation: H. Bishop 1, W. V. Webb 2, G. F. James 3, W. Lambell 4, R. G. Rice (conductor) 5, E. R. Robey 6, J. Nobes 7, E. Mulford 8.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Coronation Day at Hatfield, Herts: R. Young 1, A. Shepherd (conductor) 2, S. W. Cull 3, J. G. Dunham 4, W. T. Holmes 5, H. Nobbs 6, A. R. Lawrence 7, L. V. Cull 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Maurice Atkins was a sufferer from the failure of the Cambridge University Guild to pay the affiliation fee for its representatives on the Central Council. He broke his holiday in Devonshire and travelled all the way to Canterbury—for nothing.

We regret to record the sudden death of one of the band of ringers at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia. Mr. J. Birtles, who was a native of Great Budworth, Cheshire, expired suddenly while attending a dog show on Easter Monday.

If anyone should ask Messrs. John Worth and Wilfred Stevenson, of Macclesfield, what they think of the view of the Manchester Ship Canal from Warrington Swing Bridge, they will be surprised at the lack of these ringers' appreciation of a wonderful piece of engineering.

They had been invited to take part in the Coronation peal at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, and were held up en route at the bridge for 20 solid minutes. They arrived finally at the tower just in time to hear the bells break into rounds.

Albert Tyler, a son of the late Mr. Jesse Tyler, who rang the treble to a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, is only 14 years of age and has just left Redcliffe School. His only two previous peals have also been Stedman Cinques.

Among the visitors to this country for the Coronation are the Ven. Archdeacon Blackwood and Mrs. Blackwood, of Hobart, Tasmania. The Archdeacon is Vicar of Holy Trinity, where two peals were rung on the Australian tour in 1934, and the tourists are looking forward to meeting these visitors before they return to the other side of the world. This week they have been spending a day or two with Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson at Surfleet.

The King has been pleased to acknowledge through his private secretary a letter of loyal assurances on the occasion of their Majesties' Coronation sent by the St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, Society.

Mr. Tom Fowler, of Cookham, a well-known member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, won the 75 yards race for grandfathers, starting from scratch, at the local Coronation festivities. His prize was a bread knife. A few years ago he won two pairs of hair brushes in one day—and he was as bald then as he is now!

LOST PEALS.

HOW MANY FAILURES?

In due course reports of all the peals rung in celebration of the Coronation will be published in these columns. Up to the present we have received records of over 200.

It would add interest in the activities of ringers on this historic occasion if it were possible to ascertain how many Coronation peals were lost. Will our readers help us to do this by sending a postcard in all cases where a peal was lost, stating

Date of attempt
Place
Method
Time rung
Cause of failure?

CAMBRIDGE U.G. OFFICIALS' APOLOGY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May we, through the medium of your paper, express our regret that, owing to an oversight, the Cambridge University Guild was blacklisted at the recent Central Council meeting for non-payment of subscription.

We tender our apologies to all concerned, and especially to the Guild's representatives.

ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH, Master.

MICHAEL B. SHAW, Hon. Secretary.

THE PEAL AT ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I find that I made an erroneous claim in connection with the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal rung at Walthamstow on April 24th, as about six years ago a similar peal was rung on the bells. I should, of course, have known better, but I was 'aided and abetted' in this error by some ringers in the earlier peal. I rather fancy they imagined the date to be April 1st instead of the 24th. With apologies to all concerned.

C. T. COLES.

SCHOOLBOYS' QUARTER-PEAL.

At East Buckland, Devon, on May 3rd, the West Buckland School Guild of Ringers rang a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 660 of Stedman and 600 of Grandsire rung in alternate six-scores: J. A. Turner 1, P. R. Dale 2, H. L. Morgan 3, E. V. Westcott 4, the Rev. J. E. B. Andrews (conductor) 5, F. P. W. Bray 6.

First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 6, and first quarter-peal 'inside' by ringer of 4th. It was the first quarter-peal in two methods, or in either Grandsire or Stedman, by any of the band.

The boys have been ringing Stedman since February, but they rang their first 120 of Grandsire only last week.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ATTENDANCE AT THE CANTERBURY MEETING REGISTER OF METHODS ESTABLISHED.

The meeting of the Central Council at Canterbury on Whitsun Tuesday was held in the Chapter House of the Cathedral. Mr. E. H. Lewis (president) occupied the chair, and the following members were present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Mr. A. B. Peck.
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. H. W. Brown, J. T. Dyke, J. Hunt.
Bedfordshire Association: Mr. A. King.
Cambridge University Guild: Messrs. E. M. Atkins, E. H. Lewis.
Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. A. Crawley, H. Parker.
Devon Guild: Mr. T. Laver.
East Derbyshire and Notts Association: Mr. T. Clarke.
Ely Diocesan Association: Messrs. C. W. Cook, F. Warrington, Miss K. Willers.
Essex Association: Messrs. E. J. Butler, G. R. Pye, L. W. Wiffen.
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Mr. W. B. Kynaston.
Guildford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. L. Grover, A. C. Hazleden, A. H. Pulling.
Hertford County Association: Mr. W. Ayre.
Kent County Association: Messrs. J. H. Cheesman, T. Groombridge, F. M. Mitchell, T. E. Sone.
Ladies' Guild: Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, Mrs. R. Richardson.
Lancashire Association: Messrs. W. H. Shaker, L. J. Williams, T. B. Worsley.
Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Messrs. J. Bray, R. Richardson.
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. W. Jones, C. H. Peiry.
London County Association: Messrs. F. E. Dawe, T. H. Taffender, J. A. Waugh.
Middlesex County Association: Messrs. C. T. Coles, G. W. Fletcher, W. H. Hollier, W. G. Wilson.
Midland Counties Association: Messrs. A. J. Harris, J. H. Swinfield, E. Denison Taylor.
Norwich Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Coleman, F. Nolan Golden.
North Staffs and District Association: Mr. A. Thompson.
Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Messrs. A. D. Barker, A. E. Lock, R. H. Post.
Oxford Society: Mr. W. G. Collett.
Oxford University Society: The Rev. C. E. Wigg.
Romney Marsh and District Guild: Mr. P. Page.
St. Martin's Guild: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.
Salisbury Diocesan Guild: The Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. S. H. Hillier, C. H. Jennings, F. W. Romaine.
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. Gilbert, J. Parker, G. W. Steere.
Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Messrs. B. Horton, H. Knight.
Suffolk Guild: Rev. E. Drake, Mr. C. Mee.
Surrey Association: Messrs. W. Clayton, D. Cooper, C. H. Kippin.
Sussex County Association: Mr. H. R. Butcher.
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild: Mr. Gwyn I. Lewis.
Truro Diocesan Guild: Mr. C. Lanxon.
Warwickshire Guild: Messrs. D. H. Argyle, F. W. Perrens.
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. Pullinger, F. W. Rogers, G. Williams.
Worcester and Districts Association: Mr. J. D. Johnson.
Yorkshire Association: Messrs. J. Hardcastle, P. J. Johnson, S. P. Palmer.

Honorary members: Messrs. W. A. Cave, G. Dean, J. S. Goldsmith, J. H. B. Hesse, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, J. A. Trollope, E. C. S. Turner, A. Walker, S. H. Wood, E. Alex. Young.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL.

After the Council had been welcomed by Canon Helmore, the hon. secretary (Mr. G. W. Fletcher) reported that the Council had now 50 affiliated societies, entitled to elect 138 members. The total elected was 135. There were 15 honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid except those of the Durham and Newcastle, North Wales and North Notts Associations and Cambridge University Guild (of which the president is one of the representatives).

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said it was unfortunate that the Cambridge University Guild subscription had not been paid. It made it impossible under the rules for the president to speak or vote at that meeting, because he was a representative of the Guild. That was an impossible position for the Council to be in, and in order to regularise the situation he had great pleasure in proposing that the president be elected an honorary member of the Council.

Mr. S. H. Wood, in seconding, said, as a member of the Cambridge University Guild, he would like to express regret that the omission of the Guild had placed the president in that rather unfortunate situation.

The motion was carried with applause.

The President proposed that a message of loyalty and congratulation be sent to the King upon his Coronation.

The text of the message (which was carried by acclamation), together with the King's reply, was published in our last issue.

On the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. C. F. Johnston, the following retiring hon. members were re-elected: The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. A. A. Hughes, E. C. S. Turner and S. H. Wood.

Two members attending a Council meeting for the first time were presented to the president.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall (Yorkshire Association), the Rev. E. V. Cox (Devon Guild), the Rev. W. M. K. Warren (Bath and Wells Association), Messrs. R. G. Black (Peterborough Diocesan Guild), H. Barton (Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), G. Chester (Lincoln Diocesan Guild), G. Lindoff (Irish Association), W. H. J. Hooton, hon. Librarian (Midland Counties Association), S. E. Armstrong (Sussex County Association), G. R. Newton (Lancashire Association), E. P. Duffield (Essex Association), C. J. Sedgley (Suffolk Guild), A. E. Sharnan (Bedfordshire Association), K. Thacker (North Staffs and District Association), W. Saunders (Shropshire Association), G. E. Barrett (Norwich Diocesan Association), S. H. Symonds (Suffolk Guild), W. T. Cockerill (Ancient Society of College Youths), F. Colclough (North Staffs Association), C. H. Woodberry (Worcestershire Association), W. J. Davidson and W. H. Barber (Durham and Newcastle Association), H. E. C. Goodenough and C. W. Woolley (Hertford County Association), Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. C. W. Roberts (hon. members).

LOSSES BY DEATH.

The President referred to the loss of members and past members by death. They included the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, an hon. member of the Council from 1892 to 1928, and president from 1918 to 1920. The President said they all knew Mr. Boughey so well that he need say little about him at that moment, except, possibly, to refer to his extraordinary capacity for teaching young ringers both on handbells and in the tower. A great many of his pupils had occupied positions of importance in the Exercise, particularly among the clergy.

Others who had passed on were the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, representative of the Kent County Association and afterwards an hon. member, a member of the Council 1891-1932; Mr. F. Wilford, Central Northants and Peterborough Associations, a member of the Council 1904-1936; Mr. A. Coppock, Midland Counties Association and Sherwood Youths, a member of the Council 1924-1935; Mr. J. Phillips, Lincoln Guild, a member of the Council 1932-1935; Mr. H. S. Ellis, St. James' Society, a member of the Council 1912-1914; Mr. R. J. Dave, Sussex Association, a member of the Council 1909-1911; Mr. A. E. Wrecks, Lancashire Association, a member of the Council 1895-1896; and Mr. G. W. Stokes, Sussex Association, who was elected last year but never had the opportunity of attending a meeting.

Referring to the late Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the Rev. H. Drake mentioned that he was one of two famous brothers who served on the Council. Only a year or two before he died he gave a new treble bell to Stoke-by-Clare tower, had the bells rehung and taught a band of ringers.

The members stood for a few moments in silence as a mark of respect.

The minutes of the last meeting, held in London, having been printed, were taken as read, and adopted.

'GLOSSARY' STOCK TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

The report of the hon. Librarian was presented by the hon. secretary. It was as follows: The thanks of the Council are due to the following persons for gifts to the library: Canon Elsee (through Mr. Peter Crook); 'Carillons of Belgium and Holland' (Gorham Rice, 1915); 'Curiosities of the Belfry' (Briscoe, 1883); Church Bells of Leicestershire (North), Suffolk (North), Warwickshire (Tilley and Walters), Mr. R. A. Daniell: Note book, photo of Stedman's will. Mr. J. A. Trollope: 'Church Bells' ('Arts of the Church' series).

The only purchase has been a copy of the 'Tintinnologia' reprint. The library list is being revised.

As far as publications are concerned, I should be glad to have instructions for the disposal of 962 copies of the 'Glossary.' These might be sold at a reduced price if the Council thinks it advisable to circulate a book containing much out-of-date matter.

Stocks of the following books are exhausted: 'Rules and Decisions,' 'Model Rules for a Local Company,' 'Preservation of Bells.' The two latter are in demand and should be reprinted, while the stock of the 'Plain Major and Cater Methods' book is getting low.

The new book of 'Doubles and Minor Methods' and the book on the 'Law Affecting Church Bells' are in the press.

Two orders for books came from Australia, and a letter from Sydney asking for information about patent clappers for practice.

More than one inquiry for a book on double-handed handbell ringing had been received.

The secretary reported that the Standing Committee had considered the various recommendations in the Librarian's report. As to the disposal of the 962 copies of the 'Glossary,' the committee recommended that they be offered to associations free of charge, on payment of carriage, as it was thought they might be given away by the associations to people who would benefit from their use.

BOOKS TO BE REPRINTED.

With regard to 'Model Rules for a Local Company' and 'The Preservation of Bells,' the committee recommended that the reprinting be undertaken, and asked the Council to allow the committee to decide what number shall be printed, as they first wanted to make

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THE FATE OF 'THE GLOSSARY.'

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an estimate of the likely demand. As to a book on double-handed hand-bell ringing, the committee recommended that it be left to the officers to consider. The committee also recommended that a further supply of 'Hints to Instructors and Beginners' be printed.

The Rev. H. Drake suggested that the remaining copies of the 'Glossary' be destroyed. It did not seem to be right, he said, that they, as a Council, should continue to publish a book which the librarian said contained much that was out of date. Far too many were printed to start with, and he thought the best thing to do was to destroy the old copies and start making a new Glossary.

Mr. E. Alex. Young seconded the proposal, pro forma.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said although the 'Glossary' was not entirely accurate, it contained very much useful information. The committee's proposal was that they should make use of it by distributing it free, on payment of postage, and that, he thought, the Council should do.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the 'Glossary,' as far as it was a glossary, was one of the best books ever published by the Council. It was the work of Earle Bulwer, who devoted an enormous amount of research work to the compilation of the book. What was out of date about it was the final chapter, which consisted of about a quarter of the book; that was written before sufficient was known about the subject. The 'Glossary' itself was one of the best books the Council had ever issued.

Only the proposer voted for the motion to destroy the copies and all the recommendations of the committee were adopted, together with the suggestion of Mr. S. H. Wood that the final chapter of the 'Glossary' should be stamped 'out of date.'

THE PRESIDENT'S 'SHOP.'

The librarian's accounts showed that £18 18s. 2d. had been received from the sale of publications, and in addition 18s. from the Durham and Newcastle Association and 18s. 5d. from the president of the Council—making a total of £20 14s. 7d. After paying expenses there was a balance on the year of £14 3s. 5d.

The President said in the accounts he was down as an agent, having sold 18s. 5d. worth of books. It might interest members to know that he took a bagful of books with him to the annual meeting of the Kent County Association and opened a 'shop.' In about ten minutes he had 18s. 5d. in his pocket. He recommended that course of action to other members. There were still a number of copies of publications out on sale or return, and in these cases the librarian did not know what sales had been made, as there had been no return.

The hon. secretary said Mr. A. E. Sharman, of the Bedfordshire Association, had presented to the library a book written by Mr. Charles Herbert, of Woburn, containing all the 40,320 changes of Bob Major.

A vote of thanks was passed to all donors of books to the library.

FINANCIAL.

The statement of the Council's accounts was submitted by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, who is hon. treasurer. The receipts were as follow: Balance, Whitson, 1936, £68 16s. 3d.; affiliation fees, 1935-36 arrears, 10s.; 1936-37, £30 15s.; subscriptions, hon. members, £1 10s.; interest on Conversion Stock £2 9s. 8d.; interest on Consols, £2 10s. 4d.; sale of publications, £14 3s. 5d. The expenditure included: Publications, £1 1s. 1d.; 'Tintinnalogia' reprint, 6s.; Carter ringing machine (fees and expenses), £1 3s.; advertisements, £2 2s.; stationery, printing and postage, £10 9s.; Ringers' Directory, 2s.; balance in hand, £105 11s. 7d. The market value of the investments was £141 19s.

The accounts were adopted on the motion of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. C. T. Coles (auditors).

CARTER RINGING MACHINE.

Mr. E. A. Young, as a trustee, reported on the Carter Ringing Machine. The machine had been examined, and although it showed signs of wear, they detected no particular fault. On account of alterations being carried out at the Museum, it could not be run on power, but the demonstrator revolved it by hand and it ran over a plain course of Grandsire.

Mr. Hughes, the other trustee, seconded the report, which was adopted.

The President said he had had a letter from Mr. G. F. Woodhouse, of Sedburgh, Yorks, who regretted that, owing to the distance, he could not bring his machine to Canterbury for demonstration. As he could not travel more than 20 miles an hour when conveying the machine, it would take him three days to do the journey. He hoped, however, to be able to demonstrate the machine to the Council at some time when they came north.

The Standing Committee reported that they had considered the agenda and recommendations thereon had been or would be placed before the Council.—This was adopted on the motion of the secretary, seconded by Mrs. Fletcher.

PEAL COLLECTION DELAYED.

The hon. secretary said he had received a letter from Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, dated May 12th, in which he said that owing to several members of the Peals Committee not having yet returned their selection of peals, he was still unable to hand in the completed collection.

This letter was adopted as the report of the committee, on the motion of Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by Mr. W. H. Hollier.

AN AUTHOR'S RIGHT TO A METHOD.

The report of the Methods Committee was as follows: At the last session of the Council we reported that the MSS. of the book on Surprise Major Methods and the third edition of the Minor Methods

Collection had been handed over. The Council has already approved publication of these and it awaits favourable financial conditions.

During the past year the question has again been raised of forming a Register of Methods. We wish to point out that the committee has in working order a scheme by which all methods can be tabulated and indexed, and any information regarding them can be obtained in a very few minutes. This scheme will be explained in detail at Canterbury and the assistance of the Council asked in making it operative.

The MS. collection given by the committee to the Council's library at Shrewsbury contains 817 of the best of the Surprise methods, complete with a full lead, diagram, false course-ends and a comprehensive collection of suitable peal compositions. These are arranged on a plan by which any method can readily be turned up once the places in it are known.

In addition the committee has a manuscript collection containing several thousands of Surprise methods and other members of the Exercise (notably Mr. Driver and Mr. Lindoff) have large and more or less exhaustive collections.

There is, therefore, no lack of methods, and any information respecting them will readily be given to any ringers or band asking for it.

But perhaps that is not what is asked for. It seems that what some people want is a scheme by which, when a man has worked out a method which he has reason to believe has not previously been rung or published, he can register a claim to it as his composition and property. If that is what is wanted we fear it cannot be done. It might have been possible years ago when every method was considered to be a separate thing, each with its own composer and owner, but a study of the mathematical laws which control method construction has shown that methods are not independent, but that the existence of one implies the existence of many more. We cannot separate methods and say that this one is the composition of A and that of B, this one belongs to C and that to D.

Given the existence of Stedman's Imperial Bob, such methods as Norfolk and Peterborough and Cornwall and many others automatically follow. Cambridge and Yorkshire were undoubtedly composed quite independently of each other, yet a man who knows the construction of Cambridge knows that Yorkshire must exist and that its lead ends and rows must be thus and not otherwise. It would be absurd to give to the man who first composed a method the credit for all those which spring from it about which he knew nothing, and it is impossible to consider any man as the author of a method which could have been got from an older one by merely mechanical means, no matter how it actually was got. Further, during the last 30 years many clever men have been working at methods, some on comprehensive and exhaustive lines. Their work overlaps and the same method may and probably has been composed by several persons. Between them it is not possible to distinguish. The old test of priority of publication altogether breaks down, for the vast numbers have never been published, yet no one can say they have not been composed. If A writes out a method on Monday and B works out the same on Saturday, quite independently, it is difficult to see why A should be considered the exclusive owner, especially as he may merely have more or less blindly written out some figures while B had worked on some definite plan. Therefore, even if a man could prove that he was the first to write out the lead of any method, we cannot see that he has acquired any ownership or proprietary right.

We must, however, emphasise the fact that this does not diminish the credit which rightly belongs to those men who have made so many good methods available for the Exercise. These men have the right to claim that they have composed methods. It is the claim to ownership and exclusive rights that fails.

Mr. J. A. Trollope formally moved the adoption of the report and Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded. The latter remarked that the committee had the proofs of the new edition of the Doubles and Minor book in hand, and they hoped it would be on the market very soon. They noted that the librarian had reported that the Plain Major methods was nearly sold out. The committee would take the reprinting of it in hand.

The report was adopted.

AN INDEX FOR METHODS.

Mr. S. H. Wood moved the following recommendation on behalf of the committee: That in order to assist the Council in keeping up to date a Register of Methods which have been rung, the secretaries of affiliated associations be asked to forward to the Council the figures of any method rung for the first time and the composition, together with particulars of first performance. Mr. Wood said that practically as long as he could remember, speaking campanologically, the Exercise had been calling, about every six months, for two things. The first was a register of compositions and the second a register of methods. So far a register of compositions had been ruled out as impracticable, and, as far as he could see, it would be impracticable for many years to come, for these two reasons: As far as he knew there was no method of working out all the possible compositions of even one method, say Bob Major, and if it was possible to work them all out, was there anybody in that Council who would be prepared to say whether any particular two of them were the same compositions, or variations, or different compositions?

In regard to methods, however, they were on very different ground. There was nothing to prevent somebody writing out all the possible

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Surprise Major methods, except that it would probably take longer than one man's lifetime; but it was a perfectly straightforward job. Although, perhaps, no one in that room was prepared to say how many there were, there was a definite number. Unlike compositions, there was no question of any two methods being the same; therefore, it was possible to have a register of methods. It seemed to him, however, that what was really required was a system of indexing, so that any method could be placed in its proper category and thus avoid two methods being rung under the same name, or two names given to the same method.

There were in existence a number of registers of methods—there was nothing new about that. The Records Committee had a very excellently kept register, which was indexed by names, but if somebody rang a new method and gave it a name there was no simple way of finding out whether those figures had been previously rung under a different name, which was what, it seemed to him, the Exercise really wanted. He had been working on a system lately which would fulfil the requirements. He need not describe the system, but it would be sufficient for the Council to know that if he were given half a lead of a Surprise Major method, he could tell them in less than one minute whether it had been rung before, and, if so, give them details. It was based upon the half-lead end, which was the first of the two rows in which treble lay behind. He had worked out all the possible half lead ends which would give regular methods. There were 1,116 of them, and they were written out in the index.

Mr. Wood proceeded to show by the example of Cambridge how the system worked, and went on to say that the recommendation asked that the Council should be furnished with the details of methods claimed to be rung for the first time, and as soon as they got the figures they would be able to say if they had been rung before. He thought it was clear that if a band wanted to make certain before ringing a new method, that had not been previously rung, they should write to the Council or to him and he would be glad to reply by return of post.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded the motion, which was carried.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

The Council next had before them the report of the Peals Analysis and Records Committee, published in our issue of April 23rd last.

Mrs. Fletcher, in moving its adoption, said that since the publication of the report it had been pointed out that a peal of Bob Minor, published as a non-association peal, had been credited to the Ely Association and this alteration had been made in the records. A peal in seven Surprise Major methods was omitted from the list of new methods and this had now been included.—Mr. G. R. Pye seconded the report.

Mr. A. D. Barker asked for information about the peals of Doubles which had included a method described as Oxford Singles.

The President said they had found out that Oxford Singles was a method with one bell lying eight consecutive blows behind. The Standing Committee had passed a recommendation that the Council regret that such a method should be rung, considering the number of methods there are. He added that with regard to the peal of Minor, in which an odd course of Woodbine Treble Bob had been rung, the Standing Committee recommended that further inquiry be made to ascertain at what stage of the peal this addition was included.

Mr. W. Ayre said the peals which included Oxford Singles were rung for his own association, the Hertford. He intended to bring the matter up before the association and suggest that these peals be deleted from the records.

ADVANTAGES OF HANDBELL PEALS.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards referred to the decrease in the number of handbell peals. The ringing of handbell peals should be encouraged as much as possible. He thought there were three advantages in handbell ringing. First it required a larger amount of skill and that was all to the good of the Exercise and progress. Second, it could be done without any annoyance to the neighbourhood, and, third, it was much easier for four people to meet for repeated attempts than it was for a larger number.

There was also, said Mr. Edwards, a serious decrease in the number of ringers ringing their first peal. So far as the Salisbury Guild, which he represented, was concerned, he was glad to say it was a conspicuous exception. In a large proportion of the peals rung by the Guild there was a ringer who rang his first peal or his first in the method. One other point he had noticed in the report was that seven peals were rung on royal occasions or birthdays and over 200 birthday peals as compliments to one or another of the band. It was very nice and very friendly to have these birthday peals rung, but he thought ringers would do well to consider the attitude of the general public towards it. The public could understand a peal rung for a royal birthday, but a peal for the birthday of an individual ringer appealed to no one outside the band of ringers. Ringers would do well to make the occasion for peals in these days more occasions of public interest (hear, hear).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, referring to the committee's statement that their inquiries as to Oxford Singles had not, at the time of the report, brought forth any information, moved that it be an instruction to the committee that, when necessary information is not forthcoming, when the statistics are made up, the peals should be ignored

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

The 63rd annual meeting of the Devonshire Guild was held at Newton Abbot on Whit Monday with a gathering of about 150 members and friends from all the branches of the Guild. A service in St. Leonard's Chapel, conducted by the Rev. C. E. W. Russell, Rector of Wolborough, with Mr. C. R. Walker at the organ, was heartily rendered.

Luncheon was served at the Globe Hotel, followed by the business meeting, with the president (the Rev. E. V. Cox) in the chair. Reference was made to the death of Bishop Cecil, and the meeting stood in silence in respect to his memory as a worthy patron of the Guild. The president announced that his successor, Dr. Curzon, had consented to continue the patronage.

The report and statement of accounts for 1936 as published were adopted. The officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. E. V. Cox; eleven vice-presidents, of whom three were present; general secretary, Mr. T. Laver; general treasurer, Mr. T. G. Bartlett; auditor, Mr. J. C. Oke; and honorary members' representative to committee, Mr. A. Langman. Two places were proposed for the annual meeting in 1938, Cullompton and Plymouth, and on a show of hands Cullompton was chosen by a large majority. Six ringing and one honorary members were elected, and two from Ilfracombe re-elected. Mr. Southwood appealed to representatives of hands to make every effort to rope in young ringers in order to fill vacancies.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. T. C. Walters for his splendid address and the organist and Rectors of Highweek and Kingsteignton were carried with applause. Ringing was kindly permitted at intervals at Wolborough, St. Leonards, Highweek and Kingsteignton.

WIRKSWORTH BELLS RESTORED.

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SOUND.

The rededication of the ring of eight bells at Wirksworth Parish Church, near Derby, was carried out on Friday evening, May 7th, by the Very Rev. Herbert Ham, M.A., F.R.C.O., Provost of Derby Cathedral. Other clergy taking part in the service were the Vicar, the Rev. S. L. Gaiger, B.A., B.D., Canon G. A. Hazlehurst, Rural Dean of Wirksworth, and the Revs. W. J. E. Williams, R. H. S. Currey, M.A., H. Pickles and F. Kelly.

In 1934 the old bell frame and supports were found to be rotten, owing to the ravages of beetle grub, and it was, therefore, decided to discontinue ringing of the bells, except for very special occasions, until such time as the peal was thoroughly restored. This work has now been completed, the bells having been equipped with modern fittings and hung in an entirely new frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Particular attention has been paid to the question of the sound of the bells both from the ringers' point of view and also to those residents in the immediate vicinity of the church. In the ringing chamber the sound of the bells is nicely subdued so that they can be tapped in the way which all good strikers delight in, whilst in the churchyard there is no 'shouting down at you' to interfere with the quietest of conversation.

During the rededication the bells were rung by members of the local band—G. H. Bowmer, L. Hanson, T. H. Greatorex, Brian Hilditch, J. Flint, K. Hanson, F. Johnson, B. Greatorex (captain). The Hanson family have been ringers for four generations. Mr. Fred Turner, a local ringer for over 50 years and an octogenarian, was in the belfry during the ringing. The visitors included ringers from Derby, Mallock, Ashover and Loughborough, the contingent from the latter place including Mr. Charles Allsop, a native of Wirksworth, where he first learnt the art of ringing, and he was privileged to call the first touch on the restored peal.

'They've made a fine job' was the general opinion expressed on Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s work.

EDINBURGH RINGERS VISIT NEWCASTLE.

St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh, held their annual outing on April 19th, when they visited Newcastle-on-Tyne.

In the morning they rang touches of Grandsire Casters and Stedman Triples at All Saints' Church, Gosforth, and in the afternoon visited St. George's, Jesmond. The most interesting and enjoyable part of the day was a visit to the Cathedral, when they had an opportunity to ring Cinques.

The Newcastle Cathedral ringers gave the Edinburgh visitors a warm welcome and made their visit most enjoyable. It was interesting to meet again Mr. C. L. Routledge, who is an honorary member of St. Mary's Society, and Mr. W. H. Barber, who was conductor at St. Mary's, Edinburgh, for a number of years. The trip was an interesting departure for Scottish ringers.

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and omitted from the Analysis. Mr. Goldsmith said the Council could not expect the committee to hold up their work for the sake of dilatory correspondents, and it was unfair to ask them to expend endless time on seeking information. The Council could be quite sure that the committee would require only reasonable information.

This motion was seconded by Mr. A. Walker and carried, as were also the recommendations of the Standing Committee. The report was adopted, and, on the motion of Mrs. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. Pevrins, Mr. Walter Ayre was added to the committee.

(To be continued.)

FOR BEGINNERS.

COURT AND DOUBLE COURT BOB.

In these notes a fortnight ago we had something to say about double methods and the grouping of methods. Let us look now at another well-known method which produces a perfect double. It is Court Bob, and it belongs to the group of which Oxford Bob is a member.

If you studied Oxford Bob you will remember that the main feature of its construction was the 4th's place made at each end of the lead as the treble passed up through 2-3 and down through 3-2.

123456	653142
214365	561324
241356	516342
423165	153624

The leads themselves are joined by 2nd's place made when the treble leads its whole pull, causing the two pairs in 3-4 and 5-6 to dodge.

Now Court Bob is exactly like Oxford Bob, without the 2nd's place when the treble leads. Row for row the leads of a plain course are alike in the two methods, except that they are joined by 2nd's in Oxford Bob and 6th's in Court Bob. Those who wish to study the method should be able to write out the course without further instruction and make their own diagram.

When they come to ring it, they will find that the change in the 'link' between the leads cuts out certain dodges and connects up the other work into a different sequence—but the construction of the method is the same.

The double method has the same relationship to the single version as Double Oxford has to Oxford Bob.

Places are made in corresponding places with the treble *above* 3rd's as when it is *below* 4th's. Thus the 4th's when the treble passes through 2-3 and 3-2 is duplicated in 3rd's when the treble passes through 4-5 and 5-4.

But while in Double Oxford there were places in 5th's and 2nd's with the treble behind and leading, respectively, in Double Court (following the example of the single method) there is neither 5th's nor 2nd's. Here again you should, with this information before you, be able to construct your own course and make your diagram. Just try it; the effort to do these things for yourself will enable you to learn much more than having the figures given to you.

This is how the places are made 'across the treble' in Double Court:

214365	645213
241356	465123
423165	641532
243615	614523

The second lead head of Court Bob (rounds being the first) is 135264. The second lead head of Double Court is, therefore, 135264 transposed by 135264, which produces 156342.

Because of the absence of 2nd's place when the treble leads, the calling of these two methods is not the same as Oxford Bob, viz., Wrong, Right and Wrong. As we pointed out recently, methods with 6th's made when the treble leads have as their 'standard' calling 'In, Out and In'—that is, bobs called when the observation bell runs IN to take the treble off, and when it runs OUT from the treble. In the case of Court Bob, if the tenor is the observation bell, the plain 'Out,' that is the 'Out' where there is no bob, comes first (at the 2nd lead) and the first bob 'In' the following lead. In the double method the plain Out comes at the first lead and the first bob 'In' at the fourth lead.

NEW VICAR'S INDUCTION.

On Friday evening, May 7th, at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Aldershot, prior to the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. J. B. Rowsell, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. W. Denyer 1, Miss Doris Viggers 2, F. J. Gower 3, Mrs. M. Eldridge 4, G. W. Challen 5, W. H. Viggers 6, P. L. Eldridge 7, T. E. Denyer (conductor) 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method for all except the ringers of the 1st and 6th.

LATE NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30 Tea, by invitation of the Rector, at 5 p.m. at the Rectory. Please notify for tea by Wednesday next. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (grand peal of 8) ready at 1. Tea at 5 p.m. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

DEATH OF THE DEAN OF ORIEL COLLEGE.

HIS SERVICES TO RINGING IN OXFORD.

On Wednesday, May 12th, after an illness of some months' duration, the Rev. John Freeman Russell, Lecturer, Fellow and Dean of Oriel College, Oxford, passed to his rest. A contributor has sent us the following appreciation of a most valued personality:—

Mr. Russell's name is one which will be unfamiliar to the majority of the readers of this journal, but he was typical of the best type of clerical ringer. He learnt to ring when he was an undergraduate at Pembroke College, Oxford, and though never an advanced ringer himself, he was a steady striker, and could be relied on in the standard methods.

But those who knew him will remember chiefly his unflinching readiness to help with the teaching and practice of beginners. In this direction there will be many members of the Oxford University Society and of the ringers at Cuddesdon College, who will remember him with gratitude and affection—gratitude for the many hours of unselfish labour which he put in on their behalf, and affection for one who was never impatient, who was always ready to give of his best to those who needed his help, and who was a real friend to all those with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Russell's distinguished academic and clerical career—he was only 39 when he died—would have been considered by a lesser man to have entitled him to a more prominent position in the ringing fraternity; he was, however, one of the most humble of people, and it would have been abhorrent to him to have pushed himself forward in any way. He remained in the background, ready to be of service when wanted.

The present writer desires to acknowledge the debt that he owes to Mr. Russell, from whom he learnt something of how a ringer should behave in the belfry. Mr. Russell never shouted, and never forgot that the belfry is part of the church. When asked to do so, he would conduct a touch, but when not conducting he never interfered; he sought no honour for himself, but was always ready when wanted.

He will be greatly missed by the ringers at Cuddesdon, and by the Oxford Society and the Oxford University Society. For the past two years he had been a vice-president of this latter society.

Those who knew him will feel that they have lost a friend, and the Exercise will be the poorer by the death of one who always put himself last.

BELLS UNUSED FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

RESTORED FOR CORONATION.

Unused for a quarter of a century, the bells of St. Michael's Church, Llanfihangel Rhydithon, Radnorshire, have been restored and augmented and were ready in time to ring for the Coronation.

The present Vicar, the Rev. E. W. Fowler, was inducted twelve months ago. A keen bellringer, he found on his arrival in the parish that the peal of five bells were out of order and had not been rung for 25 years. He launched an appeal for funds to restore the existing five bells and put in a new treble to augment them to six, and on Wednesday, April 28th last, his ambition was realised when the bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon (Dr. John Morgan, D.D.) before a large congregation.

The lessons were read by Canon Griffith Thomas, R.D. (Llandrindod) and Canon T. S. P. Griffiths (Knighton). The Bishop took for his text I. Chronicles xxix., 6. He spoke of the beautifying of the House of God and appealed to all churchworkers to carry on the good work in which they were engaged.

The work of rehanging the existing five bells and adding a new treble was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, and everybody present expressed their pleasure at the 'go' and tone of the restored peal. The new treble weighs 3 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

The opening touch was a six-score of Grandsire Doubles by C. M. Davies 1, B. H. Davies 2, W. D. Griffiths 3, D. H. Bennett (conductor) 4, S. C. Powell 5, S. L. Speake 6. The ringers were the winners of the Swansea and Brecon Guild 1936 bellringing contest. Other ringers were present from Brecon, Talgarth, Kington, New Radnor and Mr. J. H. Sheppard (Swindon) and Mr. J. E. Hyett, Worcester-shire Association Northern Branch secretary, were also present. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were represented by Mr. S. R. Roper.

DEATH OF AN OLD LEICESTERSHIRE RINGER.

We deeply regret to announce the death of John Hutchin Wildman, of Croxton Kerrial, Leicestershire, who passed away on April 22nd after a very short illness.

Mr. Wildman, who was 74 years of age, had been a ringer for 62 years. He was a member of the Framland Deaneries Guild and also a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

He was a good and well-known ringer in the Grantham and Melton Mowbray districts, and as a last token of respect four of his fellow-ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside on Monday, April 26th.

After the funeral service the tower bells were half-muffled, and 720 of both Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung: H. Thorpe (Grantham) 1, Sidney Proctor (Grantham) (conductor) 2, R. Bartram (Melton Mowbray) 3, A. Ward (Bottisford) 4, W. Thorpe (Grantham) 5, P. C. H. R. Woods (Grantham) 6.

BELLS FOR NEW CHURCHES.

BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD'S HOPE.

The ring of six bells at Harthill, Yorks, has been recast and augmented by two trebles by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., of Croydon.

The old bells varied in dates and were hung in an oak frame which had become unsafe, and the bells themselves formed no kind of nucleus for a satisfactory diatonic scale. They had been silent for some years, and eventually it was decided to make an effort to raise subscriptions in order that the work of recasting and also rehanging in an iron frame could be put in hand and completed in time for the Coronation.

As the parish is not a large one and is mostly agricultural, the self-sacrifice of the parishioners is to be highly commended, whilst special mention should be made of the splendid example set by Mr. H. Garbett, a local gentleman, who has been responsible for raising some hundreds of pounds towards the total expenditure by the production of village pageants, etc.

A large congregation attended the ceremony of dedication, performed by the Bishop of Sheffield (Dr. L. H. Burrows), the seating capacity being taxed to the utmost. The service was conducted by the Rector of Harthill (the Rev. H. R. Everson). Amongst the clergy present were Canon S. T. G. Smith (Attercliffe), the Rev. R. Hodgson (Anston), the Rev. A. D. Alderson (Todwick), the Rev. A. E. Lewis (Thorpe Salvin), the Rev. W. A. Surtees (Maltby) and the Rev. A. M. Selle (Wales), who acted as Bishop's chaplain.

The Bishop gave an excellent address on the origin and uses of bells. He laid particular stress upon their connection between the church and the people, inasmuch as although serving their mission in summoning the parishioners to worship, they also, amongst other things, conveyed a message of comfort to those unable to attend through sickness and other causes. He also spoke of the present-day expansion of our town and city parishes, and stated that he hoped that every effort would be made by those responsible to instal a peal of bells wherever a new church was erected. Finally he tendered praise to the parishioners for their noble self-sacrifice, to the former Rector (the Rev. P. E. Boswell), who started the scheme, and to the present Rector, who took over the completion of the scheme on his induction to the parish some four months ago.

NEW BAND OF RINGERS TO BE FORMED.

The South Anston Sunday service ringers rang rounds at the actual dedication, and immediately after the service the same band rang a well-struck touch of Bob Major, when the beauty and full tone of the new peal was heard to good effect by a large number of visiting ringers from Eckington, Handsworth, Killamarsh, Rotherham, Retford, Sheffield, Workson and Wortley. Touches were afterwards rung by the various visitors present, the bellfounders being represented by Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of Croydon.

The Yorkshire Association was represented by Mr. Sidney F. Palmer (hon. treasurer), Mr. George Lewis (vice-president, Southern Division), and the Sheffield and District Society by Mr. M. E. Wilson, hon. secretary.

At present there is no band of ringers at Harthill, but a number of young men have shown interest and offered to take up the mystic art, and there was every indication of active encouragement and assistance from leading ringers of the district in the creation and development of a band worthy of the tower and the new peal.

At the invitation of the Rector, an open ringers' gathering will take place on Saturday, when all ringers will be welcomed.

The former bells were six in number, with a tenor of 18 cwt. They have been recast into a magnificent ring of eight, with an 18½ cwt. tenor in F. They have been hung with the latest type of modern fittings in an all-steel frame, which looks and is a first-class engineering job.

The work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who are to be congratulated on supplying South Yorkshire with yet another excellent peal, the 'go' of which is everything that could be desired.

OPEN BELLS FOR RINGER'S FUNERAL.

SUSSEX VETERAN'S WISH.

Owing to failing health, Mr. George Walder, the Sussex veteran, whose death at the age of 81 years, on May 7th, we briefly recorded in our last issue, had not been able to ring for the last few years.

He had expressed a wish that the bells of Bolney Church, where he had been a ringer for so many years, should be rung with open clappers immediately after his interment, and this was accordingly done, touches of Grandsire Triples being rung by past and present members of the Bolney Church Ringers' Society.

One of the original members of the above society, Mr. Walder was its secretary until the year 1930, and has left many interesting notes in the minute book on the Bolney bells and the early struggles of the society.

He conducted its first peal (Grandsire Triples) on November 9th, 1894.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Easter Sunday for evening service at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Bray (first quarter of Major) 1, Miss E. Bedford 2, P. E. Jones 3, C. W. Smith (Cambridge) 4, W. S. Childs (first quarter of Major) 5, E. Hancox 6, C. Nicholls 7, F. Corke (composer and conductor) 8.

WELLINGBOROUGH BELLS REDEDICATED. TUNED AND REHUNG IN TWO TIERS.

Scarcely two hours elapsed between the finishing touches being put to the newly-rehung bells of All Hallows' Church, Wellingborough, and their rededication on Monday, May 10th, by the Archdeacon of Northampton. The peal of eight bells have been tuned and rehung with new fittings in a steel frame, 1, 3, 5 and 7 being hung above the 2nd, 4th, 6th and tenor. The tenor is now a fine bell, weighing 28½ cwt., and the work has been carried out very successfully by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

Following the words of rededication, the bells were rung again for the first time since October last to a course of Stedman Triples by A. H. Martin (Higham Ferrers) 1, A. Bigley (secretary of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild) (Irthlingborough) 2, H. E. Plowman (Wellingborough) 3, T. Hensher (Finedon) 4, J. R. Main (Finedon) 5, F. Barber (Mablethorpe) 6, W. Perkins (Irthlingborough) 7, E. Pettitt (Wellingborough) 8.

A large congregation, representative of the town, waited in hushed silence to hear the familiar peal once more.

After the dedication the clergy passed back to the choir stalls for the remainder of the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Chambers).

A collection was taken for the Tower and Bell Fund, £150 still being required to meet the cost.

Besides the Archdeacon and Vicar, other clergy present were the Revs. A. G. Bagshaw, president of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Finedon), E. J. Atkins, R.D. (Isham), G. S. J. Downes (Wellingborough All Saints'), R. H. Robinson, D.D. (Witby), and W. C. Knight (curate at All Hallows').

After the bells had been lowered in peal, the local band, together with the visitors who took part in the opening course of Stedman, were entertained at the Vicarage to light refreshments.

Mr. F. Barber, of Mablethorpe, at one time belonging to the Wellingborough band, and former branch secretary of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, congratulated the Vicar on his very successful accomplishment. He also wished the local team happiness in their future church work.

The Vicar replied and said that soon after he came to Wellingborough Mr. Barber had told him of the condition of the bells and he had promised to get them in order eventually. That evening he was delighted to entertain the ringers and to prove that he had kept his word. He also spoke of the way Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's men had worked overtime, willingly, to get the job done for the Coronation, and he found that bellhungers as well as ringers were very enthusiastic in their work.

Mr. F. C. W. Stevenson, who represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, thanked the Vicar for his remarks and said how sorry Mr. Cyril Johnston was at being prevented from attending the service.

Visiting ringers, numbering about thirty, were present from 14 different towers, and as the time allowed for ringing, after the service, was only half an hour, very short courses were the order. The bells have been lowered in the tower and a ringing floor built above the ground floor originally used, making a handy and majestic peal of eight bells.

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ANOTHER OCTAVE IN BUCKS.

GENEROUS GIFT TO STEWKLEY.

The new treble bells at Stewkley, Bucks, were dedicated on April 29th by the Bishop of Buckingham. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. R. A. Williams), and numerous local clergy were also present.

The bells are the gift of Mr. T. A. Bliss, a former resident of the village, in memory of his parents. The donor also defrayed the expense of rehanging and retuning the old six, and erected a tablet in the church giving the details of what had been done to the bells.

In the course of the service, eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a course of Grandsire Triples, and at the conclusion of the service the same band rang a well-struck 504 of Stedman Triples: R. White 1, Rev. C. E. Wigg 2, G. Holfield 3, J. Puppitt 4, F. Mears 5, T. C. White 6, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 7, A. White 8.

Afterwards a sumptuous tea was provided in the Schoolroom for all, at the expense of Mr. Bliss, and the inhabitants were pleased to have Mr. Bliss with them.

The work of rehanging the new bells was in the hands of Mr. R. White, of Appleton, the new bells having been cast by Messrs. Mears and Stairbank, to whom credit is due for the excellent 'splice.'

On Saturday, May 8th, eight members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first peal ever rung on the bells.

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NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Godalming meeting, May 29th, is cancelled. Albury meeting is on July 3rd instead of June 26th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

TETSWORTH, OXON.—The first anniversary will be celebrated on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available all day. Dinner 5.30. Please notify.—J. W. Gibbard, Tetsworth, Oxon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, May 29th. Cathedral bells available from 3 p.m. Meat tea at 5.15 p.m., price 2s. 6d. (1s. to members). Service will be at the sub-deanery church at 4.30. Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) allowed to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Gen. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Harrow Weald, Saturday, May 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Advices by May 26th, please. Special method, St. Lawrence Little Bob Major. Nearest station, Stanmore (Met.), and short walk, or No. 114 bus (if running). Alternative route, if buses are available, tube to Edgware and No. 114 bus. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. number, Larkwood 1959.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Ashford District) AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 29th, to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mr. C. Slingsby. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Preacher, the Bishop of Dover. Tea 5 p.m. — P. Page, 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Benington on May 29th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea by the kindness of the Rector; business after.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, May 29th. Bells available 2.30. Service by Rt. Rev. Bishop N. S. Talbot, D.D., M.C., 4 o'clock, followed by tea (1s) in Barker Gate Institute. This is the Guild's Jubilee year—come and celebrate. Gentlemen specially invited. — I. B. Thompson, 53, Lace Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Doncaster District and the Eastern District will be held at Thorne on Saturday, May 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Those attending must make own arrangements for tea. Plenty of cafés near church. — H. S. Morley and E. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—On Saturday, May 29th, through the kindness of the Rev. H. R. Everson, Rector of Hartill, near Sheffield, the bells (8) of Hartill Church, recently restored, etc., will be available for ringing. For tea, please notify the Rev. H. R. Everson, Rectory, Hartill, near Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Batley on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting at 7.30 p.m.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—An extra meeting will be held at Leamington Hastings, near Rugby, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Rectory, by kind invitation of the Rev. J. E. Wigram, at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Faringdon on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. — R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Beckwithshaw (near Harrogate) on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. W. A. Holmes, The Smith's Arms, Beckwithshaw. A hearty invitation to all.—Edward Mudron, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, May 29th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers very welcome. — C. A. Levitt, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 29th, at Seavington. Bells at 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock at the Volunteer Inn.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, May 29th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. each. Meeting in the Schoolroom. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Manor Arms at 5.30 p.m. Immanuel bells (8) after tea until 8.30 p.m. — A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, May 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. All welcome.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on June 3rd; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 8th; St. Magnus' on the 10th; St. Andrew's on the 17th; *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 22nd; St. Magnus' on the 24th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Coseley, Staffs, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 9d. each for those only who notify me not later than Tuesday, June 1st. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The annual branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5.30, 9d. each. Meeting afterwards.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Carnwell, Sunnyside, Kingsley, near Cheadle, Staffs, not later than June 2nd?—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at Meston on Saturday, June 5th. 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.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Tichborne on Saturday, June 5th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Racquet Court at 4.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at South Perrott on Saturday, June 5th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Baker's Arms Hotel. Notifications for tea by Tuesday, June 1st, please.—C. H. Lathey, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gullesborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Buckby (bells 5) on Saturday, June 5th. 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.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, June 5th. For tea please notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —A meeting of the branch will be held at Heytesbury on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea in Reading Room at 5. Sutton Veny bells available during the evening.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Halsall, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. Maudesley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk. — S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

ELSTREE. — Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30 (Gouldsmith, High Street). Good service train or coach to Elstree. Names for tea must be sent by June 2nd.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270. Herts Association.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at Great Gransden on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Hawkshead on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends to be present at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, June 5th, the occasion being the Ringers' Day. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. A service will be held in church at 4.30 p.m. Special preacher: Rev. A. Scott, M.A., President of the Association. To be followed by tea in the School at 5.30 p.m. Will those who intend being present for tea kindly notify Mr. Herbert Barlow, Baker and Confectioner, Glodwick Road, Oldham, not later than June 2nd? — Stephen Lloyd Pavey, Hon. Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Halewood, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Price 9d. each. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. W. Gardner, Church Road, Halewood.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 p.m. at Christ Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, by Thursday, June 10th. All ringers welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Straihearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, June 12th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, at Mrs. Settatrees' Tea Rooms. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —Meeting at Sunbury on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea in Church Hall. Quarterly business to follow. Excellent bells and attractive surroundings. Won't you come? — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service in Church 5 p.m. Tea, 5.30, at the Rectory, to be followed by business meeting. A hearty welcome will be extended to all visitors, but it is important that I should be informed of those who require tea not later than Wednesday, June 9th.—A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Summer meeting at Longdon (3 miles from Upton-on-Severn, west of river) on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6), recently rehung, from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea in the Schools 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Please advise me by Tuesday, June 8th. Midland Red bus (364) leaves Upton for Longdon at 2.58 p.m. The 2 p.m. bus from Worcester to Upton connects.—Geo. E. Large, Branch Sec., Hawford, near Worcester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Exeter and Mid-Devon Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Teignmouth on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available: St. Michael's (8) and Bishopsteignton (6) from 3 p.m. Service at St. Michael's Church at 4.30. Tea at London Hotel at 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting of Exeter Branch. Numbers for tea to reach Mr. A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh, by first post Tuesday, June 8th.—W. H. Howe and A. L. Bennett, Branch Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Thowley on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. You are asked to send in your name for tea to Miss K. Hooker, Park Farm, Thowley, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, June 9th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Bardfield on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided for all those who send in their names to Mr. J. Jennings, Pant Place, Great Bardfield, near Braintree, not later than Wednesday, June 9th, or to me.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Kildwick, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea should advise Mr. C. Law, Main Street, Kildwick, near Keighley, before Monday, June 7th. — Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Bechham, near Reading. Ring of 6 rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Service at 4.30 by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 19th, at Bolsover, Derbyshire. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m., in Church Hall, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea *must* apply not later than June 15th to Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, Derbyshire.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — The Master and Mrs. E. H. Lewis will be at home to all members of the society and their ladies on Saturday afternoon, June 26th.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Shield Contest will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 10th. Closing date for entries June 26th. Tower closed for practice June 12th. All entrance fees and subscription for prize fund must reach me not later than June 26th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

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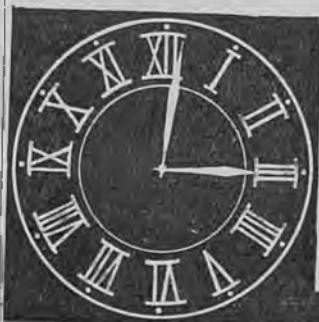
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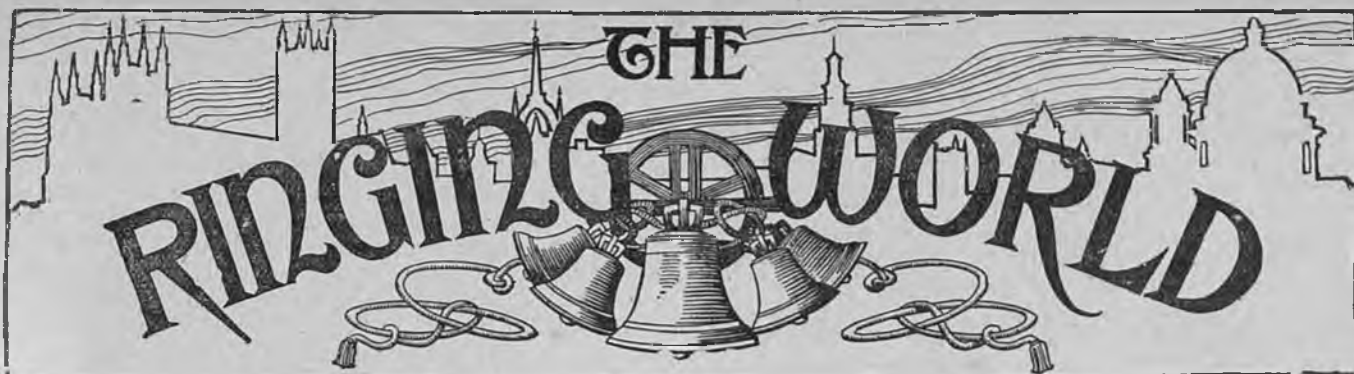
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Bro. J. BENNETT, M.M., Per Mare, Per Terram Lodge, No. 3609	4
Bro. REG. BROUGH, M.M., Frederick of Unity Lodge, No. 452	5
Bro. JOHN H. B. HESSE, M.M., Cama Lodge, No. 2105	6
Bro. ERNEST BRETT, M.M., Harrow Lodge, No. 1310	7
Bro. A. D. BARKER, M.M., St. Clement Danes Lodge, No. 1351	8
Bro. HAROLD W. CLARK, M.M., Jeanne d'Arc Lodge, No. 4168	9
Bro. GEORGE W. STEERE, M.M., Sowest Lodge, No. 3797	10
Bro. WILLIAM BOTTRILL, M.M., Polaris Lodge, No. 4407	11
Wor. Bro. FREDK. WHITE, P.M., Holmesdale Lodge, No. 874	12 Tenor

Arranged by Bro. G. NEWTON. Conducted by Bro. JAMES BENNETT

TEN BELL PEALS.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON	... Treble	HORACE FOX	... 6
HERBERT WALKER	... 2	FRED NEWTON	... 7
ARTHUR WALKER	... 3	THOMAS HOLDER	... 8
*HARRY C. WALTERS	... 4	CHARLES BROWN	... 9
†HARRY NEWTON	... 5	ALBERT T. STRANGWARD	... Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. C. WALTERS

* 100th peal. † First peal on ten bells and first attempt.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS	... Treble	*JOHN G. NASH	... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	... 2	HENRY T. WILSON	... 7
ERNEST J. KING	... 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK	... 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER	... 4	FRANK E. DARBY	... 9
E. RALPH MACGRILL	... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH	... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Chad's for Confirmation service on Sunday evening, April 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: A. Fullick 1, W. Walker 2, W. Tandy 3, C. Lee 4, W. Stockdale 5, J. Griffiths (conductor) 6, W. Jones 7, R. Pole 8, W. Farmer 9, J. Benbow 10.

ST. HELENS, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN BOOTH	Treble	STANLEY N. HARRISON ...	6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ...	2	HARRY W. HOWARD ...	7
JOHN POTTER	3	CECIL RADDON	8
JAMES W. GROUNDS	4	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ...	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ...	Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM BUCKENHAM ...	Treble	*ARTHUR G. BASON ...	5
ALFRED E. BACON	2	FRED WIGMORE	6
WALLACE W. COUSINS ...	3	WILLIAM E. BASON ...	7
CLAUDE COUSINS	4	JOHN BUCKENHAM ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* 50th peal. First peal of Triples by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th.

OHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ...	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ...	6
C. ERNEST SMITH	3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ...	7
RICHARD HAYES	4	WILFRED BARTLETT ...	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

First peal on the bells since recasting and rehanging by Mears and Stainbank in October, 1936.

FOBBING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*WILFRED OCKENDON ...	Treble	WALTER TAYLOR ...	5
NORMAN TOWNSEND	2	FRANK LUFKIN	6
WILLIAM DUDLEY	3	†HARRY SMITH	7
*ARTHUR REEVE	4	ALBERT NORTH	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by FRANK LUFKIN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

TRING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

*DONALD CAMPBELL ...	Treble	§F. WILLIAM LEACH ...	5
†GEORGE EELEY	2	WILLIAM J. RANDALL ...	6
CHRISTOPHER BADRICK ...	3	WALTER AYRE	7
†WALTER LEE	4	HENRY C. JONES ...	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. ‡ First peal on eight.
§ First peal of Triples.

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DAVID MAXON, ROPE WORKS, CRANTHAM

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four 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	ALLEN MORGAN	5
REGINALD WOODYATT ...	2	RALPH W. SAYERS	6
DENNIS R. SAYERS	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	7
GEORGE E. LARGE	4	REGINALD ROWE ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

MARLOW, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ...	Treble	†RALPH W. ATKINS ...	5
HARRY WM. BADGER ...	2	ARTHUR MARTIN ...	6
*VICTOR GIBSON	3	GEORGE MARTIN ...	7
†FRANK O. NICHOLLS, SEN.	4	HENRY BUCKINGHAM ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

REDDISH, LANCs.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elizabeth,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES	Treble	KENNETH LEWIS	5
JAMES FERNLEY	2	ALAN J. BROWN	6
*STANLEY NOBLE	3	JAMES A. MILNER ...	7
JOSEPH WHITTAKER	4	WILLIAM FERNLEY ...	Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by K. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major away from treble.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Priory Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...	Treble	GEORGE W. HELEY ...	5
*HENRY B. WHITNEY ...	2	FRANK H. RAMSAY ...	6
*JAMES G. NEWMAN ...	3	FREDERICK J. FLUMMER ...	7
HAROLD BURROWS	4	*EDWIN A. BELSON ...	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Bob Major.

FENTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALAN D. STEEL	Treble	WILLIAM CARNWELL ...	5
HAROLD HOUSON	2	JAMES WILLIAMS ...	6
MATTHEW R. BUCKLEY ...	3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ...	7
RICHARD T. HOLDING ...	4	CHARLES H. PAGE ...	Tenor

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

JOHN JACKSON	Treble	THOMAS HARRISON ...	5
THOMAS CALDERBANK ...	2	JOHN SINGLETON ...	6
HAROLD CLARK	3	FRANK COUPE	7
*JOHN TABERNER	4	E. ROGER MARTIN ...	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal. Ringers of 3, 4, 6 and 7 were re-elected previous to starting.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.

**A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND
SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASS Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
* WILLIAM SHORT 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

* First peal in spliced methods. This peal contained 2,944 London, 608 Bristol, 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, the two latter methods being rung in alternate courses, with 111 changes of method.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At Christ Church, Upper Armley,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

THOS. H. STRANGEWAY Treble	JOSEPH TEACKRAY 5
SAM HELLIWELL 2	ARTHUR FIELDHOUSE 6
FRANK RAYMENT 3	HARRY LOFTHOUSE 7
MISS OLIVE RENTON 4	LEONARD DRAKE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by T. W. STRANGEWAY.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

MIDDLETON'S.	
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILFRED EDWARDS 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
JESSE HARRISON 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
* REV. R. F. R. ROUTH 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 5
KEITH HART 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 3	FREDERICK W. PAGE 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 5
THOMAS E. SONE 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 7
PHILIP HODGKIN 4	* WILLIAM H. DARTNALL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal on eight bells.

WAREHAM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of Lady St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

H. WALTER SAUNDERS Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 2	FREDERICK G. COLE 6
E. T. PAUL FIELD 3	FRANCIS G. BLAKE 7
* DR. ALAN M. CONNINGHAM ... 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CHEATER

* First peal.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

* ALFRED JORDAN Treble	BERTIE RIDGWAY 5
ARTHUR D. ALDHAM 2	GEORGE THOMPSON 6
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 3	ERNEST W. TIPLER 7
CYRIL ISON 4	PERCY W. MOORE Tenor

Transposed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by E. W. TIPLER

* First peal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. BATTIN Treble	JOHN MEDHURST 5
ALBERT WORSFOLD 2	BERNARD V. COLLISON ... 6
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
* ALEC E. RICHARDSON 4	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

* 50th peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED BARKER Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ERNEST WARING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
RONALD G. JONES 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	EDWARD PRICE Tenor

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, City.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	MISS AMY R. JOHNSON ... 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	JOSEPH ATKINSON 5
JAMES W. GODDARD 2	* H. JAMES CHAPMAN 6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 3	* GEORGE DOBBS 7
CHARLES W. TAYLOR 4	WALTER M. GODDARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

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

BLACKLANDS, HASTINGS.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

STANLEY ETHERIDGE Treble	† JACK E. PENNELLS 5
* JAMES G. POWELL 2	JOHN DOWNING 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT 7
† SYDNEY J. LEVETT 4	WILLIAM GORRINGE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. A. LEVETT.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ First peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

KIRDFOUR, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*CHARLIE TOVEY Treble	GEORGE KILLNER 4
STEPHEN KILLNER 2	PERCY DUNTON 5
MESHACK SOFF 3	PERCY F. G. DUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by P. DUNTON.

* First peal.

CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

LIONEL H. PINK Treble	† PHILIP N. TOCOK 4
HAROLD E. WHITE 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
* WILLIAM C. GALE 3	FRANCIS BLAKE Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † First peal of Minor.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Single Bob, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES H. TOMPRINS ... Treble	JOSEPH W. DOWNES 4
GEORGE T. COUSINS 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN 5
WALTER S. EVANS 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

First peal of Minor in three methods for all the band and on the bells.

LEA, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
AND THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob (called differently). Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

NORL B. THURLBY ... Treble	* JOSEPH A. LONN 4
RICHARD H. M. HARVEY ... 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
GEO. LESLIE A. LONN 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY

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

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD NEWELL ... Treble	* STANLEY GOODWIN 4
KITTY WILLERS 2	ROGER ST. JOHN SMITH ... 5
VICTOR CHAPMAN 3	ARTHUR WILSON Tenor

Conducted by ROGER ST. JOHN SMITH.

* First peal 'inside.'

CORRINGHAM, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of St. Clement's and Single Court, two extents of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

* RAYMOND F. SMITH ... Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4
JACK VESSEY 2	NORL B. THURLBY 5
GEO. LESLIE A. LONN 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells in more than one method.

WESTON, BATH.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with ten callings.

G. H. CROSS ... Treble	G. H. CROSS, SEN. 4
A. E. BAVERSTOCK 2	S. S. WOODBURN 5
W. J. PRESCOTT 3	* G. DREW Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

* First peal.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

R. LEWIS ... Treble	C. BOWERS 4
W. NUTT 2	D. W. HORNE 5
W. RANFORD 3	G. GORDON Tenor

Conducted by D. W. HORNE.

First peal on the bells after rehanging in a new steel frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

FRAMPTON, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose, Bourne, Cambridge, Nethorseale, Morning Star, College Bob IV. and Old Oxford. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR YOUNG ... Treble	* C. H. JOHNSON 4
MISS LOIS M. NEAL 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON 5
JOHN R. KEMP 3	JOHN R. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods 'inside.'

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 5½ cwt.

* WILLIAM H. KEY ... Treble	† HENRY J. CORRY 4
† W. JOHN ANDREWS 2	* HENRY J. ROWE 5
* WALTER J. BAKER 3	REV. E. V. COX Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. V. COX.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal, 15 years of age the previous Sunday. † First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Minor on the bells by a local band.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

FREDERICK WATTS ... Treble	DOUGLAS ELLENDER 4
EDWARD H. JOHNSON 2	JOHN TAYLOR 5
CHARLES H. WEBB 3	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

RAMPISHAM, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of St. Vedast and New Doubles, four each of St. Dunstan's, St. Bartholomew, Reading, St. Simon, Stedman Slow Course, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, and 10 of Grandsire, with 42 callings. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

* THOMAS J. STANLEY ... Treble	† HAROLD C. R. VINE 3
HUBERT SMITH 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP ... 4
ARTHUR G. CHUBB Tenor	

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

* First peal in 10 methods. † First peal in 10 methods 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

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On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 of Single Court and two 720's each of Single Oxford, Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*A. CHILTON... ..	Treble	*L. WILSON	4
J. E. ALLEN... ..	2	F. T. CARFORD	5
*G. CREASEY	3	G. S. COLLISHAW	Tenor

Conducted by J. E. ALLEN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. The band ring regularly for the services each Sunday at this church.

WHADDON, Bucks.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(North Bucks Branch.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRED HOBBS	1 treble	*FRED DORMER	4
*HUGH WILLETT	2	WILLIAM H. JONES	5
*REG SAVAGE	3	*THOMAS ADAM	Tenor

Conducted by W. H. JONES.

* First peal and first attempt. All are Sunday service ringers.

PAVENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

JOHN HILSON	Treble	GEORGE SEETH	3
*BRIAN F. SIMS	2	PERCY AMOS	4
DONALD L. COCKINGS	3		Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

* First peal 'inside.'

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE JOHNSON	Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS	4
*AUSTIN WINGATE	2	HARRY JOHNSON	5
†CHARLES H. TOMPINS	3	*WILLIAM YATES	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury and April Day and 12 six-scores each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*REGINALD W. COLLIS	Treble	GEORGE A. CHARLTON	4
FRANK BAILESS	2	JOHN H. BAILESS	5
WILLIAM A. WOOD	3	*FREDERICK WATSON	Tenor

Conducted by F. BAILESS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles in five methods by ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 5. Rung by the local band.

EIGHT BELL PEAL.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

WILLIAM UPTON	Treble	*ALBERT ASH	5
FRANK TAYLOR	2	†CHRISTOPHER BARKER	6
*FREDERICK WAKE	3	ARTHUR DRAKE	7
SIDNEY MOODY	4	BERT SIBBICK	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg, Governor of the Isle of Wight.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

Following long established custom, the annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whitsun Monday and there was a large and representative gathering.

The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost, the Very Rev. W. E. R. Morrow. The lesson was read by the Master of the association (Dr. P. T. Spencer Phillips), and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, of Wokingham, Berks, gave the address, in the course of which he referred to the importance of doing the small things first in order to understand the greater things later on. It applied to everything through life. Everyone, said the preacher, was stirred by the wonderful service and ceremonial of the Coronation, but it was only those people who love regular Communion and prayer who were most truly stirred and helped by that service. Continuing, the preacher said:—

'It is the same with the attitude of the general public to ringing; an attitude which I am afraid often proves annoying to us, as ringers. Nearly all people want and expect ringing on great occasions, and it is quite right that they should expect it. On great occasions, we, as ringers, are often told by members of the general public just how and when we ought to ring, and if we do not do all that is expected of us we are told we ought to have done better. But this same general public is often too ready to criticise us when we ring a peal, or when we hold our ordinary practices. They never realise, unless they try and take up ringing themselves, the immense amount of hard practice that is necessary before we are good enough to ring on great occasions. They never realise that if they want to hear us ring really well on occasions such as the Coronation they must endure our frequent Sunday ringing and our week-night practices.

'What of the attitude of ringers themselves to our art? Everyone who is worth calling a ringer at all is keen to come to a wonderful tower, like this one at Chelmsford, and to have the privilege of ringing fine bells. But if we are to produce expert ringers for our greater churches, we must help forward the ringing at our parish church, great or small. And to those who are beginners—who is not one?—I would say you may find it hard, and perhaps even dull at first, but do not mind that, keep it up. Accept willingly all the criticism and advice that better ringers give you, and never take offence. Good ringers always give their advice in a kindly spirit. You cannot become a good ringer without constant practice of mind and arm. If it were easy to become a good ringer it would not be worth while. If you do get rather bored with practising, think over what a wonderful and romantic exercise ringing is. Think of the age-long part that bells have played in our country's history. Think of all the romance and legend that clings to so many of our old bells. Think how, when you help to ring, you are helping to lift up the hearts of all those within hearing, helping to tell people of the good and righteous things of life, the things that really matter, the eternal joy of the knowledge and love of God.'

DECLINE IN PEALS.

The business meeting followed in the Cathedral Chapter House. Dr. Spencer Phillips was enthusiastically re-elected Master, Mr. L. J. Clark hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. L. W. Wiffen peal secretary.

The 58th annual report, presented by the Master, stated that the year had been one of steady work and some progress. The register of towers in affiliation had been revised, and now numbered 107, a decrease of seven, due to some towers having no ringers. The membership was: Honorary members 83, ringing members 774, and non-resident members 249, a decrease of two. The district meetings had been, on the whole, well attended. Once again there had been a sharp decline in the number of peals rung under the auspices of the association, but it was to be noted that more rang their first peals, and still more their first in the method, which was more important than that a larger number of peals should be recorded by a few old stagers. The standard of ringing had been well maintained, and Belgrave Surprise was rung for the first time for the association. Thirty-three members rang their first peal, and 76 their first in the method. Satisfactory restorations had been carried out at both North Weald and Great Waltham, and it was hoped in the near future to take in hand the ring at Belchamp Walter. Regret was expressed at the loss by death of an hon. member in Canon Macdonald; also of E. W. Lillywhite, St. Saviour's, Walthamstow; W. J. Schofield, St. Peter's, Colchester; H. W. Richardson, Great Bardfield; and A. Tarbun, sen., Widford. Each year they lost some valuable members by the Great Reaper, and it was satisfactory to note that their numbers were made up again by new members. The accounts were satisfactory, subscriptions being slightly greater than last year, so that, in spite of the subscription to the William Pye Memorial Fund of £15, their balance was only £13 less than last year, and they had been able to help substantially both the restorations at Great Waltham and North Weald, and also Popping. The Bell Restoration Fund showed a balance of £58 12s. 10½d. An effort had been made during the year to help start a young band of ringers at Purleigh, but had not yet met with much success, owing to lack of keenness on the part of the learners. Hope was still entertained of achieving the desired result. Dr. Spencer Phillips offered best thanks to the general secretary and district officers for the hard work they had put in during the year, and to whose efforts their success was due.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT STREATHAM.**

An enjoyable meeting of the Southern District was held at Streatham on Saturday, May 29th. Owing to a wedding, ringing at St. Leonard's did not commence until 3.45 p.m., but was continued until 5.30 p.m. Tea at the Manor Arms, to which 21 sat down, was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. Mance (District Master).

Messrs. E. L. Miles and G. W. Fogden, of Streatham and Beckenham respectively, were elected members, and Isleworth chosen for the next meeting on July 17th, subject to permission being granted.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of St. Leonard's and Immanuel Churches for their kindness in granting the use of the bells, and especially to Mr. J. W. Chapman, who very kindly allowed members to come after four previous applications to other towers had been unsuccessful.

After the meeting members went to Immanuel Church until 8.30 p.m. The methods rung at both towers included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative, but the striking was not up to the usual standard. But for the presence of six friends from Kent, the attendance would have been very poor.

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THE FINANCIAL POSITION.

The general account showed a credit of £30 14s. 7d., compared with a balance brought forward of £44 11s. 11d. The subscriptions amounted to £85 17s. 6d. The reserve fund showed an amount on deposit of £112 15s. 10d., interest £2 14s. 3d., and £150 Conversion Loan.

The report and accounts were adopted.

Messrs. W. Keeble, F. Dench, G. Green, G. R. Pye and H. T. Wilson were reappointed members of the General Committee; and Messrs. G. L. Joyce, G. R. Pye, W. Keeble and F. Dench were re-elected on the Peal Committee. Mr. G. W. Faulkner, one of the auditors, did not seek re-election, and he was cordially thanked for his services. Mr. J. Crampin was appointed in his place, and Mr. W. H. Theobald was re-elected.

It was agreed to make a grant of five guineas towards the restoration of the Belchamp Walter bells.

Canon S. L. Brown (Brentwood) and Mr. G. Dent (Potter Street) were elected life members of the association.

Subsequently the members had luncheon at the Golden Fleece Hotel.

Ringing took place during the day at the Cathedral and at ten other churches in the district, and ranged from Doubles to Cambridge Maximus.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**RETIREMENT OF NORTHERN BRANCH SECRETARY.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 22nd, when 59 members were present representing the following towers: Ashby-de-la-Launde, Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Blaukney, Lea, Lincoln Cathedral, Scunthorpe, Springthorpe, Ulceby, Upton and Willingham. There were also unattached members from Lincoln and Grimsby. Mr. R. Richardson (the Guild Ringing Master), Mrs. and Miss Enid Richardson and ringing friends from Surfleet and Relford also attended. The bells of the Parish Church were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon C. E. A. Whitworth), who gave a most interesting address. An excellent tea was provided in the Sun Hotel, presided over by the president of the branch (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry).

All the officers were re-elected with the exception of the hon. secretary (Mr. F. S. W. Butler), who wished to resign and hand over to a younger man. The President spoke of the great work Mr. Butler had done during 14 years in that office, and said how difficult it would be to replace him.—Mr. Butler, who was very warmly applauded, briefly replied.

Mr. J. Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, was unanimously elected to the office.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. H. Morgan (Gainsborough District secretary) and Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuiness, of Lincoln.

New members were elected as follows: Messrs. W. A. T. Brimacombe, H. Croft and M. Freeman, of Lincoln, and Mr. D. Houlthby, of Ulceby.

The next annual meeting was fixed to take place at Grimsby on Saturday, May 28th, 1938.

Mr. George Chester (Lincoln) made reference to the death of Mr. N. E. Snow, of Sleaford, an original member of the Guild, and suggested that a note of his death be placed on record.

A collection was taken towards the rehanging of Haxey bells, which amounted to £1 11s. 6d.

Votes of thanks to all who had contributed to its success brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

RINGING AT STEDMAN'S CHURCH.

Visitors to Cambridge are asked to note that service ringing takes place at St. Bene't's Church, associated with Fabian Stedman, at 10.30 a.m. on alternate Sundays—June 13th, 27th, etc.

Last Sunday morning 720 Bob Minor was rung: A. Rayner 1, E. G. Hibbens 2, S. Goodwin 3, A. Hurst (first 720 of Minor) 4, C. W. Cook (conductor) 5, H. L. Martin 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A faculty has been applied for to allow for the recasting and re-hanging of the peal of eight bells of St. Peter's, Parish Church of Bournemouth, to commemorate Coronation year, 1937. A Sanctus bell in memory of the late Archdeacon A. F. Dady, for 16 years Vicar of St. Peter's, will be installed at the same time.

The work of the restoration of the peal is made possible by two very generous gifts to the fund, one from a prominent Bournemouth resident and the other from a gentleman well known to the Exercise.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, wishes to thank all those who sent him telegrams and letters of congratulation on his 80th birthday.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Arthur R. Davis, formerly well known in London ringing circles. He passed away on May 17th at the age of 65 years.

A cousin of Mr. James E. Davis, deceased was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Waterloo and St. Margaret's, Westminster, Societies. Owing to business he had not taken part in ringing in recent years.

'Real Double Norwich,' upon which we commented recently, is not a new designation. A board in Woolwich tower records a peal of 'Real Double Norwich,' conducted by William Banister nearly a century ago. This peal had one reverse bob in each part. But we still think the title a misnomer.

Cyril E. Lanxon, of Truro Cathedral, is the first native of Cornwall to ring a Surprise peal.

Bro. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, was prevented from taking part in the Masonic peal at Shoreditch owing to his sister being dangerously ill. His place was taken at short notice by Bro. R. Brough, to whom the thanks of the band are due. The composition was John Reeves' 19 courses with the 6th at home, arranged by Bro. G. R. Newton. It was the first peal of Bob Maximus rung by a band of Freemasons.

The Chesterfield veteran, Mr. Arthur Knights, rang the treble in a peal of Superlative at St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, on Whit Monday, 1937. On Whit Monday, 1884, he rang the treble at the same church to his first peal of Stedman Triples. It was conducted by the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, and rung by eight members of the College Youths. Mr. James Dixon, who also rang in the peal, is still a service ringer at St. Marie's.

A peal rung at Eckington on May 18th was the 58th anniversary of Mr. Knight's first peal, rung at Diss, Norfolk, in 1879, conducted by the late William Ireland.

We regret that many reports of peals and other matters are unavoidably held over.

VETERAN YORKSHIRE RINGER PASSES.

The many friends of Mr. Fred Scholefield, of Intake Lane, Ossett, Yorks, will regret to learn of his death on Saturday, May 22nd, at the age of 75 years. Although he had been in failing health for some years and had not done any active ringing for a long time, he had always taken a keen interest in the Yorkshire Association, of which he was one of the earlier life members. His passing severs another link with the old Ossett company.

The funeral took place at Holy Trinity Church, Ossett, on Tuesday, May 25th. Deceased leaves a widow, but no children.

COURT BOB.

To the Editor.

Sir,—At least once I have asked in your columns why the name Court Bob was first employed. In your column 'For Beginners' last week you supply the answer. At the time this name was first used a bob was a dodge, and 'court' was a fuller form of 'cut' or 'cut.' Now you say that Court Bob 'cuts out certain dodges' of the sister method, Oxford Bob. What could be a plainer meaning for the name? The reason for it is as simple as Treble Bob for a method in which the treble dodges all the time.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Woodbridge, Suffolk.

IPSWICH MEN'S JOURNEY TO LONDON.

On Saturday, May 22nd, St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, chartered a motor-coach and journeyed to London to attempt a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Giles', Cripplegate. The band was as follows: W. Tillet, G. J. Sedgley, W. J. G. Brown, E. H. Smith, H. R. Roper, L. W. Wiffen, G. A. Fleming, F. J. Smith, C. A. Catchpole, F. J. Tillet, G. E. Symonds, E. P. Duffield. After 1½ hours' ringing the 6th rope broke.

This attempt was made possible on the very nice suggestion of Mr. E. H. Lewis, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, conveyed to the ringers by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the hon. secretary.

The College Youths attempted a peal in the same method on the same day at Bow, Cheapside, and broke down at the same time.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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CO-OPERATION WITH ANTI-NOISE LEAGUE.

The report of the Towers and Belfries Committee was as follows: During the year the members of the committee have given advice in some dozen cases, applying the principles with which the Council are familiar. In several of the towers advice was asked about modification of sound near the church. Since the last meeting of the Council the Anti-Noise League have printed a pamphlet on this subject, being mainly the reprint of an article which appeared in the 'R.I.B.A. Journal.'

Your committee think it desirable to co-operate with the Anti-Noise League as far as possible, and, after reviewing this pamphlet, decided to send copies to all Archdeacons, with the following covering letter: 'For some years past the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has been advocating appropriate treatment of church towers in cases where the sound of bells is likely to be a source of annoyance to people living in the neighbourhood of a church.'

Recently the Anti-Noise League have had the same subject under consideration, and have issued a pamphlet of which we enclose a copy for your consideration, in case it has not already been brought to your notice.

The book by Sir Arthur Heywood, to which reference is made, was written while he was president of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and with its support, and three of the present members of the Towers and Belfries Committee contributed chapters to that book.

The committee is, therefore, wholly in agreement with the pamphlet now enclosed, and recommend it to your serious consideration.

The members feel strongly that it is better that, where bells are unduly loud in the vicinity of a church, action should be taken before complaints are made, rather than as a result of representations from persons who have come to live in the vicinity.

The members of the committee are always ready to give further information and technical advice in any particular case.

As an addendum to the report for 1935-36, the committee said: At the Council meeting of 1935, a request was made that the committee should inquire about the so-called 'silencers' and make a recommendation as to their use.

The 'Davis silencers' have now been used over a considerable period in several towers with success, and your committee think that they are well worth a trial in towers where it is desired to reduce the volume of sound during practices and peals without taking any permanent steps such as blocking up louvres.

The silencers consist of a leather pad resembling a muffle, with a thin steel plate attached to the face. The result of their use is to give an effect rather like muffled ringing, while retaining a certain amount of metallic tap of the clapper. To get the best effect in each individual case, it is evident that experiments should be made with different thicknesses of leather. For this purpose the committee are obtaining samples of different thicknesses which can be lent to towers for this purpose at no cost other than postage both ways. These silencers are not expensive and have shown little wear after twelve months' use.

A REPLY TO CRITICS.

The President, in moving the adoption of the report, said he had heard, since he came to Canterbury, that there had been some slight criticism of the committee that they did not do very much good; that the bellfounders could get on very well without them and that it would be better to leave these matters to the foundry. He thought half the cases he had dealt with had been dealt with at the request of bellfounders, who had asked for his help in getting over snags with diocesan bodies or with architects. He hoped that answered the criticism.

A few of the jobs where they had helped were Boston Stump, Croydon, North Weald, Chiddingfold, Crondall, Shalford and others. In several cases they were of assistance in getting over the difficulty of the antiquarian architect. That brought him to the question of Thetford, where a restoration scheme was held up by the Chancellor of the Diocese. If on the Diocesan Committee, which dealt with these matters, there had been a representative of the ringing fraternity, this difficulty would probably not have arisen (hear, hear). He proposed to ask the Council later to take steps empowering them to obtain the names of Diocesan Committees where they had a representative who knew something about bells and of those who had not, so that the Council could take some steps to get a representative of ringers on every Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Recently, said the President, there was a letter in the Press referring to Saham Toney. He was called in with the late Mr. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and he was entirely in favour of keeping that old bell frame. It was unfit to carry the bells, but was an extraordinarily interesting old frame. They arranged that it should be offered to a museum, but neither South Kensington nor Norwich could take it. If it was to be kept elsewhere than in the tower it would have meant that the parish had to provide some sort of shed to house it, but they had it lifted higher in the tower and those interested could now see it. The bells had been relunging in a perfectly good teak frame, lower down in the tower, where they should be hung. He thought they were right in preserving that old frame (hear, hear).

Mr. A. L. Coleman (late secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association) said they had tried hard to get a representative on the Norwich Diocesan Committee. They had pointed out that there was nobody on the committee who knew anything about the technique of bells and bellhanging. Unfortunately, the reply was that they had quite sufficient members on the committee already and did not want any more, and they ignored the suggestion that they should have a representative of the association on the committee. With regard to Thetford, he thought, if only they had had a representative, the point raised there might have been put right. Their president, Archdeacon McDermott, agreed with him with regard to their representation, but the Bishop thought otherwise.

EFFECT OF LOWERING BELLS IN PEAL.

Mr. J. A. Trollope remarked that it had been said in several cases that if they had a weak tower and dropped the bells in peal, it was liable to endanger the safety of the structure. He asked the president if the committee could give any definite information on that point.

The President said that, as members probably knew, every tower had a natural period of oscillation of its own, which could not be altered, unless they altered the structure of the tower, or added or subtracted a large weight to some portion of the tower. Normally speaking, each tower had a natural period of oscillation, and it was a curious fact that the natural period of the forces set up in ringing a normal peal of bells nearly coincided with the average period of oscillation of the average tower. Therefore, they would find in nearly every case there was one particular speed of ringing which did get the two sets of oscillations in tune one with the other. He could quote a good example of that. If strangers went to ring the bells at St. Andrew's, Holborn, they nearly always found they had got a man's job, or even more than a man's job, because they rang the bells at what they considered the normal speed of bells of that weight. The local band rang the bells without any difficulty whatever, because they rang them a little bit quicker. St. Andrew's tower was rather tall for its width; there was a fairly big tower arch. One might call it a 'whippy' tower and its period was rather slow; therefore, if the bells were rung at normal speed for bells of that weight, they got the two forces in step. If they rang a little quicker all was well and there was no trouble about ringing. He could quite understand there were certain towers which had a rather quicker period, either short towers, or towers which were thick in comparison to their height. He could conceive that bells when part of the way down would get in step with the tower, and if they were to continue to ring the bells at that height it was possible it would do some damage to the tower, but they would have to do so for some considerable time, unless the tower was so weak that they ought not to ring at all.

Mr. Trollope said the tower he had specially in mind was Guildford Cathedral.

Mr. E. A. Young said they were progressing so rapidly that the thought had occurred to him that it might be possible in time for experts to find out the exact speed at which every individual peal of bells should be rung so that accentuation of oscillation could be prevented. One of these times they would, perhaps, have issued by every firm of bellfounders a statement showing in every instance what the speed of ringing should be, whether bells must not be lowered in peal, or, if lowered, not maintained in a certain position. The knowledge they were gaining emphasised the great value of the Towers and Belfries Committee.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said, with regard to Guildford Cathedral tower, after ringing on Coronation Day the bells were lowered in peal, and there was a bigger vibration when the bells were half-way down than he had ever known before. They were always warned not to lower them in peal by the late Mr. John Taylor. After their experiment the other night, he did not think they would try it again.

The President said Guildford Cathedral tower was of a distinctly 'whippy' type. Not only was it unbuttressed, but it was built of brick, with many courses of mortar and liable to more movement than a tower built of stone with fewer joints. What happened at Guildford was, probably, that when the bells were half-way down they got, not in tune with the tower, but in tune with the octave of the tower.

THE BELLS OF ALL HALLOWS', LOMBARD STREET.

Replying to Mr. E. C. S. Turner, who asked if the Council proposed to take any action with regard to the bells of All Hallows' Church, Lombard Street, which is to be demolished, the president said two societies, the College Youths and the Middlesex Association, had written to the Bishop of London requesting that when the bells were taken down they should be removed to some other church as a whole peal and not split up. He thought those representations would have some effect, in view of what happened in the case of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, but it might be a good thing if the Council also passed a resolution.

Mr. S. F. Palmer asked if anything further had been done or heard with reference to Chesterfield.

The President said the next move with regard to Chesterfield was with the Vicar. The Council could not very well butt in any more. They did as much as they could in the first instance, and the Vicar promised to write and report further, but he had never done so.

Mr. Palmer said he was sorry to say the ringers were not taking

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DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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any active interest in it at all. They were waiting for the authorities to move.

The President said the committee suggested the Council might buy a set of Davis Silencers, which could be put on loan to people who wanted to try them, on payment of postage. The Standing Committee recommended that such purchase be authorised, and he proposed that the silencers be purchased and be loaned to any responsible person who asked for the loan of them, in order that they might be tried out.

This was agreed to.

With regard to the circulation to Archdeacons of the pamphlets issued by the Anti-Noise League, the President said these pamphlets were given to the Council by the League, although they normally made a charge. The Standing Committee thought it very desirable that the Council should keep closely in touch with the Anti-Noise League and to have the League on their side rather than against them. In order to show their goodwill in a practical form, he proposed that the Council send the League a donation of a guinea, partly in gratitude for the pamphlets they had had and partly in anticipation of favours to come (laughter).

The proposal was agreed to.

The President then moved that the Council send an appropriate letter to the Church authorities with regard to All Hallows', Lombard Street, asking that when the bells were moved, they be moved as a whole peal and not split up.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards: And hung for ringing.

The President: Yes, we will put that in, and add 'in a proper tower.'

The motion was carried.

DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

The President next moved that the Council take steps through the local secretaries to find out which of the Diocesan Advisory Committees had got a member who knew anything about bells and bell-hanging, and which of them had not. They might then take steps, he said, to bring a little pressure to bear, so that on each Advisory Committee there was at least one member with a knowledge of bells; even if he were only elected an ad hoc member for cases in which bells were involved.

The President added that in his own diocese they had not got anyone directly on the committee, but he mentioned a case in which he had been consulted by the Archdeacon of Tonbridge. The Archdeacon wanted to know what he should do about a certain bell that had been welded three times and had once more cracked. The diocesan authorities were inclined to recommend that the bell be welded again. He (Mr. Lewis) promised to look into the matter and he went to see the bell. It was quite true that it had been welded three, if not more, times. About a year before he had heard a clock strike on it, and if it had struck on two or three feet of rusty iron girder it would have been much more musical than the welded bell (laughter). The bell was quite hopeless, and entirely devoid of tone. He doubted if it was ever a good bell. He told the Archdeacon it would be foolish to attempt to retain the bell. He pointed out that at the time of Stalschmidt's survey there were at least 70 other bells by the same founder in the county, so it was not a unique example, and the authorities at Rochester had, a few years before, destroyed at least one if not two bells by the same founder in their own Cathedral. The Archdeacon saw sense in the matter and was willing to have the bell recast. That showed what could be done if there was someone in touch with the diocesan authorities who could advise them. That was why he wanted to see someone in every diocese who could be sent for, even if he was not a member of the Advisory Committee, when questions concerning bells arose.

THE WELDING OF CRACKED BELLS.

The President continued that he did at one time think that welding might be worth a trial in cases where the Church authorities were prepared to risk welding, rather than have a bell recast, if it were definitely pointed out to them that welding was an experiment and might succeed, and if it did succeed the first time it might cost them less than recasting; but that they always had to face the possibility of several re-welds, and if it had to be done more than once the result would cost them more than recasting in the first place.

If authorities were prepared to face these risks and the cost of taking the bell down and replacing it more than once, he was at one time prepared to recommend it, but he was inclined now to say that welding at the sound bow was quite hopeless. The reason was this: He had seen a piece of a bell which was welded and where the weld had broken the metal had not gripped at all, except in odd spots. It was not a proper weld and he believed that was probably the case in most welds of old bells. Although they might look all right on the surface, the metal had not got a proper grip inside. To unite an alloy of copper and tin must be extraordinarily difficult, because tin rapidly oxidised and burned out. In welding they had to build up the metal, after having first opened the crack. Allowance would be made for a certain amount of burning out, but it must be very difficult to hit off the right amount of tin for the process and to get the new metal built up to resemble the old in its exact composition. He had come to the conclusion, therefore, after having seen the result of a broken welding, that only in very exceptional cases should welding be tried.

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KENT'S CENTENARIAN RINGER.

MR. CHARLES SLINGSBY'S ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY.

The oldest ringer, Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, Kent, celebrated his 100th birthday on May 26th, and on Saturday a meeting in his honour was held by the Ashford District of Kent County Association and the Romney Marsh Guild. There was a record attendance of over a hundred members, and Mr. Slingsby was the recipient of a host of congratulations. All the village joined in the celebrations.

Despite his years, Mr. Slingsby was able to mix with the many visitors and thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings. Ringers were present from over a wide area, extending to Tunbridge Wells, Gravesend, Canterbury and Dover, New Romney and Tenterden.

With the parishioners the church was filled to its capacity for the short service, conducted by the Rector, and at which the address was given by the Bishop of Dover.

Tea was served at the Rectory, over 200 being catered for. Mrs. Long, on behalf of the parishioners, presented to Mr. Slingsby a



MR. CHARLES SLINGSBY.

wallet containing Treasury notes, and Mr. Slingsby, in acknowledging the gift, said how much their kindness was appreciated.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, general secretary, had with him the Kent County Association peal book, which revealed that Mr. Slingsby rung in the second peal entered in the book, and his signature is now beneath the entry written by himself and without the aid of spectacles, as someone present remarked. All present were grouped on the lawn for the usual photographs.

Mr. Slingsby has been a ringer for nearly 80 years, for he started at a very early age and has been connected with the church all his life. On his 90th birthday he was presented with a small model of Aldington treble bell in recognition of his long service to the church. He has always taken the keenest interest in ringing and was a foundation member of the Kent County Association. He was also one of the ringers who formed the Romney Marsh and District Guild.

At the business meeting of the Guild it was decided to place a tablet in the tower to commemorate the centenarian's birthday.

RINGING FOR THE CORONATION.

PERFORMANCES AND PERSONALITIES.

Abbey Ringers Receive Coronation Medals.

Amongst those who have received the King's Coronation Medal are the members of the Westminster Abbey company of ringers.

They were received in the Jerusalem Chamber by the Dean, and each member was presented with the medal and a letter from Buckingham Palace expressing the King's Command.

The College Youths brought round two peals of Stedman Cinques in London last Saturday in honour of the Coronation—one at St. Paul's Cathedral and the other at Southwark Cathedral.

A peal of Bob Major attempted at St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Coronation Day, ended in 2 hours 55 minutes two and a half courses from home through a broken rope.

Ringers gave a 'send-off' to the official programme of the Coronation festivities at Bournemouth, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples starting at 9 a.m.: F. Frankland Rigby 1, R. Dear 2, W. Garrett 3, H. Roberts (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, C. R. Forfitt 5, P. W. Witham 6, A. V. Davis (conductor) 7, H. Osborne 8.

Mr. C. R. Forfitt, the 74-year-old veteran of St. Peter's band, has now rung for the accession of four Kings of England and three Coronations as well as for Queen's Victoria's Diamond Jubilee.

A Coronation peal was attempted at Wimborne St. Giles' Church on Wednesday, May 19th. Unfortunately, the ringing came to grief within four minutes of completion owing to three successive trips occurring in the last two courses which ended in the treble losing itself. The excellence of the striking of Grandsire Triples, the method selected, probably contributed to the failure, the errors coming about when success seemed assured.

CORONATION DAY IN VANCOUVER.

In Vancouver, British Columbia, there was a gathering of ringers who celebrated the Coronation by ringing the bells of the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary in short touches for nearly three hours. Many of them came from a considerable distance.

Among the touches were 336 Grandsire Triples: A. B. Lomas 1, A. C. Limpus 2, R. Pitman 3, F. M. Bressey 4, G. W. Foster 5, Frank Dunaway 6, W. Sampson 7, R. Tapper 8, and a 504 in the same method: A. C. Limpus 1, A. B. Lomas 2, R. Pitman 3, F. M. Bressey 4, G. W. Foster 5, Arthur King 6, W. Sampson 7, R. Tapper 8. Also a further 336. All these were conducted by George W. Foster, who had come from Port Haney, 30 miles distant. Mr. Bond also 'covered' for several short touches, and rounds and 'queens' were rung and a royal salute of 21 'shots' was fired.

At 2 a.m. some of the ringers had heard the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, through the radio, and afterwards a few good rounds and plain hunting on the splendid peal in Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, but this was cut off after two minutes as the programme of the Canadian B.C. was interrupted.

For 50 years Messrs. J. Jagger, J. Walker and J. Screen, who rang together at Christ Church, West Bromwich, for the Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth, have rung for all the principal royal events—Jubilees, Accessions and Coronations.

John Jagger, the senior member of the trio, had his first lesson in ringing on May 6th, 1867, when his father took him to St. Thomas' Church, Oxford. He has thus completed 70 years as a ringer.

These three veterans took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on May 29th, rung by H. Morton 1, J. Sheldon 2, J. Jagger 3, F. Horsfield 4, J. Walker 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, E. Parish 7, J. Reed 8. On Coronation Day only plain ringing and 'firing' was possible.

BAD LUCK IN GLAMORGANSHIRE.

It is 25 years ago since the last peal was rung on the bells at Radyr, Glamorganshire, owing to objection by residents adjacent to the church. Permission was, however, granted by the Vicar for an attempt for a Coronation peal on Saturday, May 22nd. All went splendidly until the middle of the 11th part of Parker's Twelve-Part peal of Grandsire, when the Vicar unlocked the belfry door and asked for the bells to be stopped at once. The ringers shouted only about 20 minutes to go, but he insisted on stopping and then explained that a woman was ill opposite the church suffering from blood pressure. The Vicar was as much disappointed as the ringers, but messengers to his house and the constant ringing of his telephone compelled him to stop the ringing. Those taking part were as follows: A. W. Heath 1, G. Talbot 2, J. W. Jones 3, E. Stitch 4, R. E. Coles 5, G. Poppell 6, J. Phillips (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

A run of bad luck in Coronation peals dogged Mr. E. Stitch, district secretary of the Swansea and Brecon Guild. He had five failures and no success.

A peal of Bob Minor came to grief at Cadoxton, near Neath, in the middle of the fourth 720 on Coronation Day: W. Lewis 1, E. Phillips 2, B. Devonald 3, E. Stitch 4, B. Williams 5, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 6.

The bells were rung at Aberavon, Glam., on Coronation Day, and a peal of Grandsire Triples attempted on Saturday, May 15th, but unfortunately came to grief in the seventh part through a shift course: G. Chappel 1, P. E. Stone 2, E. Phillips 3, J. T. Williams 4, G. I. Lewis 5, E. Stitch (conductor) 6, A. J. Pitman 7, T. M. Roderick 8.

A peal of Grandsire Doubles was arranged at Baglan, Glam., for Wednesday, May 19th, but the band met one short. With the help of Penarth ringers, who were on their outing, a few six-scores were rung. The bells were rung by the local band on Coronation Day.

The bells at Newton, Porthcawl, Glam., were rung by the local band on Coronation Day, and a peal of Grandsire Doubles attempted on Thursday, May 20th, but it came to grief in the 27th 120, through one of the ringers missing the sally: H. E. Carpenter 1, V. Smith 2, C. M. Davies 3, T. M. Roderick 4, E. Stitch (conductor) 5, A. E. Bacon 6.

CHURCH AND CIVIC EMPHASIS.

At Penwortham, Lancs, the ringing on Coronation Day was given official backing by resolutions passed both by the Parochial Church Council and the Parish Council. Thus church and civic emphasis was given to the ringers' own loyal intentions. The bells were rung to a 720 of Kent Treble Bob before an early celebration, and for an hour before the service at Westminster. This ringing included two 720's of Kent Treble Bob.

Two quarter-peals were rung at Donington, Lincolnshire. The first for Coronation service was the first on the bells since they were rehung in a new frame. It consisted of 720 and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob and 180 of Plain Bob by Gerald Short 1, Jesse Pearson 2, Fred C. Pearson (conductor) 3, Ernest Staples 4, Percy Markham 5, Cyril Wander 6. In the evening a quarter-peal comprising 720 of Kent Treble Bob, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob and 180 of Plain Bob: H. Woods (conductor) 1, Jesse Pearson 2, Percy Markham 3, Ernest Staples 4, Cyril Wander 5, Stanley Woods 6.

Prior to the Coronation service at St. Mary's Church, Maisey Hampton, Glos., a date touch of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles (1,937 changes) in 1 hour 11 minutes: H. Prophet 1, L. W. Cuss 2, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 3, N. J. Pearce 4, G. Pearce 5, W. A. Godwin 6.

The first quarter-peal on the bells was rung to commemorate Coronation Day at Iwerne Minster, Dorset. It was 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, rung by F. W. Chant 1, Edward C. Chant (conductor) 2, A. Roberts 3, T. Wareham 4, W. G. Dawen 5, J. Kiddle 6. First quarter-peal for treble, 3rd and 4th ringers.

LOST PEALS.

Visiting Royston, Herts, for a Coronation peal on Thursday, May 13th, the following rang over two hours in an attempt for London Surprise Major: Miss V. Shorter 1, A. E. Pitstow 2, B. Wayman 3, C. W. Cook 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, R. L. Lathbury 6, F. Dench 7, P. Warrington (conductor) 8. It was a new composition for Mr. F. Dench and was lost with seven more courses to ring.

On Saturday, May 15th, at Eaton Socon, Beds, the conductor had more 'bobs' than 'sovereigns', and let the band down in the eighth course of a 15-course peal of Kent Treble, this also being a new composition by Mr. Deuch: H. L. Harlow 1, S. Goodwin 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, A. E. Austin 4, H. J. Parker 5, R. D. St. J. Smith 6, F. Warrington (conductor) 7, H. Fields 8.

A Coronation peal was attempted but lost at Moreton Corbet, Shropshire, on May 17th. Afterwards 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung: T. Leech 1, T. Price 2, W. J. Chester 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, F. Price 5, A. Pritchard (conductor) 6. First 720 of Surprise by ringers of 1 and 6.

A Coronation peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Bucklebury, Berks, on Saturday, May 8th, but unfortunately was lost after ringing two hours, up to which point there had not been a trip of any sort: Miss S. Davis 1, G. Hesketh 2, G. Fowler 3, H. Smith 4, G. Stocker 5, R. W. Rex 6, E. Humfrey (conductor) 7, P. Dyke 8.

A peal on Coronation Day at Dodderhill, Droitwich, had to be abandoned, as the conductor was suffering from tonsillitis. A quarter-peal was, however, accomplished with another conductor, but the invalid had recovered sufficiently to call a peal on the following Monday.

A FLOODLIT STEEPLE.

Ringers began at 6 a.m. at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, and to synchronise with the floodlighting of the steeple in the evening a quarter-peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung: Miss D. Vale 1, A. Bone 2, R. Gilbert 3, Mrs. R. Pacey 4, S. Pacey 5, C. Nichols 6, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. Afterwards a royal salute of 21 'shots' was fired.

Commencing at 7 a.m. on Coronation morning, a quarter-peal of Minor 720 of Cambridge Surprise, 360 New London Pleasure and 240 Woodbine was rung at Little Munden, Herts: W. Williams 1, A. Woolston 2, W. H. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, E. Overall 5, S. Carter (conductor) 6.

The first quarter-peal on the recast bells at Rishton, Lancs, was rung on Coronation Day. It was Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Atherton 1, J. Parr 2, E. Brunton 3, R. Balderstone 4, L. Williams 5, J. Clegg 6, F. Read 7, L. J. Williams (conductor) 8. The bells have just been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The official programme at Kington, Herefordshire, on Coronation Day, was opened by ringing on the church bells. This consisted of 1,260 Grandsire Doubles by Bert Price (first quarter-peal) 1, Percy Evans 2, Trevor Jones (conductor) 3, Tom Giddings 4, William Price (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, Reg. Edwards 6.

At the Parish Church, Ickleton, Cambs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: W. Smoothery 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, L. Lilley 3, R. Clements 4, L. Flitton 5, G. Lilley 6, W. Flitton 7, A. G. Lilley 8.

At Great Totham, Essex, on Sunday, May 9th, for special morning Coronation service, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 504 Kent Treble Bob and 36 Plain Bob: H. Seager 1, G. W. Barber 2, W. Mills 3, E. J. Shynn (conductor) 4, G. Hayward 5, P. C. Sayer 6. For evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Seager 1, G. W. Barber 2, H. Seager 3, S. Edwards 4, E. J. Shynn 5, P. C. Sayer (conductor) 6.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. CEFN COED'S PERFECT PERFORMANCE IN ANNUAL COMPETITION.

The annual competition was held this year at St. Elli's Church, Llanelly, Breconshire, on May 22nd. Owing to the Coronation and Whitsun holidays, many ringers found it impossible to lose another day, with the result that only four teams entered, viz., Talgarth, Cefn Coed, St. Mary's, Brecon, and Llanelly, Breconshire. The competitors completed their tasks during the afternoon and then sat down to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the Rev. Perry Jones (Vicar of Llanelly) and a band of his parishioners. After tea the Vicar called upon Mr. W. H. Fussell, Slough, for his adjudication. Mr. Fussell said his task had been a simple one, due to the fact that the entries were small. Cefn Coed were outstanding; in fact, he could not penalise them at all, his only criticism being that their ringing was on the slow side.

Mrs. Parry Jones presented the shield to Mr. Bert Hunt (captain) and also handed a silver medal to each member of the winning team. Talgarth, the runners-up, with 12 faults, received a certificate. Brecon, 32 faults, and the home team were third and fourth respectively.

Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Fussell, and the Rev. Gurnos Davies, in seconding, mentioned that it was the 15th occasion upon which Mr. Fussell had obliged the Guild.—The vote was carried unanimously with three hearty cheers.

Mr. Fussell, responding, said it was a real pleasure for him to come to Wales to judge the Guild's competition, as it gave him an opportunity of meeting old friends as well as making new ones. He deplored the fact that we were passing through a period when Sunday sport and amusement seemed to have more adherents than the services of the Church. He made a strong appeal to the ringers to play their part in church life by keeping the bells going and by each ringer bringing along one new member to the tower.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. Parry Jones, Mrs. Parry Jones and her lady helpers for the excellent meal which had been provided.

The winning team was as follows: A. Hunt 1, Ray Chappell 2, V. Chappell 3, C. Chappell 4, E. Woolley 5, W. Thomas 6.

A PILGRIMAGE.

A party of Oxford Guild ringers recently made their annual pilgrimage to East Garston, the resting place of the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. A 720 of Bob Minor, such as he would have loved to hear, was rung by a band, all of whom have happy memories of the late Master: Miss M. Field 1, R. T. Hibbert 2, R. Warwick 3, Miss S. Davis 4, W. Hibbert, jun. 5, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 6. The ringing was completed with 120 each of Stedman and Grandfire Doubles, with G. Woodley at the tenor.

LATE NOTICES.

BICKLEIGH, DEVON.—The ring of 6 bells (tenor 13 cwt.) restored and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Plymouth on Thursday, June 17th, at 3 p.m. The service will be followed by tea; ticket, adults 9d., children 6d.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting at Kirk Ella on Saturday, June 19th. Further particulars next week.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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Mr. A. Walker said that while the welding of iron or steel was a success, he agreed with the president that it must be very difficult to re-weld old bells, considering the constitution of the metal and the different fusing points. He agreed it should not be encouraged.

Mr. E. A. Young asked the president if his remarks referred only to welding in the sound bow and not necessarily in the crown of a bell?

The President said he did not know of any case where a bell welded in the sound bow had been finally successful without cracking again. He knew some bells had apparently been welded in the crown, and as far as one could say up to date had been more or less successful, but he still rather mistrusted it. If it were not for the expense he would like to see a bell carefully broken up to see what actually had happened.

NOTICES.

TO-MORROW (June 5th).—Birmingham Cathedral. Ringing 3 till 6 p.m. Tamworth Arms, Moor Street, at 7.30 until 'dark,' for social intercourse.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (grand peal of 8) ready at 3. Tea at 5 p.m. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea, by invitation of the Rector, at 5 p.m. at the Rectory. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Late Notice.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will take place at Leadenham (6 bells) on Saturday, June 5th. Fulbeck not available. Tea at George Hotel 1s. 3d. per head.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec.

ELSTREE (6 bells).—An opportunity to become a star (in ringing). Every facility to rise (or fall). To-morrow (Saturday). Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30.—C. H. Horton, Bushey, City 4270. Rail or coach service to village from all parts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Binfield (6 bells) on Saturday, June 5th. Tea 5.15 p.m. Service 6.30. Ringing 3.30 p.m. and after service. Visitors welcome.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5.30, 9d. each. Meeting afterwards.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchborne on Saturday, June 5th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Racquet Court at 4.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, June 5th. For tea please notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Cuthbert's Church, Halsall, on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. Maudesley, Post Office, Halsall, near Ormskirk.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send along in good time. All visitors welcome. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., Albert Street, Bletchley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Gransden on Saturday, June 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots, Hunts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Hawkshead on Saturday, June 5th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends to be present at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, June 5th, the occasion being the Ringers' Day. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. A service will be held in church at 4.30 p.m. Special preacher: Rev. A. Scott, M.A., President of the Association. To be followed by tea in the school at 5.30 p.m. — Stephen Lloyd Parry, Hon. Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for June: Service ringing, June 6th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, 10 a.m.; Bow, Cheapside, 27th, at 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', 7th and 21st, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's, Lambeth, 29th, at 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 8th; St. Magnus' on the 10th; St. Andrew's on the 17th; *St. Giles', Cripple-gate, on the 22nd; St. Magnus' on the 24th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Combined practices for June: Barkway, Thursday, June 10th; Great Wymondley, Friday, June 18th; Knebworth, Thursday, June 24th; Aston, Wednesday, June 30th. Don't forget these are for your benefit, so support them as well as you did last year.—Don Mears.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Meeting at Sunbury on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea in Church Hall. Quarterly business to follow. Excellent bells and attractive surroundings. Won't you come? — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 p.m. at Christ Church Hall, followed by business meeting. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, by Thursday, June 10th. All ringers welcome.—F. G. Wooddiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Halewood, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Price 9d. each. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. W. Gardner, Church Road, Halewood.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Washington on Saturday, June 12th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at 1s. per head, at Mrs. Settattrees' Tea Rooms. Half rail fares (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Loddon on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Do not forget to notify me of names or numbers for tea, as it is very important this time.—J. G. W. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Summer meeting at Longdon (3 miles from Upton-on-Severn, west of river) on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6), recently rehung, from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea in the Schools 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Please advise me by Tuesday, June 8th. Midland Red bus (364) leaves Upton for Longdon at 2.58 p.m. The 2 p.m. bus from Worcester to Upton connects.—Geo. E. Large, Branch Sec., Hawford, near Worcester.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter and Mid-Devon Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Teignmouth on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available: St. Michael's (8) and Bishopsteignton (6) from 3 p.m. Service at St. Michael's Church at 4.30. Tea at London Hotel at 5.15 p.m., followed by meeting of Exeter Branch. Numbers for tea to reach Mr. A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh, by first post Tuesday, June 8th.—W. H. Howe and A. L. Bennett, Branch Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Throwley on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea. You are asked to send in your name for tea to Miss K. Hooker, Park Farm, Throwley, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, June 9th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Bardfield on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided for all those who send in their names to Mr. J. Jennings, Pant Place, Great Bardfield, near Braintree, not later than Wednesday, June 9th, or to me.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Kildwick, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea should advise Mr. C. Law, Main Street, Kildwick, near Keighley, before Monday, June 7th. — Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Headington, Oxford, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) for those who notify me by Wednesday, June 9th.—Miss M. Reynolds, Hon. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, June 12th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. T. Kitson, 39, Greaves Road, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, by June 10th. A hearty welcome to all. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Withyham on June 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service, if can be arranged. Tea and meeting to follow, 5 p.m. Half rail fares to members. All are welcome. Names for tea by Wednesday prior to meeting, please.—O. Sippetts, Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch. — The annual branch meeting will be held at Cuddington on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send a card if you require tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bletchley, Bucks.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL. — Ringers' opening, Saturday, June 12th. All ringers heartily welcome. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Further ringing 7 till 9. Names for teas, please, not later than Thursday, 10th, to H. Broughton, 18, Cooden Avenue, Leicester. Leicester District, M.C.A., meeting arranged for same day at Kibworth postponed until July 3rd.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Shildon, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Ringers requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 9th.—R. Jeff, 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 6 p.m., and a meeting will be held in tower at about 6.30. All who attend are welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Loughborough District will be held at Quorn on June 12th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Good 'hunting.' Let's have a record 'meet.'—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bus service from Swindon Junction Station. — W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, June 12th. Christ Church and St. Peter's bells available. Ringers please meet at Christ Church 2.30. Tea 5, at Co-op. Café. Please advise Mr. H. Craig, 21, York Street, Jarrow, by p.c. if you require same. A good attendance requested and all ringers and friends welcome. — F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Royston, June 12th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Short service. Tea provided by the Vicar, the Rev. F. F. Grieg, The Vicarage, Royston. Send a card to the Vicar if you will be staying for tea.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanfrehfa on Saturday, June 12th. Afternoon ringing, service at 4.30 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

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

BINEGAR, near Wells, Som.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Taunton on Sunday, June 13th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. The bells have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 19th. Tea at the Six Bells. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Vine, The Village Club, Newdigate?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Becham, near Reading. Ring of 6 rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Service at 4.30 by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 19th, at Bolsover, Derbyshire. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m., in Church Hall, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea *must* apply not later than June 15th to Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, Derbyshire.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea by the 16th. Usual travelling allowance paid at this meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above division will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 m. at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Whearcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by the 17th for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

WADENHOE, near Oundle, Northants.—The Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the bells on Sunday, June 20th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

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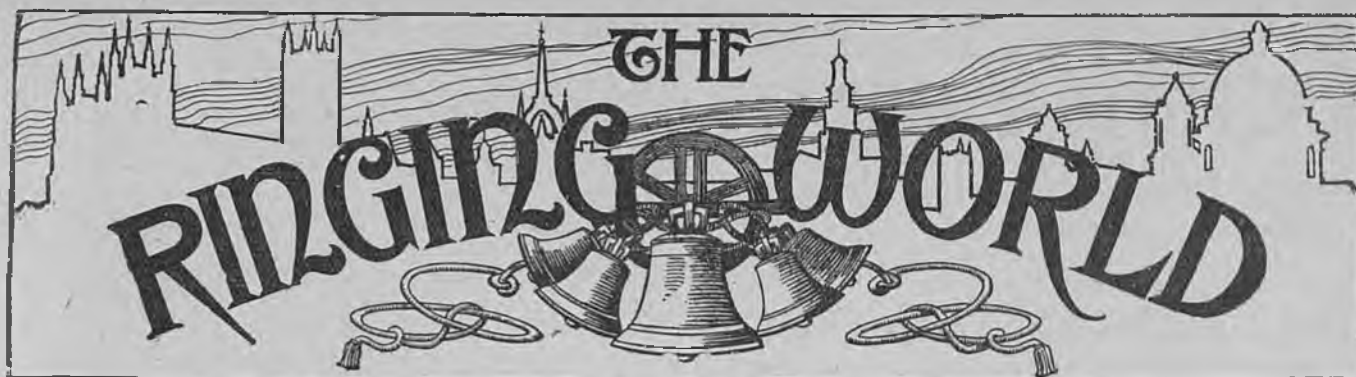
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The absence of any member on many Diocesan Advisory Committees capable of giving practical advice on questions relating to bells and bell hanging from the bellringers' angle has long been a sore point, and the Central Council has once more determined to investigate the question. Some years ago the matter was discussed and an effort made through the various affiliated societies, to remedy what is felt to be an omission in the constitution of Diocesan Committees. No substantial progress was, however, made on that occasion, partly, we think, because the Bishops concerned failed to realise the importance of the subject from the ringers' standpoint, and partly because of indifference, and, perhaps, obstinacy. Let it be at once admitted that bells and bell restoration schemes form only a small part of the cases that come before the committee, but that, in our opinion, is no reason for the exclusion of the advice which a competent person could offer in these matters. Other members of the committee hold their position because of their special knowledge of particular subjects—artistic, antiquarian, ecclesiastical among them. In those cases where Diocesan Committees include a member with sound knowledge of bells and the requirements of ringing, the advice at their disposal has been of really great value, and equally useful results would follow similar appointments to other committees.

What ringing associations feel is that where the practical ringer's views are not available, either through a member of the committee or a consultant, to whom bell cases are submitted as a matter of routine, the dice are loaded in favour of the antiquarians, whose opinions are accepted without question. The prejudices of some ecclesiastical architects also weights the scales against common sense restoration in frequent instances, and one of the things which seems to us most important is that Advisory Committees should be 'educated' in regard to bell matters. They are amply circularised and 'spoon fed' on the antiquarian diet and, never hearing the other side of the case, naturally conclude that there is only one view worth consideration. At the moment all the Central Council proposes to do is to collect information as to the position in each diocese, and it will be at least another year before any further step can be taken. In the meantime, however, we suggest that the Towers and Belfries Committee should prepare a propaganda programme on the practical side of bell restoration, so that, when the information as to the constitution of Advisory Committees is available, a further year will not elapse before anything can be done. We think, too, that they

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should give serious consideration to the suggestion of approaching the Central Council for the Care of Churches. All the Advisory Committees are represented on this body, and their views have, naturally, great influence in the dioceses. We fear that the stumbling block at present is that Advisory Committees, or, perhaps, the Bishops who have the appointment of them, think of ringers as of little importance in matters of this kind, and think of them, also, as having 'an axe to grind.' This is an entirely mistaken view. Even where there are no principles to be argued, the advice of a practical ringer could often avert mistakes or omissions, which, though small, may prove a constant source of irritation and annoyance to those who are responsible for ringing the bells and who have to use the tower week by week.

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FRANK W. PERRENS 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS

* First peal of Bristol.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIE GREEN Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
TOM BROTHWELL 2	HAROLD CHANT 6
ARTHUR FIRTH 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
REGINALD PAYNE 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*GEOFFREY HARRISON Treble	AUBREY L. BENNETT 5
JOHN GRUNDY 2	LESLIE STEVENS 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS 7
CHARLES ALLSOP 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-ON-THE-HILL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS WINIFRED DITCHAM Treble	CEDRIC CURSON 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	GEORGE SAYER 6
MISS GWENDOLINE TUNNADINE 3	HARRY TOOKE 7
MISS DOROTHY DITCHAM 4	CLIFFORD BIRD Tenor

Composed by H. HOSBARD.

Conducted by CLIFFORD BIRD.

First attempt as conductor. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Mary's 70th birthday. It was also as a birthday compliment to Miss Ditcham.

ENDERBY, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN E. CLARKE Treble	FRANK K. MEASURES 5
CHARLES MARSHALL 2	WILLIAM A. WOOD 6
ALFRED BALLARD 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 4	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF REVERSE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HARRY HOSKINS Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	*DEREK M. SHARP 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	*EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
*HARRY HOVERD 4	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Reverse Bob. H. Hoverd's 300th peal. H. Hoskins and A. S. Richards have now 'circled the tower.' It was the latter's 50th peal. He has rung 12 peals in 12 attempts at this tower.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Containing 2,944 London, 736 each Superlative and Cambridge, and, 608 Bristol, with 111 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BIGGS Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

Superlative and Cambridge were rung in alternate courses. First peal of 'Spliced' Surprise Major by all the band except the conductor. First 'spliced' peal as conductor.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LORENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*NORMAN J. GOODMAN Treble	†H. JAMES TURNER 5
HENRY H. FEARN 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN.—For evening service at St. Michael's Church on April 11th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Bugg (age 13) 1, J. Durant 2, F. G. Thorogood 3, L. Sharpe (first 720) 4, W. Downe 5, E. Davey (Little Clacton) (conductor) 6. The first five members are all local Sunday service ringers at the above church.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denys.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. G. BAILEY Treble	J. W. ATKINS 4
G. VERREY 2	W. GOADBY 5
A. R. TONKS 3	A. OVERTON Tenor

Conducted by A. R. TONKS.

First peal as conductor.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN MORRIS Treble	J. READER 4
WILLIAM DICKINSON 2	GEORGE FLINT 5
FRED FLINT 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

First peal by all except the conductor and first peal as conductor.

LITTLE STAUGHTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*ALBERT MARSHALL Treble	J. HAROLD SWEPSTON ... 3
ERNEST ASQUE 2	GEORGE SEIT 4

DONALD L. COCKINGS Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Mears and Stainbank in 1935, the last peal having been rung in 1906.

WIVETON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT J. WISKER Treble	LESLIE V. PAGE 4
WILLIAM COPEMAN 2	WILLIAM R. WEST 5
CHARLES E. COPEMAN 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter and All Saints,

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.

Tenor 15 cwt. 6 lb.

DONALD COCKINGS Treble	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	HENRY W. GAYTON 5
ERNEST WHITMORE 3	REGINALD WEST Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WEST.

COSGROVE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: Two 720's of Double Court, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE F. TUSTAIN Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 4
JOHN HIGGINS 2	ADREY R. ATKINS 5
ARTHUR G. MAY 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. First peal of Minor in three methods by ringers of 2, 3 and 5. First peal on the bells since the treble was added.

NORTHMOOR, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

F. FRINDER Treble	H. FARMER 4
V. CLIFTON 2	N. SPINDLOW 5
T. W. BOND 3	C. BOWSER Tenor

Conducted by N. SPINDLOW.

HAMPSTEAD NORRIS, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Thelwall Bob; (2) Double Oxford; (3) Double Court; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.).

EDWARD W. RICHARDSON ... Treble	REGINALD W. REX 4
HENRY LAWRENSON 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 5
CHARLES J. GARDINER 3	GEOFFREY E. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by W. B. KYNASTON.

First peal in eight methods by all and on the bells.

WROXETER, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	G. LEONARD HEWITT 4
JOSEPH L. STAINER 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
WALTER LAGO 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

Rung at the request of Mr. E. Weatherby, of Los Angeles, U.S.A., to commemorate the 150th anniversary of a 720 of Bob Minor rung at Atoham on May 23rd, 1787, in which three of his ancestors took part. First peal of Minor on the bells.

CORSLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

*A. THOMAS Treble	W. GRAY 4
*B. HAMS 2	E. F. MARLOW 5
*T. RENVARD 3	H. MOODY Tenor

Conducted by E. F. MARLOW.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. F. R. Edmonds) and Miss Edmonds. All are Sunday service ringers.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three different 720's of Plain Bob and two of Oxford Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURRELL ... Treble	*RALPH SHORT 4
*EDDIE RAPLEY 2	*CECIL LONGHURST 5
VICTOR GOACHER 3	WILLIAM DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by W. DENMAN.

* First peal.

CORONATION PEALS

In honour of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth in Westminster Abbey the following peals were rung:

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 62 cwt.

ERNEST G. FENN Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 8
WILLIAM HIBBERT 3	JACK A. WAUGH 9
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 4	JAMES H. RIDING 10
HENRY G. MILES 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 11
EDWIN H. LEWIS 6	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and conducted by H. G. MILES.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	RAYMOND G. COUSINS 7
HERBERT LANGDON 2	ERNEST BRETT 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	HAROLD V. FROST 9
HARRY HOSKINS 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 10
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 5	ALFRED B. PECK 11
JACK M. CRIPPS 6	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by HERBT. LANGDON.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 17 cwt, 1 qr. 20 lb.

*HERBERT MARKWELL ... Treble	*EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 6
*MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ... 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
*FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 3	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 8
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 4	*ADAM DEAS 9
*STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich Royal. First peal of Double Norwich Royal on the bells.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES BUTCHER Treble	CHARLES RAISON 6
WILLIAM LOUD 2	ERNEST PARKER 7
REGINALD AMON 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 8
JESSE FRANCIS 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 9
CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 5	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

Also rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent to Trowbridge for the Bath and West Show. First peal of Caters as conductor.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRED PAYNE Treble	ARTHUR J. FARR 5
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 2	WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON ... 6
GEORGE LADD 3	GEORGE W. MILLS 7
NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... 4	JOHN G. AMES Tenor

Composed by W. AYRE.

Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.

* First peal of Major.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. WILKINS Treble	*EDWARD TIMPSON 5
*MRS. R. BLABY 2	REGINALD BLABY 6
ARTHUR G. JAMES 3	PERCY NEWTON 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	ROLAND BIGGS Tenor

Composed by H. T. TUCKER.

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.

* First attempt for a peal of Major.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PEAL NO. 115 C.C.C.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MISS DORIS DOBBIE Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE 5
ARTHUR S. BOAR 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 6
WILLIAM J. WOOD 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM A. WOOD 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

BECOLLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CAMPANILE TOWER OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

MISS KATHLEEN M. LEWIS Treble	*DONALD A. LONG 5
R. WILLIAM BARBER 2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 6
MISS D. R. CONSTANCE ... 3	JAMES SPALDING 7
*STANLEY FENN 4	CHARLES F. SAYER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by CHAS. F. SAYER.

* First peal of Kent Major. First peal as conductor.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

AND THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*HARRY CHEESMAN Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
ALBERT E. CHEESMAN ... 2	THOMAS NORMAN 6
†ALBERT J. ADAMS 3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 7
JOHN HOBDEHN 4	EDWARD F. WOOLOFF ... Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

* First peal, aged 14. † First peal in the method.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday May, 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON ... 6
GEORGE POPNELL 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

NORTHCHURCH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5054 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

REG. C. H. CONNOLLY ... Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... 5
WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 2	HORACE L. WAITE ... 6
JACK BRAY ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... 7
ARTHUR DAY ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*ARTHUR G. THOMAS ... Treble	ARTHUR R. MOSELEY ... 5
†CHARLES R. SMITH ... 2	JOHN MARSHALL ... 6
JOHN H. COLLEY ... 3	WALTER H. RAXTER ... 7
THOMAS H. YOUNG ... 4	†GEORGE EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER H. RAXTER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor. Seven of the above are members of local Sunday service ringers' band.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE (R.C.).

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Treble	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 6
*SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 46). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Superlative on the bells.
First peal on the bells since rehanging by Meares and Stainbank.

HILLINGDON WEST, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

GEO. H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	†WILFRED S. CHILDS ... 5
*REGINALD W. DARVILL ... 2	EDGAR HANCOX ... 6
FREDR. W. GOODFELLOW ... 3	†PERCY E. JONES ... 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 4	FRANK CORKE ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FRANK CORKE.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Major. ‡ 100th peal.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS ... Treble	JAMES MORGAN ... 5
J. WILLIAM CLARKE ... 2	ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... 6
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 3	JOHN GRIFFITHS ... 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.
Mr. J. Swindley's 200th peal.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
NELSON ELLIOTT ... 2	ADAM DEAS ... 6
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 3	CECIL NICE ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by O. SIPPETS.
A. Deas is from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 20, 1937, in Two Hours Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 6½ cwt.
GEOFFREY HARRISON ... Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 5
COLIN HARRISON ... 2	CHARLES ALLSOP ... 6
JOHN SADDINGTON ... 3	JOHN P. FIDLER ... 7
LESLIE W. STEVENS ... 4	WILLIAM HICKMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES ALLSOP.

TICKHILL, YORKS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

ARNOLD HILL ... Treble	*ARTHUR MULVEY ... 5
*OSWY STREET ... 2	*FRANK W. VERNON ... 6
MISS KATH BURCHNALL ... 3	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4	*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.
* First peal in the method. The treble ringer has now 'circled' the tower.

HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW (HEXHAM ABBEY),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 2	HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 6
JOHN ANDERSON ... 3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt

WALTER J. BOWDEN ... Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 7
JOHN G. NASH ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted CHAS. T. COLES.

BISHOP AUCKLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. E. BANKES JAMES' TEN-PART, No. 10.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROLAND PARK ... Treble	*ROBERT B. ROBINSON ... 5
JAMES T. TITT ... 2	*JOHN F. PENTLAND ... 6
GEORGE W. PEVERELL ... 3	W. NORMAN PARK ... 7
*JOSEPH WEST ... 4	*G. W. HUTCHINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in the method.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 4 lb. in F.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 5
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 2	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
WILLIAM BARTON ... 3	FREDERICK SEAGER ... 7
*HARRY DAVISON ... 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise Major rung in this tower, and first peal of Major on the recast bells.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. BULL Treble	*ARTHUR G. WILLET ... 5
*RONALD A. TUFFIN ... 2	KENNETH SNELLING ... 6
WALTER CLAYDON ... 3	*RICHARD V. FULLER ... 7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S No. 15. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

*FRANCIS W. JOHNSON ... Treble	†ARTHUR A. HADLEY ... 5
†HARRY E. GOOD ... 2	CHARLES E. READ ... 6
JOHN BEAMS ... 3	GEORGE F. MARRINER ... 7
†JOHN E. BEAMS ... 4	†WILLIAM G. NEWBERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BEAMS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the Guild.

ST. STEPHEN-IN-BRANNELE, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Stephen

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.

*VIVIAN WILLIAMS ... Treble	HENRY WILLIAMS ... 5
FREDERICK HARRIS ... 2	WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN ... 6
CYRIL E. LANKON ... 3	†STANLEY SEYMOUR ... 7
PHILIP J. HITCHINS ... 4	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL E. LANKON.

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

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. WILLIAM HEATH ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 2	*FREDERICK KINCHIN ... 6
*FRANK TUFFLEY ... 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 7
JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 4	RALPH HARRIS ... Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Major.

LINGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BLOOR ... Treble	ALAN D. STEEL ... 5
HARRY HALL ... 2	EDWARD STEELE ... 6
*NEVILLE R. HOLLAND ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
HAROLD ROSE ... 4	FREDERICK SHELLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal inside.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN E. FULLER ... Treble	DAVID ARKLESS ... 5
PERCY E. JOHNSON ... 2	†ROBERT F. TELFORD ... 6
RICHARD PATTERSON ... 3	REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 7
*EDWARD WILSON ... 4	JOHN M. T. MCROBIE ... Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR. Conducted by R. H. HEWITT.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor. All the above are Sunday service ringers at this church.

ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	ROWLAND BARROW ... 5
R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 3	*SIDNEY HARRISON ... 7
ALBAN DISNEY ... 4	†MISS EILEEN CUFFLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman away from tenor. † First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells since recasting of 6th, 7th and tenor. The ringer of the 3rd rang in the first peal on these bells; his 100th peal was also rung here.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL GUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*MARTIN A. BLAMEY ... Treble	JOHN E. TAYLOR ... 5
*PETER A. BLAMEY ... 2	GORDON W. LIMMER ... 6
*BRYAN O'NEILL ... 3	GEORGE H. LIMMER ... 7
THOMAS BEVAN ... 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Major. All are members of the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, except ringer of the 4th.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Empire Day, Monday, May 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... 2	ERNEST BRETT ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JOSEPH MARKS ... 7
JOHN W. EUSTON ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. T. COLES.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 13½ cwt.

PERCY YOUNG ... Treble	THOMAS F. KING ... 5
GEORGE TEMPLE ... 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
*MRS. A. EVANS ... 3	*WILLIAM G. BROWN ... 7
†SEALY WOODBURN ... 4	A. E. BAVERSTOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. BROWN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor on eight bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... Treble	PETER CROOK, SEN. ... 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 2	*PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 6
KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 7
WILLIAM PYE ... 4	JAMES TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

* 50th peal.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, May 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

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

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.ST. HELENS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday May 11th, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

*GEORGE BATE Treble	†WILLIAM LEACH 4
HARRY GRUNDY 2	CHARLES BLACKBURN 5
WILLIAM JOHNSON 3	†PETER CASE 6

*SAMUEL BORROWS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES BLACKBURN.

* First peal in any method. † First peal 'inside' on any method.
Rung after being short for Grandsire Triples.

MULLION, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in eight callings.

VIVIAN WILLIAMS Treble	EDWARD SANDERS 4
WILLIAM J. SANDERS 2	FREDERIC H. HARRIS 5
WILLIAM H. SLEEMAN 3	PERCY R. C. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERIC H. HARRIS.

The first peal on the bells.

HALVERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 each of Double Court and Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

STANLEY W. GALL Treble	THOMAS W. DEVILLE 4
*STANLEY FENN 2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE 5
R. WILLIAM BARBER 3	†DONALD A. LONG Tenor

Conducted by GODFREY G. WALPOLE.

* First peal in five methods. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

VICTOR MORLEY Treble	REGINALD SIMMONDS 4
ALBEM, GIBNEY 2	RALPH BIRD 5
BERNARD W. PETTIT 3	RONALD SICKLING Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

WILLINGHAM-BY-STOW, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*NOEL THURLEY Treble	†CHARLES H. BAKER 4
†JOSEPH A. LUNN 2	LESLIE LUNN 5
FRANK VERNON 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, with varied callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*ERNEST WARNER Treble	*ARCHIE LEAHY 4
JOHN J. JUTSON 2	WILLIAM H. WALDRON 5
HERBERT GOAKES 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with three callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

BERT W. MAY Treble	FRANCIS J. CHEAL 4
GEORGE A. NAYLOR 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
EDWARD W. TUMBER 3	CHARLES TUMBER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TUMBER.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

ST. EDBURGH'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*CONRAD PHILLIPS Treble	JOHN LINDON 4
GEORGE H. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM MUIRHEAD 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	WILLIAM SCRIVENS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. TAYLOR.

* First peal.

TICKNALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*TOM J. MARRIOTT Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER 4
JOHN HOUGH 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
†WILLIAM H. CORSON 3	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Marriott for their kind hospitality after the peal.

BRADFORD ABBAS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*HENRY J. GILLHAM Treble	*CECIL C. SMITH 4
*FRANK H. SMITH 2	E. T. PAUL FIELD 5
HUBERT SMITH 3	*ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal at first attempt and a member of the local band.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

AUSTIN WINGATE Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS 4
STANLEY T. YAPP 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN 5
*ARTHUR J. GOUGH 3	CHARLES H. TOMKINS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal 'inside.'

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On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

PTE. R. W. RANDALL ... Treble	WALTER WILSON ... 4
MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY 2	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
JAMES H. MUSSON ... 3	CHARLES WILKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*GEORGE CLOUGH ... Treble	WILLIAM WILCOX ... 4
†DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. 2	SMITH WOOD ... 5
DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 3	JAS. F. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by JAS. F. SMITH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.'

STAMFORD, Lincs.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(RUTLAND BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, and 1,440 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

W. H. SMITH ... Treble	R. RUSSELL ... 4
A. L. WARD ... 2	F. HUBBARD ... 5
G. GRAY ... 3	J. H. BLUFF ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BARNESLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Munden, Canterbury, Newcastle, Carlisle, Sandiaco and London. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... Treble	ERNEST BROOKES ... 4
*ARTHUR PANTHER ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... 5
*HAROLD CHANT ... 3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* 50th peal together. First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells since rehanging.

LINCOLN, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 18, 1937, in Two Hours Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RAYMOND N. SMITH ... Treble	PERCY HOLMES ... 4
GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN ... 2	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
KENNETH W. MAYER ... 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † Fiftieth peal, rung in 33 towers and with 57 ringers.

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ERNEST WILLIAMS ... Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... 4
GEORGE GRIFFITHS ... 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN ... 5
AUSTIN WINGATE ... 3	GEORGE T. COUSINS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal and first attempt.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is to be a rally of the British Legion in Hyde Park, London, on Sunday, June 27th. There are likely to be several provincial ringers visiting the Metropolis for the occasion, and we have already had an inquiry as to evening service ringing in London. If secretaries of London towers will send us the information we shall be pleased to publish the places and times of ringing for the benefit of visitors.

The bells of Welling, Kent, are apparently not good enough for ringing for weddings, and the parish cannot afford to pay for a better peal. Accordingly a gramophone, with amplifier in the tower, has been installed and a record of the bells of St. Margaret's, Westminster, is to be played.

To what depths is the Church descending! It is not that we object to 'tinned' bells in their proper place, but we do think this kind of make-believe, in connection with the solemn services of the Church, is lowering to its dignity and prestige.

Will Mr. H. Parkes please send his present address to the hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend?

Mr. Cyril E. Lanxon is not the first native of Cornwall to ring a Surprise peal. That distinction, writes Mr. W. G. Hiscott, probably belongs to the late Mr. William J. Rundle, a native of Fowey, Cornwall, who rang the 4th to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Holbeton, Devon, on Saturday, March 3rd, 1928.

The peal at Brierley Hill on May 13th was rung for the Worcester-shire Association.

DEATH OF MR. F. W. THORNTON.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frederick William Thornton, of Greenwich, who passed away on Monday last after only a week's illness.

The first part of the funeral service will be at St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, on Friday, at 12.30. Mr. Thornton was long associated with this church as ringer and chorister, and was also a member of the Parochial Church Council. He sang in the choir up to the Sunday before his last illness.

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Lindley Lodge, near Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

WELL-KNOWN RINGERS WEDDED.

MR. J. THOMAS AND MISS AMY R. JOHNSON.

A wedding ceremony, at which the bride, bridegroom, bridesmaids and best man, to say nothing of a large part of the congregation, were all ringers, was solemnised at the Parish Church, Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire, on Wednesday, June 2nd, when Miss Amy R. Johnson, of Hinton, was married to Mr. John Thomas, of Edmonton, Middlesex.

Both bride and bridegroom are well known and have a large circle of ringing friends, the bride being well known in Worcestershire ringing circles. Mr. Thomas, of course, is well known throughout the country by virtue of his work as a bellhanger. He is a member of many ringing associations.

The bride was given away by her mother, Mrs. F. J. Johnson, an honorary member of the Worcestershire Association, and attended by her sisters, the Misses Ruth, Florence and Kathleen Johnson. Mr. W. Thomas, of Bristol, was best man. The Rev. V. C. Blyth, Rector of Hinton, a vice-president of the Worcestershire Association, officiated.

A reception was held at the bride's home, after which Mr. and Mrs. Thomas left for their honeymoon, which is being spent touring in Cornwall.

After the ceremony the bells were rung and 'fired,' and during the evening a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by a mixed band.

LADIES' PEAL ATTEMPT.

The Ladies' Guild made an attempt for a peal at Edenbridge on Saturday, May 29th, to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Frances Humphrey. Unfortunately, it failed, but afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung: Mrs. P. Humphrey 1, Miss D. Colgate 2, Mrs. F. W. Housden 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, Mrs. J. E. Davis 5, Mrs. G. H. Cross 6, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (conductor) 7, Miss F. Humphrey 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

Speaking on the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee with regard to Diocesan Advisory Committees, Mr. George Pullinger said that about seven or eight years ago the Winchester Diocesan Guild approached the Bishop in an indirect way—if approach were made in a direct way they often got refused—through a member of the committee. The result was that in matters relating to bells Mr. Wilfred Andrews or Mr. George Williams was asked to give advice.

Mr. Walter Ayre said in Hertfordshire they had great difficulty in getting any voice in bell matters when they came before the Advisory Committee. He approached the chairman, who told him they had enough to do with the bellfounders. They had an axe to grind and did not seem to know anything about the other part of the job at all. Later in regard to another matter two representatives of the Bedfordshire Association and Hertfordshire Association, which made up the diocese of St. Albans, met the Bishop, and he seemed greatly in favour of having someone who knew about bells and bellhanging on the committee. So they lived in hopes.

Mr. J. Hunt pointed out that Advisory Committees met on church matters a dozen times a year, but might only have to deal with a question relating to bells once in a year. It was unnecessary to have to attend a committee twelve times to discuss bell matters only once.

Mr. C. F. Johnston said Thetford had been referred to. Unfortunately, he knew a little about Thetford. If anybody could be found who could get the Advisory Committee to give instructions how to rehanging the bells on the old headstocks, four of which are entirely derelict, the bellfounders would be very grateful.

The Rev. H. Drake said there were two difficulties about having a representative on the Diocesan Committee. One had been referred to. If they had a member of an association on the Diocesan Committee, he had got a great deal of work to do that had nothing to do with bells. Bells did not come up very often, perhaps only two or three times a year. In Suffolk they had had the same trouble that most of them had. They had approached the committee and had had a nice answer, but nothing seemed to have been done. What they really wanted was not to have a member on the Advisory Committee as a ringer, but someone who should be elected ad hoc, or as an assessor for bells, and that the Advisory Committee should not pass any work on bells until the assessor had been consulted and probably called to advise the committee at a particular meeting. The other difficulty was one of their own. All associations were not coterminous with dioceses. Those which were diocesan associations could readily get into touch with the Diocesan Advisory Committee or the diocesan authorities, but all associations could not do that, because some were county associations and in some cases two associations covered one diocese, or two dioceses were covered by one association. Could they not do something through the Central Council for the Care of Churches instead of through the separate Diocesan Committees? If they could get the Central Council for the Care of Churches to agree that every Diocesan Committee should have an assessor to deal with questions relating to bells, he thought it would be better step than each association approaching its own Diocesan Committee. If necessary he would move a resolution to that effect.

The President said the resolution before the Council was that in the first place they should get information as to what was happening in the dioceses. After that they could take further action.

The motion was carried.

INSURANCE AGAINST ACCIDENTS.

The Rev. H. Drake referred to a recent letter in 'The Ringing World' and asked the committee to consider the question of the legal liability of church authorities in the case of accident to a member of the public after a tower had been declared to be unsafe for ringing. He thought when a tower had been declared unsafe, authorities 'gave themselves away' if an accident happened or a malingeringer pretended to have sustained some injury from the tower. He thought the Towers and Belfries Committee should consider, as soon as they could, the question of insurance in such circumstances, and, if possible, get something printed about it which could be published in the 'Law of Church Bells.' It was important it should be done, because even where church authorities had insured their church generally about accidents of this kind, it was quite certain if they were to forbid ringing because of the condition of the tower and were not to inform their insurance company, the company would refuse to pay. It was most important that church authorities should know that, and that, if they were going to forbid ringing, it might involve them in the event of an accident.

The Hon. Secretary said the proofs of the revised booklet on 'Laws' was in his hands and would shortly be printed. There was a paragraph with regard to the insurance of ringers. The view was expressed that there was no obligation to insure voluntary ringers or other voluntary churchworkers against accident. The Ecclesiastical Insurance Company, however, had a special scheme of insurance based upon a premium of 1s. per ringer, with a minimum premium of 10s. That provided, he thought, for £250 in the event of a fatal accident, £125 for partial disability or disablement and 30s. a week during temporary disability for any ringer injured in any tower where he had gone for practice, or while travelling to or from his own or other tower.

The Rev. H. Drake said that did not cover his point. Suppose a member of the public was going past a tower where change ringing had been forbidden and pretended that he had been injured by something falling from the tower, the church authorities would have considerable difficulty in proving they were not liable.

Mr. L. J. Williams said that was a matter for the church authorities and not for the Council.

The President said Mr. Drake had raised the question of a tower said to be unsafe for ringing. He had never yet found a tower unsafe because of ringing; it might be unsafe for other reasons.

Mr. J. W. Jones said his Vicar had told him that since the case in which damages were awarded for an injury in church, through a defect in bell fittings, he had paid for insurance of the bellringers, the choir and even the congregation against any accident happening in church.

Mr. F. W. Rogers asked what the Council recognised as the definition of a paid ringer and a voluntary ringer. This was rather important when they talked about insurance claims, because in some churches, although they might not pay their ringers, they made them a gratuity which was shown in the church accounts as 'payment to ringers.' Were the ringers bound to sign some form to say they were paid ringers?

The Hon. Secretary said it had never been decided what was a 'paid' ringer, and the Insurance Company would not decide it. Their scheme was devised to get over the difficulty, so that in the event of a claim arising, which might be a Workmen's Compensation Act claim, no question would arise.

Mr. Trollope said he thought the company took the position that they insured the ringers and did not bother whether they were paid or not.

The President said the only condition was that the church authorities paid ten shillings a year to insure them.

NOISY TOWERS.

The Rev. H. Drake said with regard to the question of noise outside a tower, he had advised several towers to have their windows bricked up. Now it had come to a question of his own tower, what he had had done had not been successful. He would like to ask the committee to go further into the question of lessening the sound outside towers.

The President said if Mr. Drake would send him the particulars of the tower, with full dimensions and details of what he had done and what substance he had used, he would go into the matter.

The committee's report was adopted.

THE PRESS AND BELLS.

The Literature, Press and Broadcasting Committee presented the following report:—

Numerous references to bells and ringing in the London and provincial Press have manifested a sympathetic and friendly attitude, with increasing appreciation of change ringing as a national art and of the part played by bells in our national life. The tercentenary of the Collegio Youths has attracted attention. In the Midlands the bells of Birmingham Cathedral have been very much in evidence. Several articles on the subject, with pictorial illustrations, have been published in the local Press, while Sir Charles Hyde, owner of the 'Birmingham Daily Post,' himself guaranteed the cost of the new peal. The record set up in Dorset by the band of ringers at Marshull in completing 40 years of continuous service figured prominently in the 'Daily Express.' The 'Morning Post' published an article 'In Praise of Campanology' over the signature Sentinel, which elicited from an appreciative correspondent a somewhat unusual comment: 'It is a happy thought,' he wrote, 'that bell music is the only medium of expression that has never come to base uses. . . . The organ is too often degraded. . . . The pianoforte has lost its character. But the bells are still left to send out their uplifting message free from jazz.' (This last sentence suggests an apt moral; never to let change ringing 'lose its character' by the admission of any jazz rhythm!) Agents of the district Press were diligent in their attention to the party of clerical ringers recently visiting Evesham, and Press photographers awaited them at Stratford-on-Avon.

The official organ of Imperial Steel Works, Ltd., would seem one of the most unlikely of publications to invite the attention of its readers to the history and traditions of church bells. That journal, however, which has for its title 'The Edgar Allen News,' published a few years ago, 'in fear and trepidation,' as the editors tell us, an article on bells. 'The result was surprising. From all quarters of the world letters and comments came in, showing how greatly the subject of bells interested readers.' Further articles on bells have accordingly appeared from time to time, and last June three pages were devoted to a review of Mr. E. Morris' recently published work, 'Legends of the Bells,' reproducing a number of the illustrations and recommending 'all interested in bells to make a point of buying it.'

The 'Church Assembly News' in two successive numbers contained admirable articles, with good illustrations, on 'Bells, their care and their use,' by a ringer. An article on the Guild of Ringers appeared in the current issue of the 'Salisbury Diocesan Gazette.' The 'Radio Times' of last December contained an interesting paragraph on bells, with reference to a talk on that subject arranged in the Northern Ireland programme. 'The Bells of England,' by Hugh M. Blendel, appearing in 'The Sign' for March, was written in the right spirit and well illustrated, but contained not a few inaccuracies. One sentence, which follows up a reference to bells installed in celebration of

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BELLS 'ON THE AIR.'

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Queen Victoria's Jubilee with the strange statement that 'the decline of the art will find few such additions to mark the Coronation this year,' is conspicuously wide of the mark in view of the fact that the bell foundries have all been working at high pressure and that just lately a whole column in 'The Ringing World' was taken up with notices of opening of bells.

The committee are glad to be able to issue an exceptionally satisfactory report on broadcasting. Many of the services transmitted have been introduced by the church bells, and, with one or two unfortunate exceptions, the ringing has been worthy of its purpose, while the voice of the announcer no longer interrupts for an undue length of time. Well-struck touches of Caters on the fine peal of bells lately installed at Croydon have been a great feature of the Sunday morning programmes. Amongst the evening broadcasts the bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham, and those of Stepney have been heard with especially beautiful effect.

On New Year's Eve and in other Christmas programmes the bells of St. Mary's, Redcliffe, and of village churches were a delightful feature. On one notable occasion especially the English art of ringing came into its own. New Year's greetings were broadcast from the various countries of Europe, with music or song in the characteristic idiom of each nation. The contribution of England took the form of records of the bells of Westminster Abbey and of a country church.

The series 'Churches and Chimes' was well conceived, but the time allotted to the bells in each case was disproportionately short. Talks on clock chimes have been interesting, and handbells have been introduced with good effect. Our ancient art was put to its most modern use on Christmas Day, when four College Youths featured with handbells in a television programme at the Alexandra Palace, and proved one of the most successful 'turns.'

With the greatest satisfaction of all we record the fact that the parody of bell music produced by the chiming apparatus, which for the last ten years has been employed as a prelude to the monthly service broadcast from St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, has given way to genuine ringing on this well-known peal of bells, well and worthily carried out by the Royal Cumberland Youths.

On May 1st the B.B.C. devoted a quarter of an hour of their Saturday evening programme on the Midland Regional to the new bells of Birmingham Cathedral. The bells had been dedicated at a service about an hour before, and they were 'on the air' in some excellently rung Stedman Caters. Councillor A. Paddon Smith, a member of this committee, broadcast a description of the rejuvenated peal and something of their history. It was a very successful and interesting broadcast and another evidence of the increasing publicity which is being given to bells.

In moving the adoption of the report, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards apologised for one omission. There should have been included, he said, a notice of an interesting work recently published by Canon Perkins on the bells of Westminster Abbey. In the report was a reference to a team of ringers at Marnhull, Dorset, who had completed 40 years' service together as ringers. Since that appeared, the Press had referred to some other old ringers in Wiltshire who had rung together for 48 years.

The report was seconded by Mr. A. Walker and adopted.

OLD PEAL RECORDS.

In the afternoon the reception of committee's reports was continued. Mr. W. H. Hollier submitted the following report of the Peal Boards Committee: We are pleased to be able to report considerable progress since the last meeting of the Council. We have received details of many interesting records of peals rung before 1826, as well as many of a later date.

Many details sent to us do not contain the names of the performers—only the date, place and name of method rung being given, and others do not give the name of the conductor. The committee desire the Council's opinion whether the names of the performers should be obtained and recorded.

We have received a complete list of 48 peals rung by the Society of Sherwood Youths (established 1672); a record peal of Minor, 15,120 changes, rung at All Saints', Wath-on-Dearne, on Shrove Tuesday, 1816, in 8 hours and 27 minutes, in 21 methods; a peal of Double Norwich Royal rung at St. Peter Mancroft, 5,040 changes, on Monday, April 17th, 1769, this being 'the first complete 5,040 that ever was rung in the known World'; a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 6,200 changes, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by the London Youths on Monday, January 19th, 1767, in the Year of Bells 3257.

Other notable peal records of which details have been received include: St. Paul's, now the Parish Church of St. Mary, Oldham, three peals of Bob Major—10,080 changes (1793), 14,480 changes (1794) and 15,120 changes (1821). Also a peal of Treble Bob Major, 14,016 changes (1821).

Many of the old peal boards record the first peal rung on the bells or the first in a new method, i.e., 5,040 Treble Bob Triples at St. Peter's, Huddersfield (1821), and 5,040 Oxford Treble Bob Caters at St. Martin's, Birmingham (1817).

The committee tender their sincere thanks to all who have assisted them in this interesting historical work and to those who have promised to do so. They will be pleased to receive assistance from any interested ringer during the coming year.

In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. Hollier called attention to the committee's wish for instructions as to obtaining further details of the records, where the names of the ringers had not been supplied. There were many cases in which they could not obtain the names of the conductors as they were not recorded on the boards. Mr. Hollier specially directed attention to the peal at Wath-on-Dearne referred to in the report as one of special interest. This record was as follows: All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne. On Shrove Tuesday, February 27th, 1816, the following 21 methods were rung, being 720 each of Evening Delight, Cambridge, Morning Exercise, Primrose, College Pleasure, Saint Anne's Delight, Duke of York, Evening Star, Symphony, Morning Star, Tulip, London Scholars', Navigation Bob, City Delight, Cheapside, Bob Royal, Morning Pleasure, College Treble, Oxford Treble, Violet, Rodney's Victory, making 15,120 changes, which were brought round in a grand and masterly style in eight hours and twenty-seven minutes without a man quitting his rope, while the whole was performed by the following persons: Treble, Christopher Taylor; second, Joseph Blackburn; third, Joseph Myers; fourth, Edward Myers; fifth, Matthew Blackburn; sixth, William Blackburn. The whole was conducted by William Blackburn.

Mr. Hollier said they had only received two records of peals of Minor rung up to the year 1826. The committee thought there must have been more rung than that, and he appealed to members to assist the committee in tracing the records.

Mr. W. Ayre seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to.

Mr. A. D. Barker moved that the committee be instructed to get as many details as possible from the old records.—Mr. R. Richardson seconded.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said on some of the old peal boards the calling of the peal was given. Such an instance was at Wakefield, where there was the record of a peal of Cambridge Royal rung nearly a hundred years before the cue at Cheltenham.

The President said all possible details ought to be recorded.—The motion was adopted, and Mr. Wilfred Wilson's name was added to the committee, the President remarking that he would be of great assistance in preparing the records in a suitable form for retention in a book.

BIOGRAPHIES OF PAST MEMBERS.

The Biographies Committee submitted the following report: Since the last report of the committee, 54 further forms, giving biographical details of past members of the Council, have been received, bringing the total up to 163. This, however, is only slightly over half the number of forms sent out, and the committee hope that the remainder may be received at an early date from the secretaries of associations or others in whose hands the forms now are.

It is proposed to collate the biographies in a loose-leaf book, so that it may be conveniently added to from time to time, but owing to the great variety in the style and size of such photographs as have been received, the committee consider it will be necessary to have a separate photographic album, with cross-references to the subjects in the biographical volume. The committee ask the permission of the Council to incur an initial expense, up to three guineas, for the purchase of these books.

In a few cases the photographs which have been sent in are only on loan. The committee recommend that the Council should give them permission to have these pictures suitably copied, at a cost not exceeding 1s 6d. each.

In view of the difficulty that has been experienced in obtaining details of many past members, with whom contact has been lost or who are largely unknown to the present generation, the committee think it would be a good plan if, during the coming year, they are allowed to collect biographical details of the members of the present Council. Particulars of future members can be obtained as they come to the Council. These details could be kept for future reference and added to the albums when the subjects cease to be members of the Council. This plan, the committee feel, would have the advantage of securing the necessary information from the members themselves, which afterwards need only be brought up to date, and would also enable photographs to be obtained of the members during their term of office.

The adoption of the report having been formally moved by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and seconded by Mrs. Fletcher, the hon. secretary said the Standing Committee had considered the recommendations contained in the report and wanted to amend them. They thought it would be best if the photographs could be kept with the biographies, and in order that a satisfactory job might be made of it the Standing Committee recommended that all the photographs should be reproduced in one uniform size. The committee had suggested that biographical details of present members should be collected, and the Standing Committee recommended this should be done.

Mr. Goldsmith said the Biographies Committee were glad to accept the recommendations of the Standing Committee. Their original recommendation was made as being the cheaper method. He appealed to those who had in hand forms which had already been sent out to return them as soon as possible to facilitate the committee's work. The committee's object in suggesting the collecting of biographies of present members was to make it easier to collect the information. Particulars of some past members were unknown to

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HIS MAJESTY'S INTEREST IN MASONS' PEAL.

Oldest and Youngest Coronation Peal Ringers.

A report of the Masonic peal of Bob Maximus, rung at Shoreditch, was sent with expressions of loyalty to their Majesties and graciously acknowledged by them in the following letter from Buckingham Palace, dated May 25th: "Sir,—I have laid before the King and the Queen your letter of May 24th. Their Majesties were much interested to hear of the fine performance given by the twelve Master Masons at the Church of St. Leonard, Shoreditch, and greatly appreciated the loyal assurances contained in your letter.—Yours truly, (Signed) A. Lascelles."

The reports of peals rung on Coronation Day reveal that the oldest ringer was Mr. James George, who rang the 7th at Thurcaston, Leicestershire, to a peal of Stedman Triples at the age of 83 years, and the youngest Peggy Marsh, who, only eleven years of age, rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.



PEGGY MARSH,

Youngest Coronation Peal Ringer.

It is interesting to recall that Mr. George rang in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham for the death of Queen Victoria in February, 1901. He also took part in peals at Cripplegate (Stedman Cinques) and Ashton-under-Lyne (Kent Treble Bob Maximus) for the death of King Edward VII. in May, 1910.

In June, 1911, he finished a peal of Stedman Triples at North Stoneham, Hants, at half-past seven in the morning for the Coronation of King George V. and Queen Mary, and later in the day scored a peal of Stedman Caters at Wimborne Minster.

At the age of 72 he rang the 53 cwt. tenor at Bow, Cheapside, to a half-muffled peal of Treble Twelve for the late Queen Alexandra, and since then he has taken part in peals for the Silver Jubilee, in May, 1935, and for the death of King George V., in February, 1936. He was the oldest person to ring a peal for the Silver Jubilee as well as for the Coronation.

Of all the young ringers who will have reason to remember the Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth, by the part they took in ringing for this auspicious event, none is likely to have a happier recollection of it than Peggy Marsh, of Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.

She rang her first peal on Coronation Day, having rung her first quarter-peal two days earlier. We are told she rang the treble admirably for one of her years. We hope she will live long to ring peals on many future royal occasions. She has been ringing for just over a year and also sings in the choir.

At St. Mary's, Prestwich, before evensong on Sunday, May 9th, in honour of the forthcoming Coronation, 720 Bob Minor: G. A. Bell 1, R. H. Bert 2, F. Reynolds 3, W. Bullough 4, A. Turner 5, W. Foster 6, F. J. Maude (conductor) 7, S. Reynolds 8. Rung with 6-8 covering.

The bells at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Yarmouth, were fired in a royal salute of 21 'shots' at 12 noon, and straightway they went off into a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Peter Newstead 1, Alfred Moy 2, John Kenyon 3, John G. W. Harwood 4, Reg. J. Davey 5, Clayton Parnell 6, William J. Lee 7, Robert Tooley 8, Edwin G. Kett (conductor) 9, Herbert Jermy 10. In the afternoon after the Abbey service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Newstead 1, J. G. W. Harwood 2, R. J. Davey (conductor) 3, C. Parnell 4, W. J. Lee 5, R. Tooley 6, E. G. Kett 7, H. Jermy 8.

Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle, who took part in the peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, as well as in the abortive attempt, travelled over a thousand miles for the purpose.

The Coronation peal at Brading, Isle of Wight, rung on May 29th, recalls the fact that the first peal on the then newly-restored bells was rung almost 50 years ago—on June 18th, 1887—in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Mr. George Williams, now Master of

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the ringers of to-day, while others were completely lost sight of. If information were collected from the members themselves, although it would not go into the biographies until they ceased to be members of the Council, the committee would have authentic information to work on.

Mr. C. T. Coles said the difficulties of association secretaries in getting some of the forms completed was that they got into the hands of friends who had no interest in the matter, or of past members themselves whose interest had entirely evaporated. In some cases, in spite of several appeals, the papers had not been returned.

The report, amended by the recommendations of the Standing Committee, was adopted.

the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, conducted both these peals and is the only survivor of the 1887 peal. The last peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. B. J. Snow, who rang the 6th and who has done valuable work for the Guild on the Island.

Among the peal attempts in celebration of the Coronation was one at Tichmarsh, Northants, on May 15th, when a 'George' peal of Bob Major was lost after 2 hours 40 minutes.



MR. JAMES GEORGE.

The Oldest Coronation Peal Ringer.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters in celebration of the Coronation was attempted at Manchester Cathedral on May 12th, but came to grief when only two leads from the end, owing to the second rope breaking. The quarter-peal was, however, rung on Sunday, May 30th, by H. Longden 1, H. Hollingworth 2, J. Simpkins 3, H. B. Wickon 4, W. Owens 5, A. Ridyard 6, B. Walehaw 7, F. Reynolds 8, R. Langden (conductor) 9, J. W. Wright 10.

The first peal of Major on the recast bells of Leeds Parish Church was rung in celebration of the Coronation on May 22nd. It was rung on the light eight. It is approximately 40 years since a peal of Major was rung at this church, which, as is well known, possesses a ring of twelve. This early peal of Major was the first rung in the city of Leeds.

The Coronation peal at Queenborough, Isle of Sheppey, rung on Saturday, May 29th, was also a birthday compliment to Miss J. Naylor, Mr. W. J. Wood and Kent's centenarian, Mr. C. Slingsby. At Frant, Sussex, the Coronation peal was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. L. W. Jarvis, wife of the ringer of the treble.

Kenneth Shelley, of Draycott, Staffs, has to be added to the young folk who have scored their first peal in celebration of the Coronation. He is only 13 years of age, and on May 27th rang the treble at his home tower to a peal of Grandsire Doubles. Two other Draycott ringers took part, and it was the first peal in which three members of this tower have rung together.

Members of the local company at Thornford, Dorset, took part for the first time in a peal on the bells on May 22nd. One rang the treble and the other the tenor to 5,040 of Doubles in three methods. After the peal the band were hospitably entertained at Bombury House by Mrs. and Miss Davidson.

Coronation and Empire Day were jointly celebrated by the peals rung at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London; Twerton-on-Avon, Bath; and Holy Trinity, Bolton.

After losing their peal in Coronation week, through the treble rope slipping wheel, after eleven six-scores had been rung, a band at Publow, Somerset, were successful on May 23rd.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL RINGERS' CELEBRATION.

LEADERSHIP AND LOYALTY.

Meeting at 10 a.m. on Coronation Day, the Cathedral ringers at Manchester were unable to commence ringing before 1 p.m., owing to the delay of the Abbey service. This gave the ringers an opportunity to listen to the proceedings until 12 noon. At the invitation of their leader, Mr. W. C. Bridgeford, they then celebrated the occasion with a luncheon at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, at which past and present members of the band were present.

Luncheon over, Mr. R. Longden proposed a vote of thanks to the host and spoke of the long service Mr. Bridgeford, Mr. Morris and Mr. Fairley, who had rung the Cathedral bells on royal occasions for the past 50 years, and of other members who could show a good record, especially in their attendance for service ringing. He hoped they would be spared to receive the reward of their labours for many years to come.

Mr. Bridgeford, replying, spoke of leadership and loyalty. It was essential in all companies that hoped for progress and fame to have a leader with tact and personality to make the team work of enthusiasm and success. It was not necessary that the leader be an expert, but the greater the knowledge the easier the ideal. The leader's views, which he used for the general benefit, must be consistently followed. As soon as conflicting arguments or undercurrents were introduced, it meant disaster. Much had been written of how to form a company, but very little of how to keep one together. The gathering, he added, gave him the greatest pleasure, and he felt rewarded for any effort he had made to create fellowship and goodwill.

Mr. Charles McLaughlin then proposed the toast to the King, who had just been crowned. The ceremony had been heard over the wireless in the adjoining room, the whole company rising for the occasion.

Returning to the tower, a general 'salute' was accorded to the newly-crowned King and Queen. After evensong the band attempted a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, but, unfortunately, with only two leads to go the rope of the second bell broke, robbing the band of what they would have been proud to record, an excellent quarter-peal, well struck, with a right royal spirit.

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Among the disappointments on Coronation Day was a lost peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Margate. After nearly three hours' ringing, 'Stand' was called owing to a shift course. If successful it would have been the first peal in the method for seven out of the eight ringers, who were: R. Dadds 1, F. Gadsden (conductor) 2, J. Waghorn 3, A. Dadds 4, E. Speckett 5, J. Fifield 6, A. Saxby 7, R. Whybrow 8.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Osseley Parish Church on Coronation Day: W. Jeavons 1, A. Baker 2, F. Holden 3, A. Cope 4, W. Grimsell 5, S. Baker 6, W. Fisher (conductor) 7, D. Holden 8. Other ringing was done during the day.

A peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods was lost at Shenfield, Essex, on May 15th, in the fifth 720, but the band made amends on May 31st, when another attempt was successful.

At Sedburgh, Yorks, in honour of the Coronation, 576 Yorkshire Surprise and a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise (1,280 changes) were rung on May 18th: 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. The band are the regular service ringers at Sedburgh.

An attempt for a peal of Minor at St. Martin's Church, Brasted, Kent, was lost after ringing 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Bob and Double Oxford Bob: G. W. Davey 1, J. O. Weller 2, F. W. Budgen 3, C. E. Townner 4, Stafford H. Green 5, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 6.

Ring on Coronation Day at Bishop's Stortford, Herts, commenced at 7 a.m., and during the afternoon three 504's and two 336's of Grandsire Triples were rung as well as touches of Stedman Triples. The ringers taking part were Miss D. Wacey, H. Wacey, H. M. White, F. Bird (conductor), W. T. Prior, P. Springham, W. Wilkinson, T. Ward, H. Bull, H. Bird, E. Ansell. At Thorley, near Bishop's Stortford, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung by H. Bull, H. M. White, W. T. Prior, H. Bird, F. Bird, E. Ansell.

CHURCHWARDEN'S FIRST PEAL.

At Wareham, Dorset, Dr. Alan M. Cunningham, one of the churchwardens, rang his first peal in connection with the Coronation celebrations.

A peal rung on Whit Sunday at Bradford Abbas, Dorset, commemorated both the Coronation and the Whitsun festival. Four local ringers rang their first peal and it was the first on the bells in which members of the local band had taken part.

On Coronation Day at Newport, Isle of Wight, 350, 1,260 and 742 Grandsire Triples were rung at different hours during the day. Those taking part were W. Scott, sen., W. Scott, jun., S. Moody, F. Taylor, A. Callaway, W. Chambers, W. Upton, J. Leal and W. G. H. Scott. All are Sunday service ringers at this tower.

In honour of the Coronation at Thorverton, Devon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on May 25th: J. Ridler 1, R. B. Ford, jun. 2, B. F. Milford 3, T. H. Pook 4, H. J. Corry (conductor) 5, A. G. Selley 6, F. J. Milford 7, R. B. Ford, sen. 8.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT CROMER.

Album Presented to Mr. A. L. Coleman.

The North Norfolk Branch held its second meeting of the year at Cromer on Saturday, May 29th, when all four branches were represented to pay further tribute to Mr. A. L. Coleman, who recently retired from the office of hon. secretary and treasurer. He was presented with an album containing the names of the subscribers to the testimonial presented to him at the annual meeting.

The six bells were available from 3 o'clock, and the recently restored peal of five at Northrepps were visited in the evening.

The Rev. H. Stonely, curate, conducted a service, with Mr. E. E. Chasteney at the organ.

Forty-three members and friends sat down to tea at The Rendezvous Tea Rooms on The Parade. At the business meeting which followed the chair was taken by the Rev. H. W. Benson, supported by Mr. A. L. Coleman (vice-president), Mr. N. Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Messrs. W. C. Duffield and G. Mayers (members of the committee) and ringers from Buxton, Glandford, Hethersett, Norwich, Northrepps, Wiveton and Wymondham, and a strong muster of the local band, while the other branches were represented by members from Dersingham, Fakenham, Gressenhall, Halvergate, Happisburgh, Reedham and Saxlingham. The Rev. H. Stonely, the Rev. C. H. Winter (Rector of Northrepps) and Messrs. E. E. Chasteney and A. Woollard were also present as guests of the association.

Mr. Henry Tooke, of Wymondham, was elected branch secretary in place of Mr. N. Golden, the latter being thanked for his services to the branch.

The re-election of Mr. D. Grimble, the ratification of the belfry election of Mr. A. R. Dawes, of Watford, and the election of Mr. George E. Catchpole, formerly of Buxton, as a life member, were carried unanimously.

It was decided to visit Marsham on September 18th.

On behalf of the association the chairman presented Mr. Coleman with an album, bound in black leather, containing an illuminated frontispiece and a list of the 251 subscribers to the gold watch recently presented to him as a token of the members' esteem and appreciation for almost 20 years' devoted service as general secretary and treasurer.

In reply, Mr. Coleman expressed his thanks for the kind recognition of his work. He hoped the support and assistance he had always received would be transferred to his successor, Mr. Golden. Mr. Coleman spoke with pride of the way in which the association had, since its formation, kept its records complete, especially the register of compositions rung.

The Rev. Charles H. Winter expressed his debt to the association for its help, and thanked Mr. Golden for drawing his attention to the deplorable state of his bells. Now that the Northrepps bells had been rehung he hoped that the members would pay the village a visit.

Mr. Golden thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the meeting—the Rev. H. Stonely, Mr. E. E. Chasteney and Mr. E. C. Wilson, captain of the Cromer band of ringers.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT MEETING AT QUEENBOROUGH.

On Saturday, May 1st, in spite of the attractions of a broadcast of the cup final, in addition to the difficulties of local travel now prevailing through the busmen's strike in Kent, a good meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent Association was held at Queenborough. This was probably due largely to very happy memories of a former meeting held there five years previously.

Touches in Doubles and Minor were arranged to suit the tastes and capabilities of members, and the association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Clay). The organist very kindly attended to lead the singing, and a collection, in aid of the Benevolent Fund of the association, was taken during the closing hymn.

After the service the ringers with their wives and friends, numbering about fifty, were very generously entertained to tea by the local ringers and friends, and, in addition to the Vicar, the district officers were supported by Mr. Weekes, an honorary member of the association, and also Mr. Mason. A very gallant attempt was made to clear the tables, but the Queenborough folk had evidently been determined that nobody should leave feeling 'just comfortable.' A course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells was rung after tea.

The business meeting was conducted under the able chairmanship of Mr. Mason, and it was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Tunstall, about mid-July.

The district secretary pointed out that the next issue of the report would contain the new rules of the association, and asked that every member should make himself acquainted with them.

Very hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting, to the organist for his practical help, and also to all who had been associated with providing such a sumptuous meal, not forgetting the ladies who waited upon the party with such grace. —Mr. W. J. Wood replied on behalf of the local ringers and said his only regret was that the company was not much larger.

The district secretary would like to take this opportunity of apologising to the Exercise for the omission of not completing the notice of meeting in 'The Ringing World.'

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

Divisional Committees to be Reduced in Size.

Favoured with one of the most brilliant days of the year, the annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association took place at Chichester on Saturday, May 29th.

Although the numbers were not up to the usual standard, as Chichester is situated at the very end of the county, the encouraging number of 55 members and visitors were present. The eight bells of the Cathedral, hung in a campanile separate from the main building, were kept going from 3 p.m. in methods ranging from Grandire to Spliced Surprise, with rounds for those not so far advanced. Although some found that the size of the tower and the long draught proved somewhat of a handicap, a fair amount of good ringing was heard.

The service took place in the sub-deanery church, adjoining the Cathedral, and the new form of association service was tried out in its final form for the first time. Canon Mortlock, Precentor of Chichester, preached from the text, 'Their voice is gone out to all people,' drawing a simile between the voices of the bells in spreading the Gospel and those of the missionaries in distant lands. A particularly interesting association was called up by the preacher when speaking of the voices of the bells and their tuning, when he recalled his friendship with the late Canon Simpson during the time the latter was experimenting with his new system of tuning, which has so exercised the minds of ringers since that time. After speaking of the beauty of sound produced by bells, the preacher referred in an audible aside to the one which was even then calling him to his next duties in the Cathedral as 'that wretched bell'!

At the business meeting the Master, Mr. H. R. Butcher, took the chair, supported by Mr. F. B. Tompkins (some time secretary of the association), Mr. S. E. Armstrong (hon. general secretary) and the divisional secretaries. Three new members were elected, Messrs. F. Ottaway, J. Butcher and S. Russell.

STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION.

The balance sheet was accepted, as was the report of the Master and hon. secretary and peal secretary's report.

The general account showed receipts of £65 3s. from affiliated towers, £1 5s. from non-resident members, £2 10s. from hon. members, £1 from unaffiliated members, 6s. 3d. from sale of reports, £1 15s. from interest on Conversion Loan and £1 16s. 10d. interest on reserve fund. Divisional expenses had been £27 6s., £1 10s. had been spent on instruction, £3 on a presentation to Mr. A. W. Groves, £9 18s. 3d. on rail fares and part cost of teas, and £36 6s. 1d. on printing and other expenses. The balance, which stood at £133 16s. 9d. at the beginning of the year, was £129 12s. 6d. at the end. The reserve fund stands at £50, the Benevolent Fund at £77 19s., and the Certificate Fund at £3 13s. 9d. The total balances amount to £261 5s. 3d.

The Benevolent Fund received £1 16s. 10d. from interest and £3 17s. 3d. from collections. The grants totalled £8 8s.

The report presented by the Master and hon. secretary said the past year might well be considered as the first of a new period in the history of the association, which celebrated its jubilee in 1935.

Although no outstanding feature has marked the year in our own organisation, we are sure that all members will have watched with sympathy the great national events which have made 1936 notable. The death of His Majesty King George V., following so soon after his Jubilee, cast a shadow over the whole nation, and the bells of the Sussex churches played their part in the country's mourning. The accession of King Edward VIII., his abdication and the accession of King George VI. are events which will make the year long remembered in history. God save the King!

We are glad to report a steady progress in the attendance at meetings, and that the affiliated towers have continued their valued support and encouragement. To those towers, and to the honorary members, we should like to express our thanks, as also to the clergy, to whom we are indebted for the use of the bells and their work at our meetings. Yet we must remind ringers that if the benefits given to members at the meetings are to be continued, a prompt payment of the affiliation fees is an essential, for it is from them that practically the whole of our income is derived.

Grants from the Benevolent Fund have this year exceeded the income, and, although this is a good indication of the usefulness of the fund, a falling balance in any branch is to be deplored, and we appeal to the members to give generously to the benevolent collections.

As the years pass, death takes its toll of our companions, and we should like to mention in particular six members who have rendered splendid service for many years: Mr. F. Arthur, of Chichester; Mr. R. J. Dawe, of Lewes; Mr. H. Rann, St. Nicholas', Brighton; Mr. L. Payne and Mr. J. Welch, of Henfield, and Mr. G. W. Stokes, who passed away while holding the office of hon. treasurer and trustee. Their deaths will leave gaps which it will be difficult to fill, and we earnestly appeal to those remaining to give every assistance to those younger ringers who, in the future, will have to step into the positions of tower leaders and association officers. It should be remembered that the divisional meetings are the training grounds for the inexperienced, and we wish to see more becoming regular attenders.

In conclusion, we must record our expression of thanks to Mr. A. D. Stone, for many years secretary of the Central Division, who retired from the general secretaryship at the annual meeting in 1936.

The Master, as delegate to the Central Council, gave a brief summary of the business that was transacted at Canterbury.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PLEASANT MEETING AT HARROW WEALD.

The meeting of the North and East District, held at Harrow Weald on May 29th, was not too well attended, but was much enjoyed by the 30 or so members who paid a visit to that delightful spot. As usual, the beautiful garden of Mr. Hart, father of one of the ringers, was open for the use of members, who were able to rest between their ringing exertions, or display their prowess (?) on the bowling green. To say the least of this matter, there were no ringers present named after Francis Drake!

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. Durham), who gave an address on the reasons for, and lessons of, the Coronation ceremony.

An excellent tea was followed by the business meeting. The Vicar had to leave early, so Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president) asked him to accept the sincere thanks of the members for a pleasant afternoon's ringing.—This was duly acknowledged.

The death of Mr. F. Edwards, of Bushey, who died on May 11th, was referred to. He had been a member of the association from 1897 to 1912, and from 1918 onwards, and had been of great assistance to the Stanmore ringers. As a mark of respect, all present stood in silence for a few moments.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) reported on Coronation ringing, which had been quite satisfactory. Most of their bells had been rung at some time or other on the great day, and during the days following some seven peals were rung.

A brief account of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting was also given by the secretary, and Mr. Fletcher followed this up by congratulating Mr. W. G. Wilson on the success of his maiden effort at a Council meeting.

Arising out of the report, it was decided to ask for a supply of Council publications, on sale or return.

Hendon was chosen for the next meeting on July 10th, with Double Stedman Slow Course as the special method.

The recipients of votes of thanks included Miss Fletcher, Mr. Holmes and friends, for tea, flowers, etc., and Mr. Goodship and the local ringers for a cordial welcome, not forgetting Mr. and Mrs. Hart for the use of their garden and for refreshments.

The District Master, Mr. T. J. Lock, looked after the ringing, and it was noticed that whilst the special method for the day, St. Lawrence Little Bob Major, was in great demand, it was not allowed to interfere with the wants of those members who had not come prepared to ring it.

FILLING VACANT PLACES.

(Continued from previous column.)

At the election of officers, the president, the Bishop of Chichester, and all the vice-presidents were re-elected, and Mr. H. R. Butcher was re-elected to the post of Master for a further year. The office of hon. treasurer, vacant through the death of Mr. G. W. Stokes, was filled by Mr. A. D. Stone, who had retired from the general secretaryship in 1936. The hon. general secretary, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, accepted election for a further year, and Mr. F. I. Hairs undertook the office of peal secretary once more. A vacancy in the auditors, caused by the resignation of Mr. N. Elliott, was filled by Mr. J. T. Toms, who thus occupies the office jointly with Mr. W. C. Hart. Messrs. F. B. Tompkins and H. R. Butcher continued as hon. trustees of the funds, together with Mr. F. Dallaway in the place of Mr. Stokes. Mr. Dallaway also filled the vacant place as representative on the Central Council.

Two places were voted on for the next annual general meeting, and Horsham was carried by a majority.

Mr. A. C. Pankhurst proposed that the divisional committees be reduced in order to save expense to a maximum of two members each instead of the previous three as opportunity permitted. The Executive Committee, stated Mr. Pankhurst, numbered about 20 and was unnecessarily large. A reduction would reduce the cost of rail fares to the meetings and would render the committee more workable. On the other hand, old members might feel that compulsory reduction was a poor reward for services rendered, so the phrase 'as opportunity permits' was inserted.—The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Elphick's proposal, that in the opinion of the meeting the association should be represented on the Diocesan Advisory Committee on Faculties, received strong support, and Mr. Tompkins spoke of it as an excellent suggestion. The exact procedure as to its membership, however, was not known, and Mr. Tompkins offered to make inquiries and put the suggestion before the proper authorities.

The meeting closed with a very pleasant piece of business in the form of a presentation of a gold watch to Mr. A. D. Stone, as a memento of the many years' service he had rendered as secretary of the old Central Division, and latterly as hon. general secretary.

Mr. Butcher and Mr. Tompkins both spoke in appreciation of Mr. Stone's abilities in these onerous posts, and mentioned that they welcomed him back to an official position as treasurer.

In reply, Mr. Stone thanked the members for their gift and assured them of his best services in their interests for the future.

The presentation was endorsed with enthusiasm by all present.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Meeting at Sunbury on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 3.30 p.m. Service 5. Tea in Church Hall. Quarterly business to follow. Excellent bells and attractive surroundings. Won't you come? — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Epsom, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 3 to 5 p.m. and from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 p.m. at Christ Church Hall, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome. — F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Throwley on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Great Bardfield on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Kildwick, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea (1s. 3d.) at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. — Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Headington, Oxford, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. —Miss M. Reynolds, Hon. Sec., 10, North Parade, Oxford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Withyham on June 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service, if can be arranged. Tea and meeting to follow, 5 p.m. Half rail fares to members. All are welcome.—O. Sippetts, Div. Sec., 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL. — Ringers' opening, Saturday, June 12th. All ringers heartily welcome. Ringing from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Further ringing 7 till 9. Leicester District, M.C.A., meeting arranged for same day at Kibworth postponed until July 3rd.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Haslingden, on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 6 p.m., and a meeting will be held in tower at about 6.30. All who attend are welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Loughborough District will be held at Quorn on June 12th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Good 'hunting.' Let's have a record 'meet.'—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Royston, June 12th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Short service. Tea provided by the Vicar, the Rev. F. F. Grieg, The Vicarage, Royston. Send a card to the Vicar if you will be staying for tea.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanfrechfa on Saturday, June 12th. Afternoon ringing, service at 4.30 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Donington on Saturday, June 12th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lymington on Saturday, June 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall at 5 p.m. — G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 42, Waterlow Place, Christchurch.

BINEGAR, near Wells, Som.—The bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Taunton on Sunday, June 13th, at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. The bells have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for service at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on June 13th and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on June 27th, at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice at Shoreditch on Thursday, June 24th. Commence 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — N. Summerhayes, 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

BICKLEIGH, DEVON.—The ring of 6 bells (tenor 13 cwt.) restored and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Plymouth on Thursday, June 17th, at 3 p.m. The service will be followed by tea; ticket, adults 9d., children 6d.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX (St. John's).—Practice night altered to Friday on and from June 18th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Battle Axes. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by June 16th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kirk Ella, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6), tenor 20 cwt., available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock, provided free only to those who notify Mr. A. H. Fox, Kilmarnock, Beverley Road, Kirk Ella, Hull, by Thursday, June 17th. Buses run from Paragon Street, Hull, to the church every 15 minutes; return fare 7d.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — N. Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buckhorn Weston on Saturday, June 19th. Bells 3 p.m., Guild office, 4.30; followed by tea and business. Cucklington and Kington Magna bells available. All welcome; please advise early.—J. Ralph, 9, Orchard Road, Gillingham, Dorset.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 19th. Tea at the Six Bells. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Vine, The Village Club, Newdigate?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LAVENHAM.—The 126th ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. A hearty welcome extended to all ringers. — S. H. Symonds.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Will those requiring tea please advise me before Wednesday, June 16th? All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. —T. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the churchyard cottage at 1s. each. A postcard from intending visitors would greatly help with tea arrangements. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield (Phone Hatfield 2117) and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Chew Deanery Branch.—The tower at Chew Stoke is calling every keen ringer to come and take part in good evening's practice on Saturday, June 19th, commencing at 5 o'clock. So, please come along.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Sec., Long Ashton.

OXFORD GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Beenham, near Reading. Ring of 6 rebung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Service at 4.30 by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 19th, at Bolsover, Derbyshire. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m., in Church Hall, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea *must* apply not later than June 15th to Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, Derbyshire.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea by the 16th. Usual travelling allowance paid at this meeting.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above division will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 131, Wheatcroft Road, Sandhill, Rawmarsh, by the 17th for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) ready 2.15. Service 4.15. Address by the Rector (the

Ven. Archdeacon Parry). Tea 5 p.m., in the school, at a moderate charge. Business meetings to follow. Those requiring tea must advise the Ven. Archdeacon Parry, Bigby Rectory, Barnetby, by Wednesday, June 16th.—H. Mingay and H. Morgan, Hon. Dis. Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The next meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation. Everybody welcome! Don't forget the p.c. (before the 17th, please) if you require tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at All Saints', West Ham (10), starting at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged, so please try to let me know if you are coming. Underground to Plaistow, thence by tram; tram from Stratford Broadway.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Awre on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) open at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, June 16th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on June 19th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please note the association holds a committee meeting here also on this date.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th. Shipton Moyne bells (6) available 3 to 4.30. Tea at Tetbury, 5 p.m., bells (8) afterwards. Please notify Mr. W. R. Locke, 54, Hampton Street, Tetbury, for tea by Tuesday, June 15th.—W. H. Hayward, Branch Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—If you have not yet rung at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, you have an opportunity to do so on Saturday, June 19th, when the Guild will hold a monthly meeting. Bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Denbigh Arms Hotel, 5 p.m. Please note the meeting is not at Henley-in-Arden, as originally arranged.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) will be open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Will those intending to be present notify me by Monday, June 14th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Wistaston (6 bells) on Saturday, June 19th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 16th inst.? — Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends are welcome. Please come; let us have a good meeting. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Meeting prior to six-bell prize contest will be held at Longwood, June 19th. Bells available 6 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Fred Hodgson, 566, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Lavenham, in conjunction with the anniversary, on June 19th. Tea and meeting at 4.30, 1s. Please advise S. H. Symonds, Lavenham, for tea.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Adlington on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m. Nominations for annual meeting.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—A joint meeting of the Rutland and Kettering branches will take place at Cottesmore (6 bells) on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. All are heartily invited to this meeting. For tea apply to S. H. Towell, Oakham, or H. Baxter, Kettering, Hon. Secs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Members requiring tea should notify Mr. W. Feather, 41, Crag Hill Road, Thackley, near Bradford, by Thursday, June 17th.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec.

WADENHOE, near Oundle, Northants.—The Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the bells on Sunday, June 20th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at 'St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 22nd; 'St. Magnus' on the 24th; 'St. Michael's', Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on Wednesday, June 23rd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Will all who require tea please notify me by Saturday, June 19th?—Edith K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

GLASTON, UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang, D.D., Archdeacon of Oakham, will dedicate the new treble bell, installed by John Taylor and Co., to augment the peal to a ring of 6, on Saturday, June 26th, at 3 p.m.

A MEETING of Ringers at Piddington, near Northampton, Saturday, June 26th (6 bells) by the permission of the Vicar. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Eastern Branch) AND **LADIES' GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Sutterton on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Vicarage. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by

Tuesday, June 22nd, certain. — W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fordham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Please drop a postcard (1d.) stating numbers for tea to Mr. J. W. Pickett, School House, Fordham, Cambs. The village, situate between Newmarket and Ely, is now at its best, flower growers being in their harvest. Please come and spend an enjoyable half day.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Horsell (near Woking) on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Institute for those who notify me by Wednesday, 23rd. Don't forget your officers, they need your support. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LADIES GUILD (Southern District) and **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** (Farnham District.)—A joint meeting at Frensham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Marindin Institute 5.15. All welcome, but please try to notify for tea by Wednesday, June 23rd: Miss H. F. Mills, Maidencombe, Northbrook Road, or C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, June 23rd. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

GOATHURST near Bridgwater, Somerset.—Rededication of the bells by the Bishop of Taunton on Tuesday, June 29th, at 8 p.m.; a ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 10th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Epsom on Saturday, July 10th. Reserve the date. Further particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. Ernest Smith has now removed to Birch Croft, The Drive, Godalming, Surrey.

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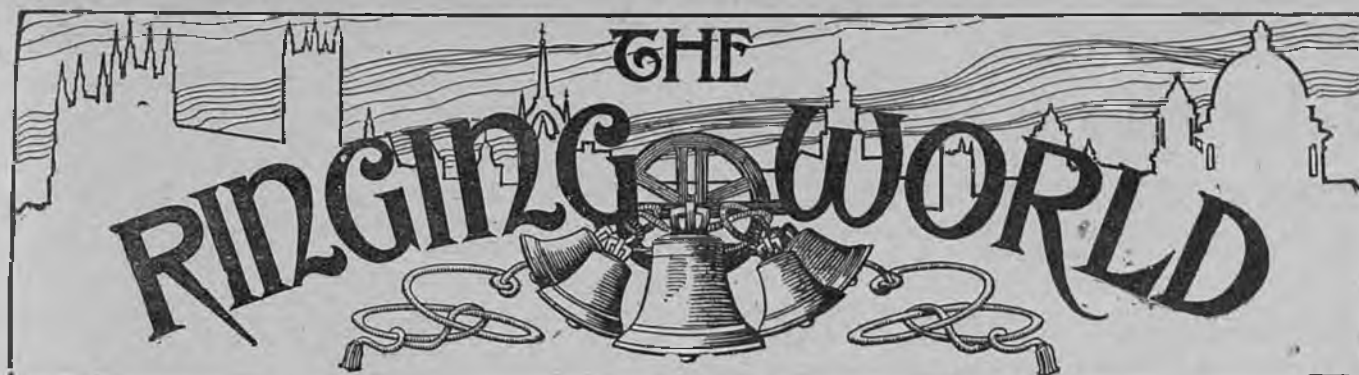
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Among the subjects discussed on report by the Central Council was that of 'The Ringing World.' The question of securing the future of a ringing journal by providing a satisfactory circulation has been before the Council at two or three previous meetings, but very little of a practical nature has ever come out of the discussions, and it was so on this occasion. We know, as well as most people, how the circulation of 'The Ringing World' might be increased, but we have not yet found anyone who is able to tell us how the compensating financial support is to be assured. We also know, probably as well as most people, how 'The Ringing World' could be made to cater for even wider interests than it is able at the moment to do. Many folks are ready to advise us on this score, but what they always fail to do is to give us any practical suggestions to ensure that the increased cost would be met by a corresponding increased sale among the ninety per cent. of ringers who do not at present buy the paper, although there are large numbers who do not hesitate to read a copy which someone else has purchased. The example quoted by Mr. Percy Johnson, who said he knew of one twelve bell tower where the ringers shared one copy between them, is a typical instance of what happens in many places, but 'The Ringing World' is not alone in suffering from this attitude of ringers towards ringing. The associations themselves suffer badly from the type of individual who refuses to join because he looks at everything from the attitude of what he is going to get out of it, instead of what he can put into it. If ringers would think more of what they could contribute to the advancement of the art by supporting 'The Ringing World' and enabling us to make it more worthy of the Exercise, the difficulties would rapidly disappear and the future of the ringers' journal would be secured.

We appreciate very much the goodwill of the Council in the interest they have shown, but it is really not surprising that so few practical proposals have been forthcoming from the opportunities which have been offered. Business men know that business developments are impossible without an expansion of capital, unless profits have provided an ample reserve. If the Exercise wishes for an expansion of its paper either by way of a larger journal or a reduced price it must provide either capital or profits to enable it to be done. That, when it comes to rock bottom, is the position, and until some practicable steps in this direction are possible the Exercise—we say it with regret—cannot be given what it does not pay for. Criticism of details in a matter of this kind are worthless in solving the larger problem. The Council has not yet

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been able to find a solution—neither have we. We doubt if the associations can do so. Their help is invaluable, but the crux of the whole matter rests with the ringers themselves. If, as a body, they will take the larger view and give 'The Ringing World' their support, not only for their own personal interest, but in furtherance of the art and the interests of all the other members of the Exercise, something could and would quickly be done.

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HERBERT G. PRATT 6	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

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†JAMES FERNLEY 4	†LIONEL CLOUGH 9
†KENNETH LEWIS 5	JOHN WORTH Tenor

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WALTER ELSEY 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
FREDERICK C. GUNTON 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORPE. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Denis,

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

WILFRED BOOTH Treble	* FRANK H. HICKS 5
ERNEST J. LADD 2	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 6
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 3	CHARLES BRASIER 7
BERNARD V. COLLISON 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. A birthday peal for A. Kitchenside.

PRESTEIGN, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN CLARK Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 5
* ERNEST F. SALMONS 2	WALTER TAYLOR 6
CHARLES L. SADLER 3	JOHN J. WEBB 7
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Major.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

* MISS AMY SLINGSBY Treble	GEORGE JENKINS 5
BERTRAM LUCK 2	† GEORGE SIMPSON 6
FREDERICK BRETT 3	EDWARD TRENDALL 7
FREDERICK WELLER 4	* RANDALL PORT Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD TRENDALL.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells after their restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in June, 1936.

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RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR COOK Treble	DAVID CRACKNELL 4
GEORGE FILBY 2	*CHARLES V. ORVES 5
WILLIAM GOODSON 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal and first attempt.

STRATTON STRAWLESS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Bob Minor, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALFRED R. DAWES ... Treble	ERIC DURRANT 4
ROBERT G. CATCHEPOLE ... 2	WILLIAM R. CATCHEPOLE ... 5
DOUGLAS E. RUST 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. DUFFIELD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since 1894, when the one and only previous peal was conducted by J. Armiger Trollope.

DISEWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... Treble	PERCIVAL W. GRICE 4
WILLIAM LANCASTER 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
FREDERICK G. FRETWELL ... 3	JACK BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

CLEWER, WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being the extent each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

JAMES A. GLASS Treble	LEONARD STILWELL 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	GEORGE GILBERT 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Geraldine Payne Cook (daughter of the Rector) to Mr. R. G. Chamberlin.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty 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.

GEORGE WRIGHT Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	LEONARD WILLIAMS 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	REGINALD WEST Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD WEST.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Bob Minor and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently.

SHELFORD SPARROW ... Treble	WILLIAM E. WATSEN 4
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 2	GEORGE W. ASLITT 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 3	*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by SHELFORD SPARROW.

* 50th peal.

WITCHAMPTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four different extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG ... Treble	†FREDERICK G. COLE 4
*LOUIS J. LOCKYER 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CHEATER.

* First peal in two methods. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

CAWTHORNE, NEAR BARNSLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Elston Delight, Nelson, Burton, Rochester, Killammarsh, Trinity Sunday and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN W. MOXON Treble	ERNEST BROOKES 4
ARTHUR PANTHER 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

NEW RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in A.

WALTER EVANS Treble	ALFRED OWENS 3
TREVOR JONES 2	WILLIAM FREECE 4
LESLIE EVANS Tenor	

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

25th peal for conductor.

DITCHINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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, called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in F sharp.

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.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
WALTER AYRE 3-4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 7-8

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6950 CHANGES;

HORACE L. WAITE 1-2	WALTER AYRE 5-6
JACK BRAY 3-4	WILLIAM J. RANDALL 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

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RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*BERT MAY Treble	CHARLEY BELSEY 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 6
FRANK BELSEY 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
WILFRED L. RAYNER 4	CHARLES A. WEBB Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal of Triples.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	HARRY BAXTER 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	G. DENNIS DEIGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE CRISP Treble	*STANLEY GOODWIN 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	ROBERT G. KING 6
CHARLES W. COOK 3	HARRY MARTIN 7
T. REGINALD DENNIS 4	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal on eight bells.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*THOMAS E. DENYER ... Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
CHARLES W. DENYER 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
†WILLIAM H. VIGGERS 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JAMES JENNINGS Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
JAMES ROSE 2	WILLIAM KINSEY 6
†PHYLLIS E. TILLET 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
†SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4	GEORGE MORE Tenor

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Grandsire Triples and first attempt.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*HENRY RICHARDSON ... Treble	JOHN FOWLER 5
NORMAN TOWNSEND 2	FRANK LUFKIN 6
WILLIAM PERRY 3	ERNEST FURBANK 7
WALTER TAYLOR 4	ALBERT NORTH Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Composed by F. LUFKIN.

* First peal.

BRADING, I.O.W.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FRANK TAYLOR 5
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 2	BERTRAM J. SNOW 6
ARTHUR P. BRADING 3	A. RICHARD WARD 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

GEORGE TALBOT Treble	FRANK ROWSELL 5
GEORGE POPNELL 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
JOHN DARCH 3	*WILLIAM L. LAMBERT ... 7
HERBERT DAVIES 4	JOSEPH LOVETT Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal away from tenor.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PRITCHARD'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

*ERNEST W. BUGDEN ... Treble	ARTHUR C. OTWAY 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	WILLIAM J. WHITING 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ARTHUR H. SMITH 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	WILLIAM NEWBERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

* First peal. All the above are Sunday service ringers.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 4.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	CHARLES YOUNG 5
EDWARD MAUND 2	*HARRY PRICE 6
JOSEPH LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
FRED HAWKER 4	HENRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal on eight bells.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LANCLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	FRANCIS KIRK 5
WALTER G. PAUL 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	WALTER AYRE 7
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. J. ERIC PEARTREE ... Treble	DEREK M. SHARP 5
NORMAN SOMMERHAYES ... 2	E. GEORGE MORRAD 6
ARTHUR DURLING 3	EDWARD J. BEER 7
*RICHARD A. MUNN 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by G. J. BUTCHER.

* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WALTER D. POOLEY Treble	JOHN CHURCH 4
*EDWIN C. BUCK 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS 5
PERCY TOMPRINS 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

* First peal 'inside' in the method.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's Doubles, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

MELVILLE JORDAN Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS 4
THOMAS WORRALL 2	THOMAS BALDWIN 5
REGINALD DANIELS 3	CHARLES HODGES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. MATTHEWS.

DUCKLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Five callings. Tenor 6 cwt.

*H. TOWNSEND Treble	N. SPINDLOW 4
*B. TOWNSEND 2	*W. FOX 5
*G. FOX 3	*J. COX Tenor

Conducted by N. SPINDLOW.

* First peal.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with 10 callings. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

*RONALD W. TREASURE Treble	† HAROLD PARFREY 4
LESLIE B. COLES 2	F. CECIL MOGFORD 5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL 3	*WILLIAM A. V. PRESCOTT Tenor

Conducted by W. ROSEWELL.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells. The tenorman is local; ringers of 1, 2 and 5 from Publow, 4 from Farmborough, 3 from Compton Dando.

LONGPARISH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

G. BROWN 1 reble	A. TURTON 4
F. TONGE 2	L. TRICKEY 5
A. BENDALL 3	F. SULLY Tenor

Conducted by A. BENDALL and L. TRICKEY.

First peal by all the band, who are service ringers at this church. The conductors each called 21 six-scores.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

DAVID VINCENT Treble	FRANK REYNOLDS 4
*JOHN HASSELL 2	ALAN J. BROWN 5
NORMAN HOUGH 3	KENNETH LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in three methods away from the treble.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburgh,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being a 720 each of York, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Wragby Delight, Kingston, Trinity Sunday and Killamarsh Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST TWIGG Treble	JOHN G. CARLIDGE 4
HENRY CARNWELL 2	WILLIAM CARNWELL 5
WILLIAM EDWARDS 3	ARTHUR W. HALL Tenor

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Twenty-two six-scores of Bob Doubles and 20 of Grandsire Doubles, 14 callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

TREVOR JONES Treble	† THOMAS GIDDINGS 4
FRANK SANDFORD 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
*WILLIAM PREECE 3	*JACK THOMAS Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. The ringers of treble and 4 from Kington, 2 and 3 from Staunton-on-Arrow, 5 from Eardisland and tenor from New Radnor.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER 4
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	A. PATRICK CANNON 5
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

FRANT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alban,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

LESLIE W. JARVIS Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4
FRANK H. HICKS 2	*CHARLES BRASIER 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal of Minor.

THORNFORD, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 11 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire, with 18 different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*L. H. DAVENPORT Treble	E. T. PAUL FIELD 4
MRS. G. W. RENDELL 2	GILBERT W. RENDELL 5
† FRANCIS G. BLAKE 3	*CHARLES GRAY Tenor

Conducted by E. T. P. FIELD.

* First peal and a member of the local band. † First peal in three methods.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in 10 different callings. Tenor 21½ cwt.

RONALD W. TREASURE Treble	HAROLD PARFREY 4
LESLIE B. COLES 2	F. CECIL MOGFORD 5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL 3	*LESLIE W. BALL Tenor

Conducted by F. C. MOGFORD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

DEATH CURTAILS RINGING.

The Shropshire Association met at Oswestry on May 29th, but owing to the very recent death of the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Langford Brown), only a short half-muffled touch was rung and a short service held.

After tea some members and visitors went to Whittington, where permission to use the bells was very kindly given at a moment's notice by the Rev. Thursly Peilham.

The half-muffled touch was 420 of Grandsire Triples. At Whittington methods up to Cambridge Minor were rung. There were 19 members present for tea.

DEATH OF A SWINDON RINGER.

We regret to record that Mr. Robert W. Hyner, a member of Swindon Parish Church company, and one time district secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, passed away suddenly on Thursday, June 3rd.

The funeral took place at Swindon Parish Church on Monday week.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**OPEN-AIR MEETING.**

Batley tower is of the convenient type for a meeting in warm weather, such as prevailed on a recent Saturday, when Leeds and District Society held its May gathering. The tower door is on a level with the churchyard, and, with only two steps down, ringers are in the ringing chamber. The fact that there were no steps to climb was greatly appreciated by those who chose Batley from the three meetings held adjacent to Leeds. During the afternoon and evening, ringers waiting for a touch were able to sit on forms outside the belfry door, and, while listening to the ringing, to see into the belfry.

The business meeting was held just outside the tower. The president was chairman, and members were present from Arnley, Burley, Birstall, Bradford Cathedral, Caiverley, Drighlington, Elland, Earlsheaton, Holbeck, Idle, Rothwell, Shipley and the local company, also Mr. Brothwell, of Rotherham, and Mr. Dove, of Headingley.

Mr. H. Burton, of Batley, was elected a member of the society.

Mr. F. Rayment, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company, said that while thanking the church authorities for allowing the use of the bells, he would like to thank the president for his kindly thought in providing the forms to enable the meeting to be held in the open air on that lovely day.

At the express wish of the ringers at Idle, it was agreed to hold the next meeting there on Saturday, June 19th. Will members please note this will be one week earlier than the usual meeting day.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**A DINNER TO BE ORGANISED.**

A meeting of the North Staffordshire and District Association was held at Kingsley on Saturday, June 5th. Forty members and friends were present from Burslem, Bucknall, Buddulph, Cheadle, Draycott, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newcastle and Stoke-on-Trent. A service was held, which was conducted by the Rev. W. Williams (Rector of Kingsley), who also extended a warm welcome to all present.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and ringers for the use of the bells and for the splendid way the visitors had been catered for.

Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. F. Box, of Burslem, and Mr. J. Ryles, of Norton.

A committee meeting was held after tea, with Mr. Thomas Hurd in the chair, supported by Mr. Andrew Thompson (hon. secretary) and Mr. Kenneth Thacker (assistant hon. secretary).

After a short discussion it was proposed by Mr. E. Steele, of Longton, seconded by Mr. W. Fradley, of Bucknall, that the association should hold a dinner, and it was pointed out by the secretary that it would most probably take place in February, 1938. The following committee was set up to make the arrangements: Messrs. E. Steele, C. H. Page, T. Hurd, K. Thacker and A. Thompson.

A report of the Central Council meeting was presented by the hon. secretary.

After moving the adoption of the report, a vote of thanks was proposed to the secretary by Mr. E. A. Ridgway, of Leek, seconded by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Norton, the latter remarking that it was the first time they had had a report of a Council meeting from a representative.

A suggestion was made by the secretary regarding the advertising of meetings of the association in 'The Ringing World' that meetings should be advertised for two weeks, the association to pay for one and the tower where the meeting was to be held to pay for the other.

Eventually it was decided that this be left to the discretion of the ringers where the meeting is to be held.

Mr. Alan D. Steel, of Stoke-on-Trent, was unanimously elected Ringing Master for eight-bell towers on the motion of Mr. H. Carnwell, seconded by Mr. C. H. Page. Nominations had been sent to the secretary from four towers, all of which nominated Mr. A. D. Steel for the position.

Under the heading of 'any other business' it was strongly suggested that the association should have its name changed to 'The North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers,' and the matter was left to be decided at the next committee meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Chester Guild band which has been helping to break records in the number of methods rung in a peal of Minor, have carried the total a step further, by scoring on Saturday a peal in 73 methods. Five of the extents have been rung previously, but the peal included two new ones, one in six methods arranged from Mr. A. G. Driver's tables, and one which Mr. Driver has compiled, with 13 methods changed at every lead. In all, the peal contained 142 changes of method.

The 'ringing tour' season starts next week, when some of the old stagers will ramble through Hampshire 'seeking what they may devour' in the way of peals. Other tours in contemplation are in Devon, Lincolnshire, Oxfordshire and Somerset.

Here is an opportunity which all the young lady cyclist-ringers should jump at: Wanted, girl, age 17-25, to join a band of young people on a cycling-ringing holiday in Somerset, August 21st to 28th. Must be a good cyclist and preferably a ringer. Apply to Edna Bedford, 52, The Greenway, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

Congratulations will be extended to Mr. W. H. J. Hooton (hon. Librarian of the Central Council) and Mrs. Hooton upon the birth of a daughter, and to the president of the Central Council and Mrs. Lewis upon the arrival of their first grandchild.

Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, wife of the general hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, gave a talk to the members of the Milton Branch of the Gravesend Constitutional Association on Tuesday week on 'Church Bellringing,' with demonstrations by a working model of a bell. The listeners were greatly interested, and Mrs. Mitchell was asked to give a longer talk on the subject in the autumn.

Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree, formerly Master of the Essex Association, has recently presented to St. Michael's belfry his most interesting collection of ringing books, chief among which are 'Church Bells of England,' 'Clavis,' 'Among the Bells,' 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' Stedman's 'Tintinnalogia,' 'Church Bells,' Shipway's 'Campanologia,' 'Stedman' and a collection of books on various methods, etc.

At one of the Leeds towers, it is the practice of the members to take turns in tolling for the 8 a.m. Communion service on Sunday mornings. Last week the Vicar and the vergers, also the neighbouring residents, were roused from their slumbers at a quarter to seven by the vigorous tolling of one of the bells.

The Vicar upon investigating was amazed to discover the lady member (whose turn it happened to be) of the local band performing her duties in the usual manner, being under the impression that it was a quarter to eight. After the Vicar had assured her as to the correct time, she spent the remaining hour improving her knowledge of the art of ringing by reading old copies of 'The Bell News' which were available.

Strange to say, the tower in question has a very good clock with four faces, all of which have recently been gilded, but as there have been numerous questions in recent weeks from her colleagues regarding the date of the wedding peal, the reason for this remarkable oversight on the part of the lady is, perhaps, not far to seek.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at All Saints', Weston, Bath, should have been credited to the Bath and Wells Association.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal at Eckington on May 18th was John W. Sykes, not John W. Knights as printed.

HALF A CENTURY OF RINGING.

THE LATE MR. F. W. THORNTON.

The funeral took place on Friday last, June 11th, of Mr. F. W. Thornton, whose death on the previous Monday we briefly recorded in our last issue. There was a service at the Parish Church, Greenwich, and the interment took place at Shooters Hill Cemetery.

For many years Mr. Thornton was a member of the Greenwich Parish Church bellringers, and his name appears on numerous tablets now in the belfry recording notable peals. The last time he rang was as recently as May 31st, on the occasion of the annual Pepys commemoration service at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C.

Mr. Thornton's interest in ringing had extended over 50 years, and as a member of the now defunct Trinity Youths, represented the society in the first Central Council (1891-1893). Afterwards, from 1897 to 1902, he represented the Kent County Association.

Mr. Thornton, who was 73 years of age, was a member of one of the oldest families in Greenwich, and macebearer to 18 mayors of the borough. He lived at Crooms Hill, Greenwich. He retired from the office of macebearer in 1929, when the then Mayor and eleven former Mayors of the borough joined in presenting him with a gold hunter watch. On the same occasion he received a luminous travelling clock, the gift of Mr. F. J. Simpson, town clerk at the time, and an oak clock from the Town Hall staff.

He leaves a daughter and three sons, the eldest of whom, an Engineer-Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire in the Coronation Honours List.

GRAMOPHONE RECORD OF 'SPLICED' RINGING.

The order list will close on Wednesday next, after which no further applications will be considered. To cover actual costs of record, packing and postage it has been found necessary to charge 5s. 6d. per record. All remittances should now be sent to G. W. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield, Middlesex.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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'THE RINGING WORLD.'

At the last meeting of the Council the following resolution was carried: '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.'

The report has not been circulated because the response to the request contained in the resolution was extremely disappointing. Only three letters were received—one from an affiliated society containing a resolution passed at an annual meeting, one from a ringer, and one from a District Master of an association.

Among the suggestions were a reduction in price, if necessary, by means of subsidies or guarantees from the associations; payment for the publication of peal reports; also that all reports should be reduced to not more than half a column in length to make room for more items of news.

With regard to the financial suggestions, the report said that perhaps the following figures would assist members in their consideration of the present position: Taking the present circulation as a basis for each 1d. in the reduction of price, the annual sum of £866 13s. 4d. has to be guaranteed or subscribed, which, if apportioned between societies on the basis of their membership of the Council, is equal to £6 5s. 7d. per member of the Council annually. This does not seem to be a solution, for there are many societies who already have difficulty in paying current expenses.

The other main suggestions are that the contents need revision so that instead of long articles about one particular event a series of shorter articles covering a wider field would create more interest. In this, unless the Editor is to rewrite all reports, the remedy seems to be in the hands of those who send in the reports, etc., for publication by ensuring that the matter has the widest possible interest, and that those local details which are so often inserted are eliminated.

As regards payment for the insertion of peal reports, we believe this would to some extent result in non-publication unless members of societies were bound by the rules of their societies to do so, and this also applies to the payment suggested for the publication of reports of meetings.

INADEQUATE SUPPORT.

In considering this matter the following points must be borne in mind: (1) 'The Ringing World' is a privately owned venture, and the Council has no control over it. (2) The Editor, anxious for the continuance of the paper if he is compelled to give up, has called attention to the fact that with the present circulation it is improbable that anyone would undertake the financial responsibility. (3) The Editor regrets that he is compelled to charge 3d. per copy, but has generously agreed to give the Exercise the first benefits which arise from increased circulation, either by increasing the size of the paper or reducing the cost. (4) The Editor is willing to consider all practical suggestions, but cannot shoulder further financial burdens.

With regard to this last point, the officers of the Council feel that as the present support is so inadequate (under one-fifth of the annual subscribing members of societies represented by the Council), 'The Ringing World' cannot be expected to shoulder further financial burdens.

The officers think that a further opportunity should be given to members and secretaries to send in their suggestions, and propose that the final report in this matter be deferred. In the meantime, they would like to point out that adverse criticism if unaccompanied by constructive proposals tends to decrease rather than increase the circulation.

Mr. T. Clark asked if it was the business of the Council to deal with this matter. He thought it put the burden on the wrong shoulders. 'The Ringing World' did not do the Council as much good as it did the individual ringer, and he thought they should try and increase the sale through the associations. He brought the subject up at the meetings he attended, and he had sold a good number of copies in that way. They would do better by getting back to the associations.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said in Yorkshire ringers took a good deal of satisfying. When they talked to a Yorkshireman about spending 3d. he looked at what was on the other side. He knew of at least one twelve-bell tower that took one copy of the paper for the twelve ringers ('Shame'). He sincerely sympathised with 'The Ringing World.' When they realised that the Exercise numbered somewhere about 40,000 it was hopeless to expect that they were going to get a large proportion of them sufficiently interested to buy the paper. Another thing he was convinced of was that it was quite hopeless to expect they were going to get another enthusiast such as the present Editor to shoulder the responsibility and to pay for other people's luxury of getting their reports on the cheap. He thought, sooner or later, the Council would have to consider a scheme for the future of 'The Ringing World.' Those who were or had been secretaries of associations had been speaking on this matter for a good many years, but in looking round and seeing what they had done it seemed to him they were nearly as badly off as they were at the start. He had fought many battles for 'The Ringing World' and would be interested to know the experience of other representatives. He felt they would not get another man in all England with the enthusiasm of the present

Editor, and he shuddered to think what would happen when he lost his enthusiasm or the health to carry on.

The Hon. Secretary said on the basis of Mr. Johnson's estimate of 40,000 ringers he could amend his note and say, not that not one-fifth, but not one-tenth of the ringers supported the paper.

The report was adopted.

MUFFLED RINGING.

The President submitted the report of the officers as to muffled ringing. He said he hoped the Council would adopt it as far as its main suggestions were concerned, and he then wanted them to leave it to the officers to add further details and allow them to circulate it and get it finally passed by the ecclesiastical authorities without delaying it to next year's meeting.

The report was as follows: The practice of muffled ringing for Royalty, or indeed for any person, is comparatively recent. As far as we can trace, ringing with bells half-muffled or fully muffled was first practised by ringers as a mark of respect to deceased ringers about the beginning of the 18th century, and was later introduced for persons other than ringers.

Various customs have grown up in different parts of the country, and we think it undesirable that these customs should be changed. Where there is no fixed custom we should recommend the following practice:—

1. That as a mark of respect bells should be rung half-muffled (open at handstroke).
2. That bells should not be rung muffled for a service on a Sunday or feast day, unless the service is a funeral or of the nature of a memorial service.
3. That if the death of Royalty occurs, or a death in a parish where a meeting has been arranged, either the bells should not be rung or be rung muffled in a few touches with carefully chosen hands. We deprecate the holding of an ordinary practice meeting with the bells muffled.
4. That all muffled ringing should be in as slow time as possible.
5. That certain local customs are worthy of more general adoption. For example, the Cambridge custom of setting up one bell at a time, gradually reducing the number and then tolling the age on the tenor, is very effective.

For this last reason we should like association secretaries to send us particulars of local customs in order that a selection might be added in our final report.

We suggest that this final report should be circulated to the Standing Committee, and, if approved of by them, circulated to all members, and finally sent to the ecclesiastical authorities. If they also approve it could be published without further delay.

The President added that he would be glad to hear any criticisms or suggestions on the five main points which were recommended for use in places where they had no established local custom.

Mr. J. Hunt said one vital thing was omitted from the report.

Muffled ringing should always be done with the tenor behind.

The President: No, I don't agree.

Mr. Hunt: As a ringer for over 40 years I have never heard ringing that sounded as solemn as when it is well struck with the tenor behind. I think that point ought to be added.

Mr. S. H. Wood: I disagree entirely. I think the most beautiful ringing is in Major when you get the minor changes, that is 6587 followed by 5678 coming up muffled.

Mr. L. J. Williams: What is the point of putting in Mr. Hunt's suggestion when a band can only ring one method?

Mr. P. J. Johnson said in the district in which he lived (Leeds) they generally muffled the bells at handstroke, the idea being that, in ringing Major, the tenors struck in their right order with an open backstroke. Another advantage was that it hid any bad leads at handstroke (laughter).

Mr. C. Mee said in Suffolk they always had the handstroke open.

THE OLDEST CUSTOM.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the oldest custom in connection with ringing for funerals was the custom of ringing 'three times three' for a man, and 'three times two' for a woman. That was not only English, but European, and went back certainly to the early middle ages. What they did at his church was to ring three whole pulls slowly, before and after the other ringing, not only because it was rather effective with the bells half-muffled, but also because it helped to continue to some extent a custom which, like so many others, was dying out rapidly, especially since the war.

Mr. F. W. Rogers asked if the committee could give them any information as to the occasions on which to ring bells fully muffled.

The President said the committee and the Standing Committee did not recommend fully muffled ringing. Fully muffled ringing had, to a large extent, the same effect as shuttering up the windows—it reduced the carrying power of the bells, but had not the same appeal to the public as half-muffled ringing. They did not get the striking contrast between the two blows, which was so effective.

Mr. Crawley said that at his church they had rung two peals fully muffled and the bells were heard at a greater distance than when they were open (laughter).

The President: Very often, when windows are blocked up, the bells are heard better at a distance.

The Rev. H. Drake supported what Mr. Trollope had said, and added that 'three times one' was used for a child. He suggested that that be added to the report.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT KILDWICK.

Mr. Joe Broadley's Retirement From Office.

Although most of the country had been under the spell of thunder, which was already on its way to Yorkshire, the 'Clerk of the Weather' was able to postpone the downpour until the Western Division had concluded a most satisfactory meeting at Kildwick on Saturday, June 12th. Considerably over 80 members were present, representing more than 30 towers, and it was pleasing to notice the number of ringers who had brought their wives and friends to enjoy the beauties of this part of Yorkshire. Almost everyone took the opportunity of looking through the grounds and gardens of Kildwick Hall—one of the noted places in the district.

The bells of Kildwick are rung from the ground floor, and very full use was made of them from 2 o'clock until well after 9 p.m. A large variety of methods was rung, ranging from Bob Major to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, and for a meeting the striking throughout the day was particularly good. Not a drop of rain fell during the day, and we have heard of at least two young ringers who were so thoroughly enraptured with Kildwick that it was only with great difficulty that they were able to tear themselves away after a little gentle persuasion by their bus driver.

A splendid tea was served in the Parish Room by the local company. The business meeting, which was held in the schools, was presided over by the association's president, Canon Marshall M.A., in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, who was unable to be present.

The Chairman intimated that the main business of the meeting was the appointment of a Ringing Master in succession to Mr. Joe Broadley, who had recently resigned. Mr. Broadley had been a member of the General Committee over 44 years, and had been Ringing Master of the Western Division over 20 years. He felt that a great debt of gratitude was due to Mr. Broadley for the enormous service which he had given to the association. He was indeed sorry that the time had come when Mr. Broadley had to lay down the reins of office, but he knew that his interest would always be with the association and that his help and advice would always be available.

Mr. W. Barton also spoke of the work which Mr. Broadley had done for the association and expressed his regret at the parting.

Mr. Broadley, in replying, said that he had only been too pleased to do what he could for the association. Although he was not in at the start, he had known Mr. Jasper Snowden personally and had rung five peals with him. He would still continue to attend meetings wherever possible and would gladly give any advice whenever necessary.

MR. W. AMBLER PROPOSED AS RINGING MASTER.

The Chairman intimated that one nomination had been received for the Ringing Mastership, but that the nominee on being approached had felt unable to undertake the work. Mr. Barton thereupon proposed and Mr. Hardcastle seconded that Mr. William Ambler, of Queensbury, be approached. Mr. Ambler said that it was rather sudden and he would like a few days to consider the matter more fully, but he would make up his mind as soon as possible.

The secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for kindly granting the use of the bells, and expressed pleasure at the splendid response of the members in being present and making the meeting such a success.—This was seconded by Mr. John Cooper and also supported by the chairman, who expressed regret at the absence of the Vicar, who was unavoidably detained at a garden party.

Mr. J. W. T. Holgate proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local company for their splendid arrangements, also to the ladies who so kindly waited at the tea tables.—Mr. A. West, of Sutton, also supported this resolution, which was carried in the usual manner.—Mr. Charles Law, in replying, said it had been a real pleasure to entertain the association at Kildwick.

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Replying to Mr. F. Warrington, the President said the committee was not concerned with customs of chiming; their reference was with regard to muffled ringing.

Mr. W. A. Cave pointed out that there was nothing in the report referring to the 'whole pull and stand.'

The President said that was one of the customs which they proposed to add at the end.

Mr. Cave said there was nothing more effective than this for a memorial service or when the coffin was being taken from the church to the grave.

Replying to Mr. Mee, the President said he did not think they should attempt to collect all the chiming customs. They were already recorded, as far as many counties were concerned, in the county histories.

Mr. G. Cross seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to, together with the recommendation that it should be completed and circulated before the next meeting.

This completed the committee's reports, and Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to all committees for their laborious work and for all they had done.—Mr. T. Groombridge seconded and the motion was carried.

RINGERS' DAY AT BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL.

A SURVIVOR OF THE 'FORTY THIEVES.'

A ringers' opening was held at Birmingham Cathedral on June 5th. Approximately 60 ringers and friends attended, and from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. the bells were rung in various methods, including London Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

At the conclusion of the ringing, tea was taken at Kunzle's Cafe, Union Street, during which Mr. A. Paddon Smith, Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. T. H. Reeves all congratulated Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., upon the excellency of their work, and also the Cathedral authorities on the delightful ring of bells which they now possessed.

Reference was also made to the old bells, which both from the point of view of 'go' and tone were among the worst in the country, and also to the now non-existent Birmingham Amalgamated Society, whose members were known as the 'Forty Thieves.' This society was formed by the ringers of the Cathedral in opposition to the St. Martin's Youths.

Unfortunately, the Provost of the Birmingham Cathedral (Bishop Hamilton Baynes) was unable to be present; and Sir Charles Hyde, whose generosity made the restoration possible, was prevented from attending by a previous engagement.

Mr. W. P. Waller, people's warden, represented the Cathedral; and Mr. G. E. Fearn, Ringing Master, said that Mr. Waller had taken a great interest in the scheme. It was due to his efforts that the ringing chamber had been redecorated.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, who represented the founders of the bells, mentioned that illness prevented him from being at the dedication service, but that he listened to the bells when they were broadcast, and he congratulated the ringers who took part upon the excellent striking during the touch.

After tea an informal social evening was held at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Mr. Harry Withers tapped a course of Double Norwich on the piano and also sang his very popular song, 'Bob Major.' Several touches in various methods were rung on handbells, and tunes were played by Messrs. A. Walker, H. Withers and T. Miller. The last named was one of the 'Forty Thieves,' and he entertained the company with his quaintly-told stories of old Birmingham ringers.

Altogether the evening was typical of the sociability of ringers in general, and Birmingham ringers in particular.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH SATISFACTORY POSITION.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Bletchley on Saturday, June 5th. The weather was fine and the attendance about 70, representing the following towers: Beauchampton, Buckingham, Bladwell, Chicheley, Drayton Parslow, Emberton, Fenny Stratford, Loughton, Newport Pagnell, Newton Longville, Olney, Shenley, Stony Stratford, Whaddon, Weston Underwood and the local ringers. Service was conducted by the Rev. — Partridge, who gave a short address, which was very much appreciated by the members.

At the business meeting, held on the Rectory lawn, with the Rev. H. Byard in the chair, the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Sear) presented the statement of accounts, together with his report. He said that it was his 21st annual report and he was pleased to state that the branch was stronger now than it had been at any time during the period he had been their secretary. There was a membership of 225 and 29 towers in union with the Guild. Financially the branch was in good condition, and he was sure, with the same support in the future, it would grow stronger.

Both the chairman, the Rev. H. Byard, of Newport Pagnell, and the secretary and treasurer (Mr. W. Sear) were unanimously re-elected.

The Guild officials attending were the Rev. C. E. Wigg (Deputy Master), Mr. A. D. Barker (Guild treasurer) and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild secretary).

The Deputy Master complimented the branch on the satisfactory way the work was being carried on, and felt sure it would give no anxiety for the future.

The Rev. Williams, of Stewkley, and six ringing members, were elected.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. and Mrs. Partridge for kindly placing the Rectory grounds at the disposal of the members and for making all arrangements for such a successful meeting.

Ringing during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire and Stedman to Cambridge Major.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BISHOPSTONE.

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 12th. Favoured with beautiful weather there was a good attendance.

The hon. secretary gave a brief report of the Central Council proceedings at Canterbury, while the places for the next three meetings were provisionally fixed as Sevenhampton (for a Wednesday evening), Cricklade and Malmesbury.

Good practice was obtained in the standard methods, also Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. Members and visitors attended from Blunsdon, Rodbourne Cheney, Swindon, Aldbourne, Cirencester and Faringdon.

CORONATION BELLS.

CATERS, AND NOT CINQUES.

The peal in celebration of the Coronation at Haslemere was Major J. H. B. Hesse's 600th peal.

It was only natural that the Editorial 'leg' should be pulled for the error that crept into the report of this peal. We have seldom received so many postcards and letters over an error in our columns as over the slip which was allowed to creep in. But, then, we do not often make mistakes of this kind.

The peal was, of course, Stedman Caters and not Stedman Cinques; the two treble ringers did not also ring one handbell apiece; no congratulations are due to the first band to ring a peal of Cinques on ten bells, and the Editor has not taken part in the most unique performance of all time.

The Peals Analysis Committee will, doubtless, take note of all this, and there is nothing wrong with that wonderful little peal of bells upon which Major Hesse expends so much care.

The Coronation peal at Hughenden, Bucks, on Sunday, May 16th, also coincided with the christening of the daughter of Mr. E. Clark, a member of the choir, and the 74th birthday of Mr. J. W. Wilkins, who rang the treble to the peal. These two events are, therefore, coupled with the performance.

At St. Helens, Lancs, the Coronation peal was also in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. N. Heaps.

After meeting short for a peal of Major at Headcorn, Kent, on May 15th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, Mr. W. H. Dartnell coming in to fill the gap at the last minute and ringing the tenor to his first peal on eight bells. Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., took part.

At St. Andrew's Church, Wiveliscombe, Somerset, on Coronation Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was begun at 6.30 a.m. and rung by W. Hartnell 1, W. Hartnell, jun. 2, C. Tarr 3, C. Parkman 4, G. Sparkes (conductor) 5, J. Hartnell 6, D. Parkman 7, C. Bellew 8.

At Chipstable, Somerset, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung: S. Smith 1, J. Summerhayes 2, E. Purchase 3, C. Tarr 4, A. Turner 5, E. Quick (conductor) 6. This touch was rung after an attempt for a peal of Stedman Doubles had been called round at the seventh 120. On ringing the 120 again it turned out that the bells had been in order.

The bells at St. John's, Silverdale, Lancs, were fired at 6.30 a.m. on Coronation Day and touches of Oxford, Kent, Duke of York and Woodbine Treble Bob and a 720 of Cambridge Surprise were afterwards rung: J. Holme 1, D. Holden 2, T. Dobson 3, C. Hall 4, C. Lockwood 5, W. Bolton (conductor) 6. It was the first 720 of Cambridge Surprise by all but the treble ringer. The ringing also commemorated the birth of a great-grandson to the treble ringer and a son to C. Lockwood.

At St. Martin's Church, Fynsford, Kent, on Saturday, May 22nd, a peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the Coronation was lost after an hour's good ringing, owing to a shift course. Not to be outdone, the band rang a quarter-peal of Bob Major: F. V. Crosskey (first quarter-peal) 1, G. W. Pogden 2, H. Mackinder 3, J. E. Lyddiard 4, A. J. Hopper 5, G. V. Murphy 6, D. M. Sharp (conductor) 7, P. A. Corby 8.

COMMEMORATIVE QUARTER-PEAL

At Redruth, on Coronation Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung, after meeting short for eight: Vivian Williams 1, Stephen Jeffery (first quarter) 2, Harold Seymour 3, William Reed 4, Frederic Harris (conductor) 5, Percy Williams 6.

A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at Treeton, Yorkshire: James H. Haywood 1, John J. L. Gilbert 2, Frederick Cardwell 3, John E. Turley 4, Fred Watkinson 5, Leslie Haywood (conductor) 6.

At Barrow-in-Furness, for Coronation service evensong, on Sunday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Slack 1, J. Bagnall 2, M. G. Wheat 3, F. H. Crawley 4, A. Steadman 5, J. E. Burles 6, C. J. A. Cushing (conductor) 7, S. Hyder 8.

The Rev. R. F. R. Routh, who has recently been inducted Rector of Beaconsfield, rang in the Coronation peal at his own church on May 15th. It was his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

A quarter-peal of Minor was rung at Holmer on Monday, May 10th, in honour of the Coronation. It comprised 720 of Oxford Bob, 360 Canterbury Pleasure and 180 Plain Bob: Charles H. Tomkins 1, George T. Cousins 2, Walter S. Evans 3, Joseph W. Downes 4, William Duggan 5, Ernest P. Salmons (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor in three methods for all the band.

At Little Shelford, Cambs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung for service on Coronation Day: C. Hurst 1, A. Thorogood 2, T. Sherman 3, B. Dean 4, A. Hurst 5. All are members of the local band. Longest length by ringers of treble and 3rd.

Ringings commenced at Stowmarket, Suffolk, at 7 a.m. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung and the bells were 'fired.' Ringing was continued at intervals during the day in touches of Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, 12 ringers in all taking part.

As a prelude to the day's festivities, at Rickmansworth, Herts, the bells were rung by the St. Mary's Guild from 10 o'clock for one hour previous to the Abbey service broadcast in the church. Several touches of Grandsire Triples, including one of about 400 changes, 9-8-10 covering, by W. Crowsley 1, F. W. Elliott 2, E. Hookham 3, A. E. Millett (conductor) 4, A. W. Howlett 5, J. E. Jones 6, T. Long 7, T. Reeves 8, A. Walker 9, T. Gander 10.

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A LANCASHIRE RESTORATION.

RECAST OCTAVE AT RISHTON.

The peal of eight bells which has recently been recast and rehung in Rishton Parish Church tower, Lancashire, was dedicated at a well-attended service on Saturday afternoon, May 22nd, the ceremony being performed by Canon G. S. Perry, Rural Dean of Blackburn, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. I. Brown) and the Rev. A. Scott, of Bolton, president of the Lancashire Association. Among those present were Mr. R. Parkinson, of Blackpool, formerly of Oswaldtwistle, who had the privilege of conducting the first peal on the old bells at Rishton Church; Mr. A. Tomlinson, Blackburn, a joint secretary of the Lancashire Association; Mr. A. Blogg, secretary of the Preston Branch. Representatives also attended from the Todmorden, Rochdale and Fylde branches of the association. Mr. Cyril P. Johnston was present to represent the bellfounders.

In the ceremony the Rural Dean was requested by the churchwardens (Mr. F. Pickup, J.P., and Mr. G. H. Ashworth) to 'dedicate to the glory of God and the use of this church, this peal of bells,' and the Rural Dean, having received from the wardens the ropes of the bells, delivered them to the Vicar 'as a sacred trust, committed to thee as the appointed minister of Christ in this church and parish.'

The Vicar then called upon the ringers to ring a short peal, solemnly charging them 'to be good men and true, to uphold the honour of our belfry, and loyally to observe and keep all our rules and laudable customs.' The bells were then rung by A. Yates 1, F. Read 2, L. Williams 3, R. Atherton 4, B. Crabtree 5, R. Balderstone (capt.) 6, W. E. Wilson 7, L. J. Williams 8.

In his short address, Canon Perry emphasised that the highest of all purposes associated with the function of bells was that expressed by their use in the church. He congratulated the parishioners of Rishton upon their enterprise in carrying out this improvement of their belfry, which represented, he said, an undertaking of no inconsiderable difficulty, and one which had involved them in rather heavy cost. In these modern times, the sound of bells often fell on deaf ears. The answer to that criticism was that they always had done, yet the message of church bells, sounded through the ages, would continue.

Following the service the bells were rung to short touches in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, by ringers from Blackburn, Blackpool, Chorley, Church, Bolton, Oswaldtwistle, London, Whittle-le-Woods, Todmorden and Helmshore.

The new bells, which have been tuned on the latest principle, are hung in a massive cast iron frame, supported by steel girders. The tenor—note F sharp—now weighs 15½ cwt. The bells are hung on ball bearings with the latest type of headstocks and self-lubricating clappers, and are a fine example of modern bell founding and installation, reflecting great credit on Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who carried out the work.

All present at the dedication service expressed delight at the 'go' and tone of the bells, and residents generally have voiced their appreciation of the musical qualities of the new peal.

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TWO CONDUCTORS FOR A PEAL.

The band at Longparish, Hants, all rang their first peal in honour of the Coronation. Their first attempt failed after 1 hour 25 minutes, but the second was successful. They had two conductors, who each called 21 six-scores. It was rung on the birthday of F. Tonge, ringer of the 2nd bell.

Leatherhead's Coronation peal was rung on May 29th and was also a compliment to Mr. W. Mossam, who attained the age of 80 years on May 13th. He has been a service ringer at Leatherhead for 57 years and is still on the active list.

Mr. A. V. Davis, of Bournemouth, writes: By responding to your request for reports of lost 'Coronation' peals, I am afraid I have been guilty of sending a badly framed report of the unsuccessful attempt at Wimborne St. Giles on May 19th. May I, with all possible speed, explain that I did not wish to blame the treble ringer or any other ringer for the collapse of the peal. If any have read the report in this way I ask them to accept my sincerest apologies. I was in the unfortunate position of a conductor caught 'napping' by the unexpected in some very excellent ringing, and am prepared to take the blame, if any there be, for not rising to the occasion. I sincerely hope the matter has not strained any friendships and that we may score the peal at some future date.

The peal at Dodderhill, on Whit Monday, was rung for the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

In the peal of Doubles at Northmoor, the ringer of the treble was F. Trinder, not Friender as printed. It was rung as a Coronation peal.

On Coronation morning eight of the service band turned up at St. Mary's Church, Helmingham, at 8 a.m. and rang three courses of Cambridge Surprise Major and 504 Stedman Triples. Then, after 'firing' the royal salute, they went on to Framdsen and rang a course each of Superlative, Bristol and London, again firing the royal salute. Those taking part were J. H. Arbon, W. J. Button, L. G. Brett, T. W. Last, G. Pryke, L. C. Wightman, A. E. Whiting and G. Whiting. The remaining three of the band, J. Bennett, G. Bennett and W. G. Whiting, went to make up a band for the six at Otley.

NOTICES.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—The meeting arranged for Saturday next (June 19th) at Adlington has been cancelled.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Wrexall on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at Battle Axes. — N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kirk Ella, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6), tenor 20 cwt., available from 2.30 p.m. Service in church 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. Buses run from Paragon Street, Hull, to the church every 15 minutes; return fare 7d.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—A meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, June 19th. Tea at the Six Bells. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. E. Vine, The Village Club, Newdigate?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

LAVENHAM.—The 126th ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 19th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. A hearty welcome extended to all ringers. — S. H. Symonds.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—T. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

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The following 14 new members were elected, and, as this was a record for some considerable time, a special resolution was made welcoming them to the association: A. Heald and B. Robinson, of Elland; H. Greenwood, of Oxenhope; A. E. Lambert, of Silsden; C. Parker and F. Gibbard, of Burley; and E. Holmes, Jonas Whitaker, J. Bracken, S. Tillotson, C. Law, H. Roe, H. Wilcock and T. Rogers, of Kildwick.

The Chairman made a preliminary announcement regarding the Snowdon Dinner, which he said had been arranged for October 9th at the Conservative Club, South Parade, Leeds. He said that the arrangements were well in hand and he hoped that this year would be even more successful than the last.

The Chairman also referred to the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council at Leeds next year, and mentioned that this would be the first time it had ever come to Leeds.

Mr. Paice, secretary of Sonning Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, who was visiting the district for a conference, thanked the members for their kind hospitality to him, and brought greetings from his own association.

The Chairman said they were only too pleased to welcome Mr. Paice to their meeting, and asked him to convey the Yorkshire Association's greetings to the Oxford Guild upon his return.

Mr. J. W. T. Holgate proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for so admirably conducting the meeting, and this was supported by Mr. Ambler. Canon Marshall, in replying, said that he had been delighted to be present that afternoon, as vacant Saturdays were few and far between. He was hoping that a time would come when he would be able to come amongst the members more often as he thoroughly enjoyed the meetings.

The September meeting is due to be held on Saturday, September 4th, and it was decided that this should take place at Drighlington, where the last Yorkshire meeting was held in 1916.

A vote of thanks to the secretary was proposed by Mr. W. H. Senior for the arrangements made, and so ended one of the most successful meetings of the Western Division for some time.

The following towers were represented at Kildwick: Armley, Aysgarth, Batley, Bramley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Birstall, Drighlington, Denholme, Earlsheaton, Guiseley, Haworth, Holbeck, Headingley St. Chad's, Headingley St. Michael's, Idle, Ilkley, Keighley, Kildwick, Leeds Parish Church, Oxenhope, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Silsden, Sutton-on-Hull, Skipton, Shipley and Wokingham (Berkshire).

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mimms on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea at the churchyard cottage at 1s. each. A postcard from intending visitors would greatly help with tea arrangements. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield (Phone Hatfield 2117) and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at Beenham, near Reading. Ring of 6 rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Service at 4.30 by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—General quarterly meeting, Saturday, June 19th, at Bolsover, Derbyshire. Bells (8) open from 2.30. Committee meet 4 p.m. Tea (1s. per head) 5 p.m., in Church Hall, followed by meeting. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District and Romney Marsh Guild.—A quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Usual travelling allowance paid at this meeting. — P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The annual joint meeting of the societies in the above division will be held at Rawmarsh, near Rotherham, on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. each.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby and Gainsborough districts will be held at Bigby on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) ready 2.15. Service 4.15. Address by the Rector (the Ven. Archdeacon Parry). Tea 5 p.m., in the school, at a moderate charge. Business meetings to follow.—H. Mingay and H. Morgan, Hon. Dis. Secs.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation. Everybody welcome!—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19th, at All Saints', West Ham (10), starting at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged, so please try to let me know if you are coming. Underground to Plaistow, thence by tram; tram from Stratford Broadway.—J. G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., Section House, Ixworth Place, Chelsea, S.W.3.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on June 19th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please note the association holds a committee meeting here also on this date.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends are welcome. Please come; let us have a good meeting. — C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—If you have not yet rung at Monk's Kirby, near Rugby, you have an opportunity to do so on Saturday, June 19th, when the Guild will hold a monthly meeting. Bells (8, tenor 24½ cwt.) available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Denbigh Arms Hotel, 5 p.m. Please note the meeting is not at Henley-in-Arden, as originally arranged.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec.

DEVON GUILD.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Calverleigh on Saturday, June 19th. Bells (6) will be open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Lavenham, in conjunction with the anniversary, on June 19th. Tea and meeting at 4.30, *is*. Please advise S. H. Symonds, Lavenham, for tea.—H. G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

WADENHOE, near Oundle, Northants.—The Bishop of Peterborough will dedicate the bells on Sunday, June 20th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 22nd; St. Magnus' on the 24th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on Wednesday, June 23rd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Will all who require tea please notify me by Saturday, June 19th?—Edith K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Eastern Branch) **AND LADIES' GUILD.**—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Sutterton on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., at Vicarage. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Tuesday, June 22nd, certain. — W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fordham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Please drop a postcard (1½d.) stating numbers for tea to Mr. J. W. Pickett, School House, Fordham, Cambs. The village, situate between Newmarket and Ely, is now at its best, flower growers being in their harvest. Please come and spend an enjoyable half day.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Horsell (near Woking) on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Institute for those who notify me by Wednesday, 23rd. Don't forget your officers, they need your support. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LADIES GUILD (Southern District) and **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**. (Farnham District).—A joint meeting at Frensham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Marindin Institute 5.15. All welcome, but please try to notify for tea by Wednesday, June 23rd: Miss H. F. Mills, Maidencombe, Northbrook Road, or C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

GLASTON, UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND. — The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang, D.D., Archdeacon of Oakham, will dedicate the new treble bell, installed by John Taylor and Co., to augment the peal to a ring of 6, on Saturday, June 26th, at 3 p.m.

A MEETING of Ringers at Piddington, near Northampton, Saturday, June 26th (6 bells) by the permission of the Vicar. Please send numbers for tea to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The summer meeting will be held at Highclere on June 26th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. All requiring tea please notify F. D. Knapp, Highclere Farm. All ringers welcome.—Rev. F. S. Marle, Hon. Sec.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Will all members and friends note our next meeting at Ashover, Saturday, June 26th? Those expecting to be present are asked to drop a card to Mr. A. H. Bowler, Eastwood View, Ashover, near Matlock, not later than Wednesday, June 23rd.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Wednesday, June 23rd. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Shouldham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. We should like you to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Warburton, Cheshire, on Saturday, June 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided to anyone advising me not later than the 22nd inst.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall, Warrington.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bitton on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice will be held at Loughton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 26th. A good attendance desired. Visitors welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Warfield (8 bells) on Saturday, June 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than June 21st. Phone Slough 1260.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Great Ness, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All requiring tea to notify me not later than Monday, June 21st.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmore, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Sedlescombe on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Will those members who are going to Brasted on the afternoon of June 26th and who have not given in their names at a meeting, please send their names before June 23rd to E. H. Lewis, Moorcocks, Brasted, Sevenoaks?

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—By permission of Rev. Dr. Irwin, bells (10) available Saturday, June 26th, 2.30. Names for tea to F. W. Stone, Derby Road, Duffield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Husborne Crawley, on Saturday, June 26th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. R. Wynter, Rector of Sympson. Tea, at 5.15, in the Vicarage garden (weather permitting). It will greatly help in making tea arrangements if intending visitors will send a p.c. to Canon Rust, Husborne, Crawley, Bletchley.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 314th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m.—Leonard E. Pistow, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Names for tea should be sent to the Rector by June 24th.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, June 26th. The Cathedral bells (10, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing. Tea, followed by business meeting at the Black Bull Hotel at 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 23rd. — J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

EDWINSTOWE, Nr. MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—Ringers' Day, Saturday, June 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. A ring of six rehung by John Taylor and Co.

GOATHURST near Bridgwater, Somerset.—Rededication of the bells by the Bishop of Taunton on Tuesday, June 29th, at 8 p.m.; a ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting at Kemeriton, July 3rd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Intending visitors please notify by July 1st.—A. Pulley, Bickford, Tewkesbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in Bath on July 3rd. Bells available: Abbey (10) 3 to 4 p.m. and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Twerton (8) 3 to 4 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Mark's (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Mark's. Tea and meeting to follow. Other towers could be open if required. Free copies of 'The Glossary' available.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Burton on Saturday, July 3rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards, when tea tickets for jubilee meeting may be had. A good attendance is requested.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Kindly notify regarding tea not later than July 1st. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 and tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, June 30th? Tolleshbury and Tolleshunt D'Arcy bells available during the evening.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—Next meeting, Measham, July 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Tea provided for those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, June 30th. Please note: The district outing will take place on July 10th (not the 17th). Route: Via Hoar Cross, Rocester and Ashbourne. Those who wish to join the party should let me know by June 26th. — J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mistley (8 bells) on July 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea provided by the Vicar at 5 p.m. Arrangements have been made for bells at Holbrook-Sutton and Harkstead to be available, which are on the Suffolk side. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

SILVERTON, Nr. EXETER.—The bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Thursday, July 8th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six bells has been restored and augmented to eight, including new framework, by John Taylor and Co.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 10th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Epsom on Saturday, July 10th. Reserve the date. Further particulars later.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harston on Saturday, July 10th, when the Vicar is extending a hearty invitation to all ringers to try the bells restored and augmented to a ring of six by J. Taylor and Co. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. As the Vicar is also entertaining us to tea, I must ask for names of all intending to be present to reach me by Wednesday, July 7th.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Staplehurst (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 5. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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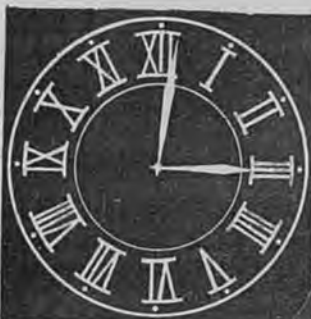
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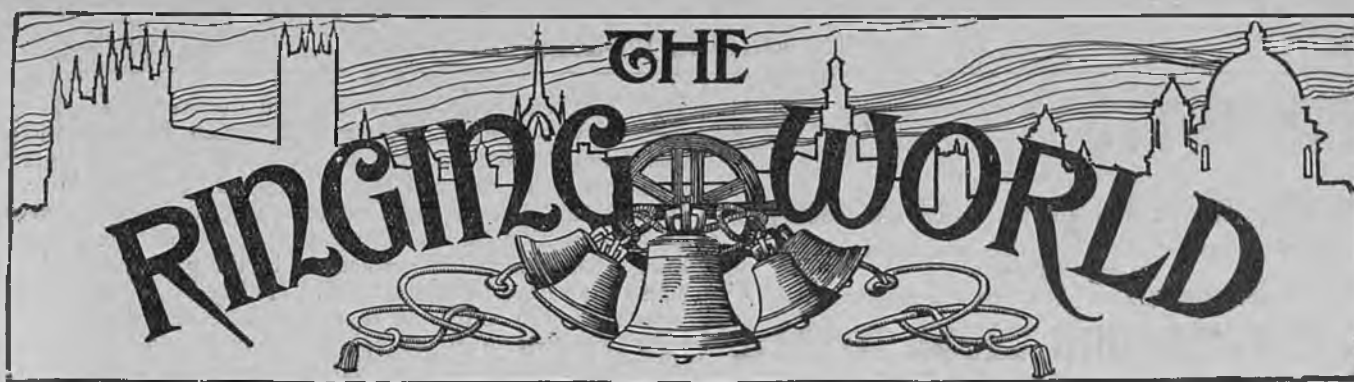
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A PEAL OF DOUBLES.

The Central Council, by a motion passed at Canterbury, has enlarged its definition of what it will recognise in future as a peal of Doubles. The position has hitherto been that the basis of a peal was forty-two true extents, but all along the Council has tacitly admitted peals which have included what are known as the Pitman and Morris arrangements of Grandsire Doubles—compositions which are not true extents, but are in blocks of 240 changes with each change occurring twice. Inasmuch as these peals have been included in the Peals Analysis every year since they were first rung without demur, the Council has, by its latest resolution, merely 'legalised' what it had hitherto failed to discourage. It was probably this, rather than any belief in the virtues of the compositions themselves, that led the majority of the members of the Council to vote as they did.

Very different, however, was the motive behind the support given to the resolution by a small section of the Council. These members hold the view that any arrangement of changes, rung in a recognised method, is permissible as a peal as long as, in Doubles, each appears 42 times, and, in Minor, seven times. They argue that true extents are not necessary, and, on the plea that Pitman's composition of Doubles is on all fours with the Bankes James' arrangement of Minor (which it is not) and that these compositions are in demand (which is more than doubtful) they have got what they failed to get on a direct vote at Chelmsford.

In our view the Council has taken a distinctly retrograde step in lowering the standard of what should be required in the truth of peals on five or six bells. If it is not possible to ring 5040 of Minor or Doubles without repetition, it should, at least, be essential that the composite parts should consist of separate and complete extents. It is true that at the moment the Council have specifically mentioned only the 'Pitman and Morris twelve-scores,' but it cannot stop there. There are other arrangements of Doubles equally adaptable which, if rung, will have to be admitted because they are equally as 'true' in round blocks as those to which recognition has now been given.

The mere fact that these compositions have been rung and tacitly accepted by an indifferent Council in the past is no real ground for refusing to acknowledge them in the future. Indeed, there is precedent for such refusal. The Council passed a resolution in the 1911-1912 session, laying it down that peals of Minor should consist of at least seven true and complete 720's. Previously many peals consisting of fourteen 360's and even twenty-one

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240's had been rung and accepted in the Analysis. That standard was rejected by the new definition, but no action was taken on the performances already recorded. Obviously you cannot legislate in ringing for the past, but if the standard is ever to be raised, the Council must have no compunction in declining to accept for the future things which men have practised in the past merely because they have been practised. If they do, ringers will just ignore the rulings of the Council because they know they have only to go on doing a thing long enough and the Council will give it official acknowledgment, whether it is worth it or not. We cast no slur whatever on the performances that have been rung, but we ask our readers who seriously consider these things to think of the already open door which there is for 'wangling' in Grandsire Doubles and of the much wider breach that is made for the unscrupulous conductor if he is to be encouraged to provide himself with opportunities to juggle with these modern 'arrangements.' We think thoughtful conductors, on contemplation, will leave these 'scrambled' compositions alone.

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HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.	
JOHN W. SANGWIN Treble	FREDERICK SANGWIN	5
* RONALD HILL	2	CHARLES SANGWIN	6
G. HARRY MYERS	3	H. FREDERICK MYERS	7
THOMAS G. MYERS	4	WILLIAM J. SHEARS	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal on eight 'inside.' This peal, rung on the eve of Corpus Christi, was also in honour of the birthday of Queen Mary.

SWANSEA, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

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On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 19 cwt.	
JOHN W. JONES ... ..	... Treble	GWYN I. LEWIS	5
JOHN T. WILLIAMS	2	ERNEST STITCH	6
EDWARD PHILIPS	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
GEORGE POPNELL	4	* D. ALLEN ROSE	Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

* First peal.

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On Tuesday, June 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

* F. ROWLAND RIDGWELL ... Treble	ALFRED L. SIMMONDS	5	
ALFRED E. PITSTOW	2	FRANCIS GLEAVES	6
* GEORGE H. SPARROW	3	REGINALD LATEBURY	7
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*MISS AUDREY M. LOOK ... Treble	†JACK SPILLER ... 5
MISS ANNIE BROWN ... 2	LEONARD DERRICK ... 6
GILBERT PEARCE ... 3	RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 7
EDWIN J. BROWN ... 4	†GEORGE F. BURCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY THOMPSON ... Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON ... 5
KENNETH THACKER ... 2	ALAN D. STEEL ... 6
CHARLES MORLEY ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 7
FREDERICK A. HORSTER ... 4	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*KENNETH SHELLEY ... Treble	ALAN D. STEEL ... 4
EDWARD STEELE ... 2	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 5
WILLIAM PERKINS ... 3	FREDERICK SHELLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble is only 13 years of age.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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 9 cwt. in B.

*BERT MAY ... Treble	*FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 4
WILLIAM J. WOOD ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD ... 3	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. William J. Walker's 300th peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

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BURLEY P. MORRIS ... Tenor	

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal in seven methods.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob and Bob Minor.

Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb.

*WALTER ELSEY ... Treble	*ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4
*FREDERICK C. ROPER ... 2	*CHARLES LOOME ... 5
†FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 3	*ERNEST WHITING ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor.

WOLLASTON, STOURBRIDGE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HODNETT ... Treble	JOHN BASS ... 4
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 2	JOHN LLOYD ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... 3	PERCY RICHARDS ... Tenor

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Consisting of three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 17 cwt.

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MRS. E. S. POWELL ... 2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 5
GEORGE HANCOCK ... 3	†LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in two methods. First peal by the branch.

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* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

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Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

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HORACE BELCHER ... Treble	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6
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ERNEST J. KING ... 3	†PHILIP A. CORBY ... 8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... 9
E. RALPH MACKRILL ... 5	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... Tenor

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* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

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JOHN G. AMES Treble	† FRANK DEWEY 5
GEORGE LADD 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
* NEVIL HOLLINGWORTH ... 3	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 7
WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 4	* ALBERT E. FLATTERS ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman on an 'inside' bell.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	ARTHUR FIRTH 5
JOHN R. BREARLEY 2	* DANIEL SMITH 6
ALBERT NASH 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
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Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb.

CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Treble	GEORGE L. HALL 5
JACK BRAY 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 6
RICHARD H. A. HARVEY ... 3	GEORGE DOBBS 7
G. LESLIE A. LUNN 4	* GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

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KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER ELSEY Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
FREDERICK C. ROPER 2	† R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3	HENRY TOOKER 7
* ALBERT G. HARRISON ... 4	ERIC G. BENNETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* 125th peal. † First attempt for a peal in the method. The composition is the first of its kind to be rung in the method.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. RICHARDS Treble	WALTER F. TYLER 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	DEREK M. SHARP 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
HARRY HOSKINS 4	EDMUND MOUNTNER Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

Rung to replace the peal of 5,024 at St. George's, Gravesend, on June 12th, 1920, recently found to be false. A 14th birthday compliment to Miss Muriel Mitchell, daughter of the hon. general secretary of the Kent County Association and leader of this tower.

MR. C. SLINGSBY'S BIRTHDAY.

On Wednesday, May 26th, at Ashford Parish Church, in honour of Mr. Slingsby's 100th birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by Mrs. C. W. Everett 1, T. Tabrett 2, H. C. Castle 3, J. Parsons 4, G. Swaffer 5, P. Page 6, C. W. Everett (conductor) 7, R. Goldup 8.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, June 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 6
* SYDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
HENRY H. FEARN 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

PRESTWICH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

* JOSEPH SAUNDERS Treble	CRCIL RADDON 5
WILFRED J. MOSS 2	* STANLEY N. HARRISON ... 6
ALAN J. BROWN 3	JOSEPH H. RIVYARD 7
* FRANK REYNOLDS 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* HARRY LEWIS Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
* ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
* FRED HARTMAN 3	* J. WILLIAM CLARKE 7
JOHN HAYES 4	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN.

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in Wales.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. ROPER Treble	ALBERT G. HARRISON 5
WALTER ELSEY 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
CHARLES LOOME 4	CLEMENT J. MORE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

STONHAM ASPALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER Treble	SHELFORD SPARROW 5
WILLIAM E. WATSEN 2	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 6
KRISTE W. WHITTELL 3	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

CHARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

DAVID G. TAYLOR Treble	R. GORDON CROSS 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	PERCY MERSON 6
JAMES HUNT 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 7
S. GEORGE COLES 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. P. CANNON.

Conducted by R. G. CROSS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	THOMAS J. FOWLER 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM 3	EDWARD L. A. HUDSON 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

Rung for the centenary celebrations of the church and to celebrate the State Drive of the King and Queen to Windsor, the peal being in progress as their Majesties passed through Slough.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GRAY Treble	GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 5
ROBERT HOWARD 2	JOSEPH F. CHETLEY 6
THOMAS A. BLOW 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 7
LEONARD E. FIDLER 4	R. THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
No. 419, reverse variation.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
DEREK M. SHARP 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

First Surprise peal as conductor. James M. Bailey's 400th peal. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Jean M. Thompson and Mr. James E. Bailey, which took place earlier in the day at Swanscombe.

HAZELBEECH, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 2	JOHN A. TIMSON 6
ERNEST W. TIPLER 3	FRANK K. MEASURES 7
ARTHUR D. ALDHAM 4	FRED PERRY Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

GLASBURY-ON-WYE, BRECONSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Grandsire, two of Canterbury Pleasure and one of Plain Bob rung alternately, with 28 callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS VAUGHAN Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 5
DAVID H. BENNETT 2	THOMAS BEAVER 6
ALBERT E. JONES 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS 7
G. JAMES R. PRICE 4	JOHN JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in three methods. Rung for evening service with 7-6-8 behind.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of London, Wells, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*BERTRAM C. HINES Treble	JOHN SITCH 4
*LESLIE H. THRIFT 2	EDWARD T. SITCH 5
*ROBERT C. HEAZEL 3	HARRY TURNER Tenor

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal in seven methods.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 4
*HAROLD JUDD 2	GEORGE DOBBS 5
JACK BRAY 3	ERNEST BRITAIN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

* First peal in seven methods.

STOKE-BY-CLARE, SUFFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Plain Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE R. TOWNES Treble	RONALD SUCKLING 4
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS 2	ALBERT CATTERWALL 5
BERNARD W. PETTITT 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by A. CATTERWALL.

First peal on the bells.

BURWARTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR C. NASON Treble	HUBERT JONES 4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 2	JAMES HUGHES 5
EDWARD SULLIVAN 3	E. RICHARD BALDWIN Tenor

Conducted by Wm. J. BENIAMS.

The ringer of the 5th bells from Church Stretton, remainder from Ludlow.

FELKIRK, NEAR BARNESLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, June 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Bing 720 each of College Exercise, Norbury, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROLAND HILL Treble	*CYRIL COOK 4
WILFRED TIBBLE 2	JOHN THOMAS WHITE 5
HAROLD CHANT 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal rung in this tower for the Yorkshire Association by an entirely local band, all the above being regular service ringers. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, who was inducted on June 4th.

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THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 methods in seven extents:—

- (1) Oxford Bob and Single Court.
- (2) Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure.
- (3) Double Oxford, London Bob, Thelwall and Lytham.
- (4) St. Clement's, College, Childwall and Wavertree.
- (5) Capel and Sandal Treble Bob.
- (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.
- (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... Treble	JACK BRAY 4
MRS. F. BRAY 2	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY 5
FRANK VERNON 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in 20 methods by all the band and for the association.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 8, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

SIDNEY S. SCATTERGOOD ... Treble	CECIL G. SMITH 4
OLIVER HINES 2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 5
FRANK SHARP 3	*ARTHUR YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by W. F. WOODWARD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford and Kingston Treble Bob, one of Kingston Treble Bob, one of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

* HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble	* HERBERT MCKINNELL ... 4
* JOHN HASSELL 2	* NORMAN HEAPS 5
KENNETH LEWIS 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in four methods. Rung after meeting short for Major, F. Reynolds kindly standing down.

BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, FAIRFIELD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 73 methods, viz.:—

- (1) Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald, Barham, Melandra, Beeston, Chelsea, Peveril and Leasowe Delight, and Waterford and Berwyn Treble Bob.
- (2) Chepstow, Rostherne, Balmoral, Wilmslow, Skipton, Knutsford, Fotheringay, Bogedone, Ely Delight, Hull and Bourne Surprise and Nelson Treble Bob.
- (3) Charlwood, Newdigate, Neasden, Old Oxford, St. Albans, College Bob IV., Wragby, Willesden, Braintree, Marple, Humber, Taxal, Clarence, Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (4) Capel, Ockley, Sandal, Duke of Norfolk, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kingston, Norbury, Oxford Treble Bob and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight.
- (5) Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, Primrose, Cambridge Surprise and Waltham and Burslem Delight.
- (6) Rossendale, Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth, Annable's London and Netherseale Surprise.
- (7) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, Abbeyville and Canterbury Delight.

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

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

Conducted by KENNETH LEWIS.

One hundred and forty-two changes of method. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents, and is also the maximum number of Treble Bob methods which can be spliced into seven extents.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

Two ladies (Mrs. Jack Bray and Miss Dorothy Vessey) took part in a peal in 20 Minor methods at Barnby-in-the-Willocks, Notts, on June 5th. It was the first peal in 20 methods by all the band.

The peal of Bob Major at Chard, Somerset, on June 12th was arranged by Mr. P. Merson to enable Mr. Pat Cannon to ring a peal at the church in which he was confirmed and which he attended when at school at Chard.

Sunday service ringers at Netherscale, Derbyshire, rang, on June 8th, the first peal in the tower since the bells were rehung prior to the Coronation.

A composition by Mr. Nolan Golden, hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, the first of its kind to be rung to Double Norwich, was called by the composer at Kenninghall, Norfolk, on Sunday, June 6th. The only calls are singles, and the sixth is never away from either 5th's or 6th's at a course-end. It is a 48-course peal and at Kenninghall was reduced to 5,120, the 2nd thus never being in 6th's at course-ends. Here are the figures:—

23456	1	3	4	5	7
54263	S	S	S	S	
34256	S		S		
A 42563		S	S	S	S
32546	S		S		
A 35426					
B 34265		S	S	S	
54236	S		S		
B 42356					
A 43526					
B twice 52436					
A 54326					
23456	S				

Repeated

A hand 'met short' for a peal of Treble Ten at Stonham Aspell, Suffolk, on June 12th, and consoled themselves by ringing a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on June 11th, was rung 'true and complete' to replace one, rung at St. George's, Gravesend, on June 12th, 1920, and conducted by the late Mr. W. H. Judd, of Prittlewell, which has had to be numbered among the slain since the discovery was made that the abbreviated version of F. Robinson's peal was false. This time the full 5,184 was rung.

On June 12th a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at North Stoneham, Hants, to welcome home from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith, the former being organist of the church.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

RINGERS' OPENING BRINGS LARGE GATHERING.

By A CORRESPONDENT.

On Saturday, June 12th, the new ring of 12 bells at Leicester Cathedral was 'open' to visitors, and the event brought together a 'crowded house,' over 80 ringers arriving from all points of the compass. The first arrival was the 'globe trotter' from Swindon complete with 10ft. rule. Yes, the tenor bell was well and truly measured. Can any bells be said to be 'open' until Mr. Shepherd has performed this ceremony? He regretted his inability to stay long, as he was due at another measuring party in Somerset the next day.

Among other old timers present were Jack Holman, of Sheffield, Harry Chapman, late of Manchester and now of realms unknown, Harry Bartram, of Melton, and Jack Swinfield, S.O.F., that old stalwart of Midland Counties ringing, who hails from the town on the Trent where the river water is put into casks and bottles and retailed to thirsty and long suffering ringers under the name of beer! Birmingham, Walsall, Rugby, Nuneaton, Nottingham, Derby, Northampton and Kettering were all represented and quite possibly other places too.

Ringling in various methods took place on the 12, 10 and both eights, courses and short touches being the order of the day to enable everyone present to have a pull.

At 4.30 a service was held in the Cathedral, the Midland Counties Association form being used. The service was conducted by the Precentor of the Cathedral, who, in a short and appropriate address, mentioned that the Provost of the Cathedral, who has been ill for some time, was now somewhat better, and sent a hearty greeting to the ringers.

Mr. Harold Dexter, son of Mr. F. H. Dexter, officiated at the organ. In the evening the bells were again set going, but as time crept on the number in the ringing chamber gradually diminished. It is believed that the missing ringers had gone to study articles on 'elbow bending' and 'throat massage' in an adjacent free library!

During the afternoon many expressions of appreciation of the bells were offered—they really are a very fine lot. The fine appearance of the newly refitted bell chamber also brought much favourable comment. Who was the oldest ringer present is doubtful, but the youngest conductor was aged exactly 12 weeks! His parents—both ringers—are evidently bringing him up in the correct manner.

THE LATE MR. R. W. HYNER.

FORMER SECRETARY OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The funeral took place on Monday, June 7th, of Mr. R. W. Hyner, whose sudden death has already been briefly recorded in our columns.

Deceased was 62 years of age and a native of Ledbury, where he learned to ring, and, despite the handicap of a deformed hand, was an excellent ringer and striker. He was a member of several associations, including the College Youths, Hereford Association and Salisbury and Oxford Guilds.

He joined the Swindon Parish Church Guild in 1902 and was a member up to the time of his death, acting as tower secretary for many years, while from 1915 to 1918 he was hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. He also served the association as branch secretary for some years. Not a great peal ringer, his peals numbered 63, consisting of Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Major and Plain Bob and Kent Royal, while he had conducted peals of Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters and Double Norwich Major.

The funeral service at the Parish Church was conducted by the Rev. L. Gollidge, and, in addition to the family mourners, there were representatives of the Swindon Press, Ltd., by whom deceased had been employed for 40 years. The Gloucester and Bristol Association was represented by Messrs. W. H. Trueman and W. B. Kynaston (chairman and secretary, Swindon Branch). St. Mark's ringers were represented by Mr. N. Allnatt, whilst among his old colleagues who attended to pay their last respects to a faithful member of the tower were Messrs. Berry, Bishop, Gardner, Lawrence, Palmer, R. G. Townsend, G. W. Townsend, Smith and H. W. Wells.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service, and wreaths were sent from the Parish Church ringers, St. Mark's ringers and the Swindon branch of the association.

THE LATE MR. F. W. THORNTON.

With the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for the late Mr. Frederick W. Thornton, 672 Stedman Triples was rung on Sunday, June 13th, for evening service at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City: R. Hoazel 1, E. J. Beer 2, Mrs. J. E. Davis 3, Mrs. G. H. Cross 4, G. H. Cross 5, W. J. Beer 6, G. W. Steere 7, H. Willson, jun. 8. The bells were also rung half-muffled for the morning service by the local company. St. Olave's was the last church at which the late Mr. Thornton rang.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.**THE NEW PEAL FOR EBBW VALE.**

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Llanfrechfa on Saturday, June 12th. Lovely weather prevailed, and at 3 o'clock the bells, a light ring of eight, recently augmented from six, were raised and rung in various methods. The Vicar officiated at the service and gave an interesting address pertaining to church bellringers.

Tea was served in the Church Hall and was followed by the business meeting, Mr. C. Addams-Williams, the donor of one of the new bells, being present, and, at the conclusion of the meeting, becoming an honorary life member.

Instructors', restoration and augmentation reports were read, mention being made that the proposed new peal of bells for Ebbw Vale were to be installed and dedicated about the middle of September.

A report of the Central Council meeting held at Canterbury was given by one of the representatives who attended.

New members were elected from Caerleon and Magor towers.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality closed the meeting.

The bells were afterwards kept going until late in the evening, bringing to a close a pleasant and successful meeting.

THE LATE DEAN OF ORIEL.

On Wednesday, May 26th, at the Parish Church, Redruth, Cornwall, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering, was rung in 1 hour 45 minutes: Stanley Seymour 1, William Sanders 2, Vivian Williams 3, Edward Sanders 4, Harold Seymour 5, Harry Mitchell 6, Frederic Harris (conductor) 7, William Simmons 8. This half-peal was rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. John Freeman Russell, Dean of Oriel College, Oxford, whose death on Coronation Day was announced in a previous issue of this paper, but contrary to the report which says he learned to ring whilst a student at Pembroke College, he, as a matter of fact, learned to ring at Redruth, and, together with his brother, were two of the first of the local band to be awarded the Guild medal for proficiency in change ringing, and it is interesting to note that two of his sometime fellow-ringers, H. and S. Seymour, stood in this half-peal.

BOYS' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung at the Church of St. Matthew, Oxhey, before Confirmation service on Sunday, June 6th: Kenneth C. Curtis (age 13) (first quarter-peal) 1, P. W. Brinklow 2, Jack L. Rosson (age 14) (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, P. J. Bowley 4, F. A. J. Steward (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, A. E. Nye 6, P. Bishop 7, R. French 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Realistic sounds of church bells played a part in the Aldershot Tattoo, which concluded on Saturday. Part of the scenery represented old London, with church tower, complete. From this tower the pealing of bells in a course of Triples (provided by gramophone and amplifiers) heralded the opening item of the programme and was heard again in another part of the wonderful pageant.

Members of the Archdeaconry of Staffs Society will hold their annual meeting in Lichfield on July 10th, but, although they meet as usual in their own Cathedral city, they will not have the use of the Cathedral bells—because this is not the year for them. It is strange that a diocesan organisation may only ring the bells of their Cathedral once in two years.

Special interest attaches to the meeting of the Salisbury Guild at Wyke Regis on July 10th, and members should make a point of being present.

The ringer of the eleventh in the peal at Liverpool on May 15th was Edward, and not Ernest Canuce as published.

SPICED PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Central Council, at its meeting last year, made certain decisions in respect of spiced peals. In view of these decisions, is the peal rung at Wymondham on May 12th correctly described? I ask in the interests of accuracy, and for no other reason.

C. T. COLES.

LEEDS' GOOD EXAMPLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a staunch supporter of our excellent paper, 'The Ringing World,' and as one who has read with great interest the debate which took place at the Central Council meeting, I feel I cannot allow the opportunity to pass, without endorsing entirely the remarks that were made and the soothing, but none the less true, references to towers which take only one copy of the paper among their total strength.

Mr. Percy Johnson cites an instance of a twelve-bell tower where this position obtains. Assuredly this is despicable. I may say that at Leeds Parish Church we have eleven members, six of whom take the paper regularly, and in addition we also take one copy for the tower. Of the remaining five who do not take the paper it is only fair to say that their ages range from 65 to 78 years of age. Then again the problem of unemployment has been acute.

However, I feel that if all towers supported the paper in this proportion, the troubles of 'The Ringing World' would, to say the least, be greatly reduced. In conclusion, I trust your article will be read, marked, learnt and inwardly digested by all who have the interests of ringing at heart. I may say I have taken the paper since its innovation and am now 75 years of age. **HARRY SMITH,**

Hon. Sec., Leeds Parish Church.

CHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

THE NEW TREBLES.

In order to commemorate the jubilee of the Chester Diocesan Guild two bells have been added to the Cathedral peal in order to bring it to ten. The occasion has also been used to recognise the great work which has been carried out by the Dean and also the Coronation of King George VI.

The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

1.—Think and thank. F. S. M. Bennett, Dean. Cast to celebrate the jubilee of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Bellringers, 1887-1937.

2.—Benedictus Benedictat. Cast in the year of the Coronation of H.M. King George VI., 1937. God Save the King.

The Diocesan Festival is to be held on Saturday, July 17th, when the Lord Bishop will declare the full peal open.

The service will commence at 3.30, followed by tea at 4.30 and the annual meeting at 5.15.

Several towers in the city will be open for ringers who wish to 'have a pull' and in this way celebrate the occasion.

BIRMINGHAM CHURCH TO BE DEMOLISHED.

LAST PEAL ON THE BELLS.

On Wednesday, June 9th, was rung what will probably be the last peal upon the bells of Deritend Church. The church, a plain red-brick structure, is scheduled for demolition in the near future, to make way for a road-widening scheme. The bells, a tuneless peal of eight, were installed in 1777 by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts. They had been silent for some five years, chiefly because, with so many modern peals in the vicinity, they were not considered to be worth ringing. However, with a borrowed set of ropes, and after several afternoons had been spent by one or two of the band in greasing the bells and tightening bolts, the bells were made pealable.

Peccoliarly enough, the sixth bell, which is the only bell in the tower to be hung on ball bearings, has the worst reputation for 'go.' The following inscriptions may be of interest:—

4th.—May the town of Birmingham be ever held in esteem for its manufact. R. Wells. Recit.

6th.—Wisdom to the Council of the State and success to the British Fleet.

7th.—May Great Britain ever stand unrivalled in her commerce.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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PEALS OF DOUBLES.

The following motion was on the agenda:—

That so much of all previous resolutions of the Council as defines or attempts to define what shall be recognised as a peal of Doubles be rescinded and that the following be substituted therefor:—

1. Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—
 - (a) True and complete Six-Scores, without interval between any two Six-Scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.
 - (b) Round blocks consisting of two or more Six-Scores, provided that each of the Six-Scores which comprise the round blocks shall be itself a true and complete round block.
 - (c) Twelve-Scores known as Morris' and Pitman's.
 - (d) Combinations of (a), (b) and (c) above or any two of them.
2. At the conclusion of 5,040 or more changes, rung in accordance with (1) above, one true touch of any length less than 120 changes may be added.
3. Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell.

In proposing the motion, Mr. W. G. Wilson said he made no apology for bringing the matter before the Council, because the position which arose on the Peals Analysis Committee's report last year made it inevitable that something should be done to clear the question up. The definition in the motion meant that peals should be recognised if they consisted of the ordinary 120's or of 'spliced' 120's. Examples of 'spliced' 120's were included in the second edition of the Doubles and Minor Collection. They consisted of round blocks, in which a six-score was commenced and before it was finished, one or more other six-scores were rung, and then the first was finished. With regard to the Morris and Pitman arrangements, the latter was equivalent to the Bankes James arrangement on six bells and the Council had already approved of that. In the Morris arrangement the 120 changes were rung at handstroke and also at backstroke, so that they had two 120's intermingled more than they had with an ordinary round block.

WHEN THE TROUBLE STARTED.

Mr. Wilson went on to review the attempts which the Council had made to deal with the matter. Doubles had never been dealt with before the Hereford meeting in 1928 and that was when the trouble started. In 1928 Mr. Goldsmith moved a resolution trying to define what peals on five or six bells were. The one relating to Doubles was: 'That peals of Doubles consist of 42 true and complete 120's rung without interval and without rounds or any other row being included, or rung more than once in any 120. A peal may be lengthened by any number of 120's fulfilling the same conditions, with or without one touch of less than 120.' That definition said, '42 true and complete 120's.' The Minor definition was exactly the same, except that it referred to seven 120's, although Mr. Goldsmith claimed that it would enable Bankes James' Cambridge to be rung. He also said it would allow Pitman's, but excluded Morris'. The Rev. H. Law James seconded that motion. Several people felt doubtful, if a peal was to consist of 42 120's, whether Pitman's and Morris' could be rung, and whether round blocks of 240's would be excluded, and Mr. James said definitely 'No.' Although that definition excluded everything except 120's, the proposer and seconder said the only thing it did exclude was Morris'. The Council passed the resolution. The next lot of trouble was in 1929 at Chelmsford, when the Methods Committee reported that they wanted to include certain compositions in the new edition of their book, it being said that if the Exercise found they were valuable they would get used; if they found they were of no use they would disappear, but, said Mr. Wilson, they had not disappeared yet. During the debate Mr. Goldsmith said he was in favour of including the Bankes James Cambridge, but hoped the Council would decide that the other compositions in dispute should be excluded, although, said Mr. Wilson, he had assured the Council in the previous year that they were included in the resolution. That 1929 meeting was the year when they had an amendment to exclude the compositions from the book passed by one vote, 30 to 29, but could not carry it as a substantive motion, which showed there was a good deal of doubt. When it was suggested it should be included as an appendix with an indication that the insertion did not commit anybody to the opinion that the compositions were suitable for peal ringing, it was carried by 44 votes to three, which seemed to him to bring out the fact that a lot of members thought they were valuable enough to put in the book, even if they were doubtful about ringing a peal containing them.

INCLUDED IN THE ANALYSIS TABLES.

After that debate Mr. Whittington had a motion which was deferred until a later date, but he did ask one question: Would the inclusion of these compositions in the book commit the Peals Analysis Committee to accepting them in their report, and he was definitely told 'No.' But every year since then they had been included in the report, and the Council had approved of the tables without debate, and had even done so again that morning. In 1929 there was an article in 'The Ringing World' which said the position with regard to peals of Doubles was in a most unsatisfactory state, that things could not remain as they were and sooner or later the question would have to be settled. That was eight years ago and still the question was not settled. They had a rest for a year or two and the question was next brought up in 1934 when the Council decided that, notwithstanding any definition to the contrary, peals in any recognised Minor

method containing compositions on the Bankes James plan were, in the opinion of the Council, permissible. That settled the Minor question and was a commonsense way of dealing with it, although they were warned on that occasion that it would bring other things in its train. As far as Minor was concerned they had had no more of it. What he was asking the Council to do that day was the same as they had already done for the Minor. The immediate thing that caused that motion to be put on the agenda was the decision of the Council last year, when, they would remember, the Council considered a report of the Peals Analysis Committee and a peal of Minor was mentioned which had been rung in 1935 and did not conform to the decision of the Council, because it contained three 480's of Little Bob. The Analysis Committee was then definitely instructed to exclude it from the report, but no one suggested that they should exclude peals in which Pitman's and Morris' arrangements had been rung. The Council also instructed the committee to exclude from their tables any peals which were contrary to the decisions of the Council and to draw the Council's attention to them for discussion. That made the question bound to be considered that day. Even if his motion had not been on the paper, said Mr. Wilson, the Council would have had to consider it that morning on the report of the Analysis Committee. There were three things which the Council could do. They could carry on as they were now doing, disapproving of these peals on paper and allowing them in the report. He did not think the Council would agree that that was satisfactory. They could decide to enforce the original motion on Doubles and exclude everything except 120's. If they did that they would be treating Doubles ringers different to the way in which they treated Minor ringers, with less reason, because Doubles ringers were more restricted. The other course, and the one he wanted them to choose, was to pass his resolution and face up to the situation that progress had been made in composition; that five-bell ringing could do with something extra, and should be dealt with in the same way as six-bell ringing. He was asking them to do nothing terribly revolutionary. They had done it for Minor, and in 1928 they were assured by the proposer and seconder that Pitman's and Bankes James' arrangements were included.

Mr. Wilson was warmly applauded on the conclusion of his 'maiden' speech in the Council.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner, in seconding, said that from the Analysis Committee's report he observed that one of the affiliated societies had rung no less than 13 peals during 1936, which included these 240's. He thought that was a good reason for passing the resolution.

'NOT A LEG TO STAND ON.'

Mr. S. H. Wood congratulated Mr. Wilson on the way he had stated his case in his first speech to the Council, especially bearing in mind the task he had got, for he had not got a leg to stand on (laughter). It took a certain amount of courage to talk about Doubles or Minor at all. The grounds on which he (Mr. Wood) opposed the motion were, first, the length and complicated nature of the rule. The existing rule seemed to him to be quite simple and concise, it was understood by everybody. It might not have been at first, but he thought they all now understood what 120 of Doubles was and what 720 of Minor was. He felt the Council was going to be a laughing stock if it could not say what it would accept as a peal of Doubles without taking up half a page of the printed agenda paper and having three clauses and four sub-clauses to explain it. As regards Morris' and Pitman's arrangement he did not feel very much either way. He did not do much Doubles ringing himself and he would like to hear the views of Doubles ringers as to whether they wanted to continue ringing these compositions. He could not see that they wanted to alter the whole principle of a peal. Recently he went through the whole history of the controversy. It seemed to him that one main thing came out of the long and bitter years of struggle and that was that after a certain amount of dithering and wavering on the part of the Council they did, in the end, reaffirm the previous principle that peals on six and five bells should consist of the requisite number of extents. The Bankes James Minor was not recognised by the Council until it was proposed that, notwithstanding that it was not in conformity with the existing definition of a peal, it should be accepted. He could not see why they could not do the same with the Doubles and say that the Morris and Pitman arrangements could be let in as exceptions. Mr. Wilson himself said that when they passed the resolution on the Bankes James arrangement it ended the controversy and nothing more had been heard of it. Everybody was satisfied and everybody would still be satisfied with regard to the Doubles.

Mr. J. A. Trollope congratulated Mr. Wood on the most persuasive way he had talked the largest amount of tosh and tripe that he had heard for a long time (laughter). When he talked about the Bankes James composition having been let in as an exception, he was not speaking the truth. That was brought in 'notwithstanding anything to the contrary.' As to Mr. Wood's objection to this definition of a peal of Doubles on the score of its length, he (the speaker) had been a member of the Council for 40 years and he had seen a number of attempts to formulate definitions. Most of them had shown how extraordinarily difficult it was. There was one criticism of the present motion he would offer, and he would move as an amendment the omission of the second clause about ringing an odd touch. He did not know where that came from. A peal of Doubles should be in multiples of six-scores and a peal of Minor should be in multiples of 720. (A Voice: Hear, hear.)

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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MINOR AND DOUBLES.

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Mr. Trollope: I know exactly what I am saying, you won't get me on that (laughter). It was extraordinarily difficult, continued Mr. Trollope, to say in a definition exactly what they meant by truth and completeness except on seven bells. They all agreed that on seven bells a peal should consist of 5,040 changes 'without repetition of a change or a bell out of course.' If they were to ring Holt's ten-part peal and at the end ring a touch of, say, a thousand in the same method without interval, could they claim they had rung a peal of 6,000 of Grandsire Triples? He thought not. They would have rung a peal and a touch; the fact that they had been rung without interval would not alter the fact. The same principle ought to be made to apply to Doubles. The ringing of odd bits was not only contrary to the principle on which peal ringing should be done, but he did not think it was wanted. He moved the deletion of Clause 2.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith opposed the motion on the ground that what should constitute a peal of Doubles was already adequately defined. It was quite true that when he moved the definition at Hereford he said he considered it included the Pitman Doubles, and he now frankly confessed that he changed his opinion on this point very soon afterwards, and that was the reason he opposed its inclusion in the 'Doubles and Minor Collection' at Chelmsford. The Morris and Pitman arrangements were not on the same footing as the Bankes James arrangement of Cambridge Minor, and in proof of this the speaker quoted the Council's own rules on 'Regular Methods.' In these rules it was laid down that 'in methods with one hunt, which included Minor, the division between the leads was between the first and second blows of the whole pull of the hunt, before or behind.' Therefore, Minor methods had rounds as the first row of the method, and, that being so, the Bankes James arrangement consisted of true extents. But when they came to Doubles the Council's rules laid it down that 'in methods with two hunts (the treble and another) the division between the leads was midway between the whole pull of the first hunt and the whole pull of the second hunt, before or behind.' Thus rounds was not the first row of Grandsire Doubles, and consequently Pitman's arrangement did not consist of true extents. There was, therefore, a definite distinction between the Minor and Doubles, and he asked the Council not to accept the motion on the ground that the Doubles should be admitted because they had accepted the Minor.

NO REAL DEMAND.

As to whether there was any real demand among ringers to ring these compositions, as was suggested by Mr. Turner when he said that last year one association had rung peals including these arrangements 13 times, Mr. Goldsmith said an entirely different complexion was put upon this fact when they realised that 12 of these peals were called by the same conductor and the other by one of his band. Only on three other occasions had this arrangement been used by other conductors, and even then in one case only 240 was used and in another only a 720. He suggested that these facts showed there was no real demand for the admission of these compositions as peals, and in any case if conductors and ringers wanted greater variety in their peals they could get it by the far more interesting way of substituting other bells than the treble as the hunt bell, and by doing so they could continue to ring true extents, which should be the basis of all peals of Doubles and Minor. He warned the Council that this motion was only the thin end of the wedge on the part of those who held that any sort of arrangement of Doubles or Minor should be accepted as a peal as long as a recognised method was used and every row of Doubles appeared 42 times and every row of Minor seven times. He contended that this was against the tradition of peal ringing and asked the Council to vote against the motion.

The President asked if the 13 peals rung by one association had been rung in five-bell towers.

Mr. Goldsmith said in only two or three instances was that the case.

The President said he asked in case the band was limited to ringing Doubles.

'CONSISTENT INCONSISTENCY.'

Mr. P. J. Johnson said it seemed to him that the Council, having accepted certain things, must accept certain other things, and he could not see how they were going to get out of it. Once having accepted the Bankes James arrangement they must, to be consistent in their inconsistency, accept this motion. It was wrong to have accepted the Bankes James arrangement, but, having done so, they must accept this other. One or two of the speakers, continued Mr. Johnson, had put up the argument that these compositions were something that ringers wished to ring. He thought that was one of the things that settled the Bankes James job. What they had to decide, however, was not what ringers cared to ring—that had nothing to do with the matter at all—but a mathematical problem. What they had to decide was whether they were going to ring repetitions, but, having decided to accept the Bankes James composition, to be consistently inconsistent they must accept this motion.

The Rev. H. Drake supported the amendment to leave out paragraph 2 and was prepared also to leave out paragraph 3.

Mr. C. T. Coles, in congratulating the mover and seconder on giving the Council the only subject for discussion that day, apart from the committee reports, said, from his own experience, he was astonished at their temerity in reintroducing the subject. With regard to the

number of peals rung, said Mr. Coles, Pitman's composition was published in December, 1923, and Morris' in December, 1926. Up to the end of 1930 Pitman's composition had been rung in peals, wholly or in part, some 139 times by 15 associations. About that time the controversy began and people began to look upon them suspiciously as being false. Since then there had been a considerable falling off. This year, up to date, they had been rung three times, by three associations and three different conductors. The compositions had never been rung by the association which Mr. Wilson and he represented, so they did not attempt to regularise them for their own sake, but for the sake of the Exercise at large. A composition of Triples or Major if known to be false was ignored; ringers would have nothing to do with it; but there were a considerable number of people who did not consider that the Morris and Pitman arrangements could be regarded as false. If they had had any doubt on the subject they would have ignored them. He reminded the members that these compositions had been published by the Council; were they, then, to be told that they encouraged the ringing of them but refused to recognise them in peals? If they did they would certainly, as Mr. Wood said, make a laughing stock of themselves. If these compositions were to be barred, were the Council going to delete the peals from all previous analyses or only from last year's; or would it be only from this year's or only from that day? If they were false why should they not all be cut out? Another difficulty the committee would be faced with was that peals were not always fully described. Occasionally a report merely stated '5,040 Grandsire Doubles.' Were the committee to write and ask for further details or were the committee to be allowed to put these particular peals in the analysis and so encourage a certain amount of dishonesty among conductors, who could ring Pitman's and Morris' compositions to their heart's content and not describe them? It was said that the Bankes James peal consisted of true 720's because rounds was the first row of the method. If it consisted of true 720's there was no need to bring up the resolution three years ago admitting it as an exception. In conclusion, Mr. Coles asked members of the Council who were not six and five-bell ringers, and who had fundamental objections to six and five-bell peals, not to enter the controversy, but to let it be settled by those who were in sympathy with the six and five-bell ringers. The Council had published these compositions in one of their publications and had included the peals in the analysis tables for the past 14 years; if they were to be consistent, therefore, they must admit them at this stage.

NO MORE ADDED TOUCHES.

Mr. J. Hunt said he did not agree with accepting the Minor, and he still did not agree to-day, but he felt, in justice to the five-bell ringers, that, having accepted the Bankes James Minor, they must accept this resolution. He, however, supported the deletion of Clauses 2 and 3. They did not want to finish a peal with a touch of two bobs. With regard to the covering bell, they had been ringing peals with that for the last 40 or 50 years or more.

Mr. Wilson accepted the amendment to delete Clause 2 relating to the additional touch at the end of a peal, although, he said, he did not know there was anything fundamentally wrong about it.

Mr. Kynaston then moved as an amendment to delete all the motion after 1(a).—Mr. Hollier seconded, but the amendment was lost.

Mr. S. H. Wood moved that sub-clause (b) be deleted. He said this provided for starting a 120, and then splicing into it another 120. It would be possible, he said, to go on splicing the six-scores one into the other, until they got a one-part 5,040, the only thing about which was that they had each change 42 times.

Mr. Goldsmith said to delete this would be more inconsistent than ever, and Mr. Coles said if it were taken out it would be one of the most foolish things the Council had ever done.

Mr. A. D. Barker said the Bankes James and the Morris and Pitman arrangements were not rung as much as they used to be, and he thought the use of them would die out in time.

Mr. Wood's amendment was negatived, and the original motion (omitting Clause 2), on being put, was carried, the President remarking that it was by about a three to one majority.

(To be continued.)

BELLS OF ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH.

A RESTORATION FUND.

A fund has been opened to provide the necessary money to completely restore the bells of St. Peter's, the Parish Church of Bournemouth, in commemoration of Coronation year.

It is proposed to recast and relang the peal in modern fittings at a cost of £500, and in connection with the recasting work a very generous offer has been made to the Vicar.

The raising of the required balance would not be formidable but for the presence of a large deficit on parochial funds, a deficit which has accumulated since St. Peter's has become bereft of its residential congregation and has become something of a 'city church' surrounded by business establishments. There is no doubt as to the urgency of attention to the peal of eight bells, and it is hoped to raise the money to allow for the completion of the work during Coronation year.

It may be that some of the visiting ringers who have been welcomed at St. Peter's might like to help. Contributions may be sent to the Vicar, Canon Hedley Burrows, St. Peter's Hall, Hinton Road, Bournemouth, and will be gratefully acknowledged.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE IMPORTANCE OF QUARTERLY PEALS.**

Thirty-three members put in an appearance at the summer meeting of the Western Branch, held on Saturday, June 12th, at Longdon, 13 miles from Worcester, and lying between Upton-on-Severn and Tewkesbury. Considering the travelling distance and difficulties of access (for Longdon is a village situated on a secondary road, and buses touching the place are few and far between), this number was satisfactory. The old church possesses a ring of six bells supplied by T. Mears, in 1835, tenor about 12 cwt., which were rehung by Mears and Stainbank in the early part of this year, and although the tone leaves something to be desired, the 'go' is excellent.

The Rev. W. Griffiths, curate of Upton-on-Severn, kindly took the service in place of the Vicar of Longdon, the Rev. G. W. Webb (clerical secretary), who, unfortunately, lies ill in a Malvern nursing home. Consequently arrangements for tea were re-made at short notice, and it was held at the Plough Inn, no member being 'out of course.'

In the Vicar's absence, Mr. R. G. Knowles (vice-president) was voted to the chair. The first matter arising out of the minutes was the last quarterly peal, but no one knew whether it had been successfully rung. The conductor was not present and no notification of its having been rung had reached the meeting, whereupon Mr. S. T. Holt observed that the quarterly peal had been instituted primarily for the benefit of local bands and to encourage budding conductors, and, whether successful or otherwise, the result ought to be made known to the meeting. He expressed the hope that conductors would treat the quarterly peal seriously, and look upon it more as an honour at being elected to call the peal.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. E. Large) told the meeting that in spite of their proposing and accepting the Bushley ringers, he had spent quite a lot of postage in trying to obtain that band's subscription, but without result, so that he feared it was now a hopeless case.

The quarterly peal, to be rung at Longdon, was left in the hands of the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. C. Camm, while it was decided to hold the branch annual meeting at St. John's, Worcester.

LOCAL RINGERS ABSENT.

The Chairman expressed his pleasure at seeing so many young ringers present. They were very necessary, he said, if the place of older ones was to be taken, to say nothing of keeping bellfounders in business!

The secretary asked members if they would point out to him any errors in his 'Report' so that they could be rectified.

Mr. Holt proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. G. W. Webb for allowing the use of Longdon Church and bells, to the curate of Upton for taking the service at short notice, and to Mrs. Webb for playing the organ. He also proposed that the secretary write to the Vicar expressing the meeting's wishes for his speedy recovery.—These proposals were carried unanimously and ended the business meeting.

There followed a further hour or so's ringing, ranging from rounds to two successful touches of Spliced London and Cambridge Surprise, though it must be admitted that the 'splice'—Cambridge to London—nearly ended in a 'clean break' on several occasions.

Old stalwarts in the persons of Mr. Tom Elcox, who came from Arley Kings, a distance of about 27 miles each way, and Mr. Bill ('Evergreen') Ranford, who came from Suckley, 24 miles, were an example to many of the younger members of the branch who live only half the distance away and yet who failed to turn up.

This meeting, arranged at Longdon especially to encourage the new local band just forming there, did not have the desired effect, as all were taking part in a cricket match at Worcester!

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Binfield, Berks, on Saturday, June 5th, when members and visitors were present from Hurst, Sandhurst, Sonning, Waltham St. Lawrence, All Saints', Wokingham, Finchampstead, Burnham, Hillingdon, Pirbright and the local band. Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mrs. Rance and friends, who were warmly thanked by the branch chairman. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. Ellwood), who gave a helpful address, his subject being the 'joy of living,' which, he said, ringers in their work helped to bring out.

It was a pleasure to have present Canon Coleridge, Master of the Guild and branch chairman, who was able to take part in a six-score of Stedman Doubles and afterwards gave some practical advice to some present as to the correct way to handle a rope.

The ring of six bells was made good use of in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, London, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor and rounds for beginners.

2,237 720's.

At Great Gransden, Cambs, to open the Hunts Branch meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association, on Saturday, June 5th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Fields 1, S. J. Peck (first 720 of Cambridge) 2, H. J. Parker 3, F. W. Lack 4, A. E. Austin 5, P. Warrington (conductor) 6. The conductor's 2,237th 720.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.**VICAR LEAVES CRICKET MATCH TO CONDUCT RINGERS' SERVICE.**

When members of the Surrey Association visited Christ Church, Epsom, for the North-Western District meeting on Saturday week, the Vicar, the Rev. John E. Matthews, B.A., was playing cricket for the local side on the common by the church. He left word for the visitors that he would come along in the tea interval to conduct their service, and he did. 'I want,' he said in the course of a short address, 'to express my gratitude to you all for the work which you do Sunday by Sunday for the Church and to give you a word of appreciation and encouragement in that work. I also desire to thank you most heartily for the peal of welcome which you tried to ring at the time of my induction.' (This was a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major which came to grief after 2½ hours' ringing.) Immediately after the service the Vicar returned to the cricket field as the hope of his side. Verily, a sporting parson.

The company held their tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. The attendance numbered 40, representing Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Camberwell, Chelsea, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Ewell, Leatherhead, London (St. Lawrence Jewry), Uckfield, Wimbledon and the local band.

At the commencement of the business meeting the company stood in silence for two minutes as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Allen Silas Gower, who died on May 19th, aged 82 years. For a quarter of a century Mr. Gower was a ringer at Christ Church, Epsom, and for many years was the association's honorary auditor.

The secretary (Mr. F. G. Woodiss) gave a short résumé of the ringing which had been done in the district in connection with the Coronation, with special reference to the first peal of Cinquus at Croydon, and requested those tower secretaries who had not yet done so to send particulars of any Coronation ringing that was done at their towers to the general secretary without delay.

The secretary also reported that an invitation had been received from the Middlesex Association to join with them and the Oxford and Guildford Diocesan Guilds in the combined meeting to be held at Staines and Egham on Saturday, August 28th, and that that invitation had been accepted on behalf of the Surrey Association.

A proposition arising out of a meeting of the District Committee regarding the printing of the cover of the association's report for 1937 (Coronation year) was discussed. It was decided that this year's cover be printed, if possible, in the national colours (red, white and blue) to a design to be approved by the General Committee.

Mr. J. R. Mackman, of Benhilton, was elected a member of the association, and the election of Mr. E. T. Woolloff in the belfry at Banstead prior to a peal on Whit Monday was ratified.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the Master, Mr. D. K. C. Birt, and from Mrs. Kippin, a member of the committee, who had that day had to enter hospital for an operation.

The meeting terminated with the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, and to Mr. J. Crawford for making arrangements for the meeting to be held and for its successful conclusion. The ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire Triples to Spliced Surprise Major.

A PENWORTHAM CELEBRATION.**225th ANNIVERSARY OF A LANCASHIRE RING.**

The ancient Church of St. Mary, Penwortham, on its wooded escarpment on the south bank of the Ribble, was an fête on Saturday, June 12th, the occasion being the 225th anniversary of the bells, a ring of six by A. Rudhall, augmented by the Freemasons of the North-West Province to an octave some years ago.

The celebration was originated by the local veteran, Mr. J. R. Taylor (who has been a ringer at Penwortham for 50 years), in a desire to further the public interest in beltring matters. Ringing took place in a variety of methods from 2.30 till 4 p.m., when a service was held, the prayers being said by the Vicar (the Rev. O. Burton) and a very helpful address delivered by the president of the Lancashire Association (the Rev. Arthur Scott).

Afterwards an adjournment was made to St. Mary's Hall, where an admirable tea was spread and 'changes' swiftly made at the tables, also in a variety of methods.

Welcoming the visitors in a witty speech, the Vicar recalled the bicentenary of the bells, which, he said, seemed only yesterday. During and also after tea Mr. J. and Miss Booth, of Standish, gave selections on the handbells, which were much appreciated, and Mr. J. R. Taylor sketched the history of bells and ringing in Penwortham from 1858 till now. He appealed for more young folks to take up the art of change ringing, at the same time extending the invitation to the gentler sex.

The president of the association also emphasised the appeal in his response to the welcome. He said there was a danger of ringing becoming a lost art if we did not keep our belfries filled with recruits.

Mr. J. Roskell, the local captain, thanked all those who had helped in any way to make the event such a memorable one.

Asked to say a few words at the end of the proceedings, Mr. F. G. Bradloy, Preston branch president, in expressing the appreciation of the members, remarked that there appeared to be no danger in Penwortham of catering becoming one of the lost arts.

Further ringing on the handy little ring till 9 p.m. ended a very happy day in the Preston Branch.

F. G. B.

NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Horsell (near Woking) on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Institute. Don't forget your officers, they need your support. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LADIES GUILD (Southern District) and **GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**. (Farnham District).—A joint meeting at Frensham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Marindin Institute, 5.15.—Miss H. F. Mills, Maidencombe, Northbrook Road, or C. W. Denyer, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

GLASTON, UPPINGHAM, RUTLAND.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lang, D.D., Archdeacon of Oakham, will dedicate the new treble bell, installed by John Taylor and Co., to augment the peal to a ring of 6, on Saturday, June 26th, at 3 p.m.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The summer meeting will be held at Highclere on June 26th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4 p.m. All requiring tea please notify F. D. Knapp, Highclere Farm. All ringers welcome.—Rev. F. S. Marle, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bletchingley on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Claydon, 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Shouldham on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. We should like you to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terlington St. John, Wisbech.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, June 26th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Established 1623).—The 314th anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 26th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m.—Leonard E. Pistow, Hon. Sec.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Great Ness, Saturday, June 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The summer festival will be held at Husborne Crawley, on Saturday, June 26th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. R. Wynter, Rector of Sympton. Tea, at 5.15, in the Vicarage garden (weather permitting). It will greatly help in making tea arrangements if intending visitors will send a p.c. to Canon Rust, Husborne Crawley, Bletchley.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Saturday, June 26th. The Cathedral bells (10, tenor 23 cwt.) will be available for ringing. Tea, followed by business meeting at the Black Bull Hotel at 4.45 p.m.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Warfield (8 bells) on Saturday, June 26th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head. Phone Slough 1260. — A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, June 26th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec.

EDWINSTOWE, NR. MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—Ringers' Day, Saturday, June 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. A ring of six rehung by John Taylor and Co.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for service on Sunday, June 27th, commencing at 5.30 p.m., at Shoreditch. Please book the date for the summer meeting—July 17th at Pinner. Full particulars later.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford.

GOATHURST near Bridgwater, Somerset.—Rededication of the bells by the Bishop of Taunton on Tuesday, June 29th, at 8 p.m.; a ring of six restored by John Taylor and Co.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 1st, *St. Mary-le-Bow on July 6th. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in Bath on July 3rd. Bells available: Abbey (10) 3 to 4 p.m. and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Twerton (8) 3 to 4 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Mark's (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Mark's. Tea and meeting to follow. Other towers could be open if required. Free copies of 'The Glossary' available.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Kindly notify regarding tea not later than July 1st. — T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—Next meeting, Measham, July 3rd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. Tea provided for those who notify the undersigned by Wednesday, June 30th. Please note: The district outing will take place on July 10th (not the 17th). Route: Via Hoar Cross, Rocester and Ashbourne. Those who wish to join the party should let me know by June 26th. — J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mistley (8 bells) on July 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea provided by the Vicar at 5 p.m. Arrangements have been made for bells at Holbrook-Sutton and Harkstead to be available, which are on the Suffolk side. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells from 2 p.m. Business at 6.45 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Burton on Saturday, July 3rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards, when tea tickets for jubilee meeting may be had. A good attendance is requested.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Circumstances necessitate the cancellation of the summer meeting which was to be held at Wylam and Newburn on July 3rd.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available: East Meon (8), Privett (8), Buriton (6) and Steep (5) from 1 to 3 p.m. and after the meeting, Petersfield (8) from 2 to 3.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in St. Peter's at 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow in St. Peter's Hall. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. C. E. Bassett, 32, Charles Street, Petersfield, by Thursday, July 1st? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LADIES GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Tottenham Court Road, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Express Dairy. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 30th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kibworth on July 3rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. Martin, Kibworth, not later than July 1st.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—A meeting will be held at Poynton on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. G. Turner, 26, Park Avenue, Poynton, near Stockport.—Kenneth Lewis, Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Draycott on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. W. Shelley, The Wentlow, Tean, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than June 30th?—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Morton on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Bus service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please notify me how many will require tea by Wednesday, June 30th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea to follow. Tollesbury and Tolleshunt D'Arcy bells available during the evening. A special coach will leave the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, at 2 p.m. prompt, fare approximately 3s. Will all those who wish to travel by the coach and those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, June 30th, certain?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 3rd.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. For tea please advise.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Church on Saturday, July 3rd. For tea please notify Mr. Wm. Biggen, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats, Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION, SHERWOOD YOUTHS AND LADIES GUILD.—Northern District.—Joint meeting at Newark, July 3rd, at 3 p.m. For tea (rs.) please notify Mr. W. Thompson, 86, Hatton Gardens, Newark, by July 1st.—I. B. Thompson and R. Towler, Hon. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at West Deeping on Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 29th?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For tea, notify S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Great Brington, on Sat., July 3rd. Names for tea to me by June 30th.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

SILVERTON, Nr. EXETER.—The bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Thursday, July 8th, at 7.30 p.m. The ring of six bells has been restored and augmented to eight, including new framework, by John Taylor and Co.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Ash on Sat-

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LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 10th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Epsom on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (10) of St. Martin's from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. An eight bell tower will also probably be available in the evening. Numbers for tea must be sent to Mr. G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford, not later than Tuesday, July 6th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harston on Saturday, July 10th, when the Vicar is extending a hearty invitation to all ringers to try the bells restored and augmented to a ring of six by J. Taylor and Co. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. As the Vicar is also entertaining us to tea, I must ask for names of all intending to be present to reach me by Wed. July 7th.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton. Cambridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Staplehurst (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 5. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, July 10th. 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 6th, to Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 10th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m. in Wade Street School; to fully paid members 9d., to others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word not later than Tuesday, July 6th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Stansted on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye St., Bishop's Stortford

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Leigh, the model village of Kent, with its interesting church, will, on Saturday, July 10th, be the meeting place of many ringers. You must come and join them. Details next week. Please notify me for tea by July 6th.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Guild office 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A large gathering expected. Please advise for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Adderbury on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8). Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Banbury (10), Deddington (6), and by kind permission King's Sutton (8) on the Peterborough border, are available for ringers attending at Adderbury. Please let me know for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual festival at Gorseinon, Saturday, July 10th. 12-2.30, tower open for ringing; 3, service at St. Catherine's; 4, tea; 4.30, business meeting. Let secretary know as soon as possible the number for tea.—L. T. Havard, 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Hendon on Saturday, July 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please send your advices by July 7th. Nearest station, Hendon, on Edgware tube. Cheap tickets from all tube stations. Special Method: Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. Practice at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells) on Wednesday, July 14th, 7.30 p.m. Joint Herts and Middlesex meeting at Monken Hadley on July 24th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel.: Larkswood 1959.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Annual Shield Contest will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 10th. All entrance fees (6s. per band) and voluntary subscriptions must reach me not later than June 26th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shaf-ton, near Barnsley.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—This branch meets at Kenninghall on Saturday, July 10th (not 3rd as previously arranged). Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. at the Red Lion, opposite the church, followed by business meeting. Also Quidenham (8 bells), 1 mile distant, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after meeting. A post-card with names or numbers for tea, please, by July 7th.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Branch Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

SATURDAY, JULY 17th.—Meeting at Abbots Langley. Ringing from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Herts Association.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1937, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 17th. Service in Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher: Bishop G. B. Allen, D.D. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 14th, after which date the business will be in the hands of caterers. Further particulars will be given on notices sent to guild towers.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading, Berks.

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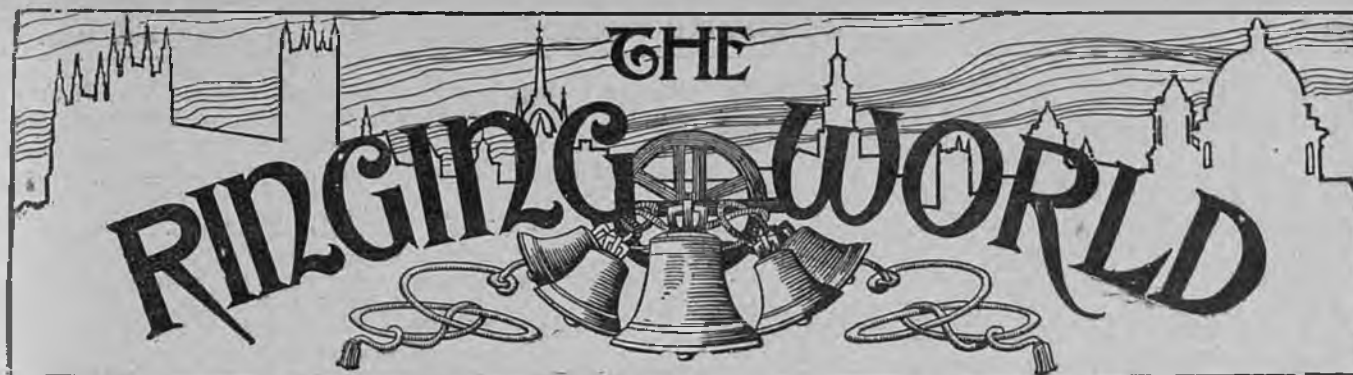
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AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

Among the general items which came before the Central Council, under the heading of 'Other business,' was one which was mentioned by the President and passed over without further comment. And yet, in regard to the practical side of ringing, it is by no means the least important subject which should concern us. We refer to the method by which bells are raised and lowered before and after ringing. At all too few towers is this matter given the attention it deserves. The correct way to begin and end ringing is by raising and falling the bells in peal and there is no other effective substitute. There are expedients which minimise the unpleasant effect of bells raised or lowered indiscriminately, such as pulling them up or dropping them singly and in order (which is probably the best method if it is not done in peal), or by doing it in chords. Too frequently, however, no attention is paid to these preliminaries, or finalities, often because ringers will not take trouble to practise.

In the old days, before the use of stays and sliders, raising and falling was necessary in connection with every bout of ringing, and was an essential preliminary of every ringer's training. To-day it seems to be one of the last things the majority of ringers learn. Yet raising and falling in peal, well done, not only, as the President pointed out, puts a polish to a performance, but is actually one of the best methods of teaching a beginner bell control. There are, of course, quite a number of bands who make it a practice to do this thing properly, and it is often the least accomplished change ringers who are most assiduous in their attention to it, indeed, the 'round' ringers of the West Country would not dream of doing anything but pull their bells up and down in peal.

We hope the President's remarks will receive the attention they deserve, and that, particularly for service ringing, ringers everywhere will improve their efforts in this direction. Raising and falling cannot be accomplished properly without practice, but for the sake of the general effect on the ears of the public it would be all to the good if the 'jangling' of bells indiscriminately before and after ringing were entirely avoided. If, because of the weight or for other reasons, all the bells in a tower cannot be raised or lowered in peal, the President's suggestions are those which cause the least offence to the ear; and particularly should it be made a practice, where raising and falling cannot be carried out, to get the bells up and down, one at a time and in order from treble to tenor. The effect of many a good touch has been spoiled by clashing bells in discord afterwards, but

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there are ringers who seem not to realise this. If they
do, but fail to mend their ways, their action is all the
more to be regretted. But the ideal aim should be rais-
ing and falling in peal, and that well done.

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LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

HENRY T. WILSON Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM 6
ERNEST J. KING 3	JOHN H. CRAMPION 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

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

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt, 1 qr, 12 lb.

THOMAS E. DENYER Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 5
MAURICE SMITHER 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	COLIN A. HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the Coronation of King George VI. and Queen
Elizabeth.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD J. ROCHESTER Treble	ERNEST W. PYE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOSEPH MARKS 6
ERNEST J. BOTLER 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
LOUIS CORDELL 4	JAMES BENNETT Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells

WHITCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

O. J. SMART Treble	O. G. SMART 5
H. E. BALAAM 2	C. W. MONDAY 6
W. H. C. HUNT 3	J. CHESTERMAN 7
H. G. SMART 4	H. C. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by O. J. SMART.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the
birthday of King George VI.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOSKINS 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY

Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. J. E.
Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk, and Miss Jean Thompson, of Swanscombe.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, June 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5
FRANK W. PERRENS ... 2	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 6
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
GEORGE E. FEARN ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIXSTOW. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal in the method for the Guild, on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of 7 and 8, who have previously rung Pudsey Royal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6050 CHANGES;

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

*THOMAS W. TOMLINSON ... Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 2	COLIN A. HOPPER ... 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3	C. ERNEST SMITH ... 7
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. ROBINSON.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, June 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... Treble	REGINALD PAYNE ... 5
SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 2	GEORGE S. LEE ... 6
JOHN TURLEY ... 3	SIDNEY BRIGGS ... 7
ARTHUR GILL ... 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT ... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5
JAMES FEARNLEY ... 2	DAVID VINCENT ... 6
ALAN BROWN ... 3	KENNETH LEWIS ... 7
CHRIS. GUDGON ... 4	NORMAN HEAPS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Heaps.

BRIDGERULE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

*JOHN W. SANGWIN ... Treble	H. FREDERICK MYERS ... 5
WILLIAM G. HISCOCK ... 2	G. HARRY MYERS ... 6
ERNEST W. MARSE ... 3	A. WILLIAM MYERS ... 7
*FREDERICK SANGWIN ... 4	THOMAS G. MYERS ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E.

DAVID VINCENT ... Treble	HERBERT MCKINNELL ... 5
*JOHN HASSALL ... 2	SIDNEY HOUGH, SEN. ... 6
KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	ALAN J. BROWN ... 7
FRANK REYNOLDS ... 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... Tenor

Composed by J. LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by K. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major. The first peal on the bells.

WIGSTON MAGNA.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

SYDNEY O. CHERNEY ... Treble	DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 2	KENNETH A. ROE ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3	RICHARD F. ROE ... 7
ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

First peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM PLATT ... Treble	STANLEY COPLING ... 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... 2	*FREDERICK GUNTON ... 6
*FREDERICK MUNNINGS ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
ERNEST WHITING ... 4	CHARLES LOOME ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by CHARLES LOOME.

* First peal of Oxford.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH ... Treble	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBBENHAM ... 7
JOHN E. ROOTES ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER (No. 16). Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of these bells.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*SIDNEY J. LEVETT ... Treble	HARRY BAKER ... 5
†CHARLES H. SONE ... 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... 6
TOM SAUNDERS ... 3	C. ALFRED LEVETT ... 7
JOHN A. W. DOWNING ... 4	LUTHER J. HONESS ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Major. † 275th peal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells. The composition, No. 435, is rung for the first time.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

WALTAR CHARMAN ... Treble	EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 2	WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 6
PETER CHARMAN ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... 4	ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 30th anniversary of the 2nd and tenor ringers' first peal together.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE LEE ... Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5
JOHN HAYES ... 2	GILBERT GERRARD ... 6
HARRY LEWIS ... 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

Rung for the golden jubilee of the church. All the band are Sunday service ringers at the church.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR,
8056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER NICHOLS 1	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 5
R. ALLAN HICKYON 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 6
JACK BAILEY 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
FRANK BRADLEY 4	EDWARD F. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD F. GOBEY.

Peal No. 4,666. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

*ALBERT G. HARRISON 1	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
*ERIC G. BENNETT 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
*WILLIAM J. CLOVER 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	*NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the diocese since May 16th, 1914.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	WALTER H. DOBBIE 6
WILLIAM SPICE 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
ARTHUR S. BOAR 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 4, 5 and 7; also to Doris, daughter of E. J. Dobbie, and Betty, daughter of C. H. Dobbie. Mr. W. Spice at short notice kindly took the place of Miss D. G. Dobbie, who was indisposed.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 21, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation).

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT 1	ROBERT C. HEAZEL 5
*WILLIAM T. FORRESTER ... 2	JOHN H. SITCH 6
HARRY TURNER 3	ERNEST W. FORBANK 7
*CHARLES J. HARRINGTON ... 4	ALBERT E. PRYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal of Triples.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. GEORGE-THE-MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

MRS. PHILLIS HUMPHREY ... 1	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 5
MISS KATH. M. BRADFORD ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 6
THOMAS J. LOCK 3	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 7
*JOHN W. EUSTON 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in the method.

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BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford, Plain, Cambridge Surprise and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MISS BERTHA REEVE 1	*JAMES W. JENNINGS ... 4
*MISS ELEANOR REEVE ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... 5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal of Minor.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents with five different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 1	CHARLES A. CATCHEPOLE ... 4
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
*FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 3	Cecil H. ALDOUS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY THELWELL 1	*STANLEY SUTTON 4
*HERBERT SUTTON 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	†THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

SEDLISCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*STANLEY ETHERIDGE 1	EDWARD BISHOP 4
*GEORGE MASKELL 2	†ALBERT KEMP 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 3	JAMES G. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3rd and 5th.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

DOUGLAS W. RANSOM 1	ARTHUR C. CHUBB 4
HUBERT SMITH 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
TREVOR E. MARES 3	GILBERT W. RENDELL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

Rung after meeting one short for Triples.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Ipswich, Lightfoot, York, Durham, London, Wells and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALEC MUNDY 1	HARRY J. SANGER 4
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	RONALD G. BECK 5
KENNETH FORD 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 12, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, one 720 each of Court Bob and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR MACKEARS Treble	SIDNEY WHATLEY 4
*LESLIE SQUIRES 2	ARTHUR DAVEY 5
JOHN H. HAYNES 3	HENRY SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by HENRY SQUIRES.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 2nd and the birthday of his younger brother.

MICHAEL ESKLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Morning Star, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, 30 callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER 3
JAMES P. HYETT 2	ERNEST F. SALMONS 4
JOHN J. WEBB Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal in five methods on the bells and rung for evensong.

BINEGAR, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt. (approx.).

KENNETH FORD Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 4
JOHN E. METCALFE 2	*REV. M. K. WARREN 5
MISS NORAH J. WILLIAMS ... 3	RONALD J. BECK Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal on the bells.

BRINDLE, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1937, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

ARTHUR HATCH Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... 4
*THOMAS BARKER 2	*F. G. BRADLEY 5
*ALFRED BLOGG 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT BLACKLIDGE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Minor. Rung as a token of mourning for the late Mr. H. Nelson, a ringer of this tower, who was interred the same day.

NEWINGTON, HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS MINNIE E. HARDEN ... Treble	FREDERICK T. HARDEN ... 4
FRANK A. SLINGSBY 2	LIONEL H. LEACH 5
CHARLES TURNER 3	*THOMAS J. WILSON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the centenary of Mr. Charles Slingsby, of Aldington, Kent.

RUSHDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JACK DEAR Treble	EDWIN C. BUCK 3
PERCY TOMPKINS 2	WALTER D. POOLEY 4
R. THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor	

Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

First peal and attempt by J. Dear (aged 14), and the first peal on the bells, which were all cast by John Briant in 1786 approx.

MAIDWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GUILDSBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*CECIL BROWN Treble	JACK BELL 4
†JOHN PLANE 2	*ARTHUR MILLWARD 5
WM. DRACON 3	SIDNEY MUMTON Tenor

Conducted by S. MUMTON.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal and first attempt. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles Dixon, a local ringer, who was married on the previous Saturday (June 12th) to Miss Dorothy Noble.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Charlwood, Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (2) St. Albans, Wragby and Charlwood Delight; (3) Chapel Treble Bob; (4) Sandal Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob; (6) Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM ATRINSON Treble	*ALBERT BANCROFT 4
*REV. FRANK BONNER 2	ERIC ELLISON 5
KENNETH LEWIS 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

* First peal in nine methods. Nine changes of methods. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the installation of the present peal of bells.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN POWELL Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS 4
HARRY OWENS 2	LESLIE EVANS 5
THOMAS E. STEAD 3	ANDREW POWELL Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE EVANS.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. P. A. H. Birley, who has been Vicar of Eardisland for 20 years. He was instituted on June 19th, 1917. All the ringers are local men with the exception of E. F. Salmon.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

GEORGE BELL Treble	DENNIS F. BELL 4
MISS JEAN BELL 2	ALFRED W. KING 5
JACK PUMFREY 3	W. C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

HANDBELL PEALS.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-One 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 LAFIN 7-8
*HARRY ASHTON 9-10	

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Royal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

IN THE BULFRY OF ST. PAULINUS' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
*DEREK M. SHARP 3-4	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7-8
†ALAN J. HOPPER 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal. D. M. Sharp has now rung Bob Minor to Maximus 'in hand.'

'A HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.'

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

*To be published in September by
'The Ringing World'*

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

THE MASTER'S GARDEN PARTY AT BRASTED.

On Saturday last, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis entertained a number of the officers (past and present) and such other members of the society as were able to accept the general invitation extended to them. This being the festival year, it was hoped that many ladies would come with their manfolk. They formed about a fourth of the party, which mustered about 45 in all.

The London contingent mostly availed themselves of the private bus placed at their disposal by Mr. Lewis, and which left St. Paul's Churchyard at 1.30. Others arrived by car, and at 3 o'clock Mr. Lewis and family were welcoming quite a big assembly on the lawn and forecourt of Moorcocks (formerly the old Rectory) at Brasted. To those who do not know the lovely Westerham valley in which Brasted lies, it may suffice to say that it is Kent at its best and that the Pilgrims chose it in forming the 'Way' to Canterbury.

Reassembling, the party drove away over wooded hills and by winding lanes to Penshurst, a village known for its beauty even amongst Kentish villages. The bells had been kindly placed at the party's disposal and were rung to several 'touches.' Time did not allow of a visit to Penshurst Place adjoining. Our memories are, however, awakened by seeing this famous Elizabethan house, and we think of the Virgin Queen, of Leicester, Sir Philip Sydney (poet and hero of Zutphen) and others associated with Penshurst.

The return journey was by the main road through Sevenoaks, affording a glimpse of Knowle, another famous mansion (they seem to cluster in these parts), and so again to Brasted. We are late and there is Mrs. Lewis waiting for her guests to do justice to the temptingly spread tables. These old rectories! How easily they absorb a crowd and exhale hospitality.

Skirting the flower beds, the great cedar and the chestnuts, for Moorcocks is embowered on three sides by stately trees, we find two meadows, a brook, and there is Brasted Church. The massive old tower has six bells, and, the day being their anniversary, they are doubtless well satisfied at the way in which it was celebrated.

The ringers being thus employed, the ladies explore the gardens, now at their best, and which also supply two dozen beautiful bouquets for them and those others who were unable to be there. The last of these pleasant hours soon passes in refreshment and chatting on the lawns, with the tinkling handbells for musical background. Nine p.m. and all join in heartily thanking Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, with cheers for them and *all* their family. And so home.

Amongst the past and present officers of the society who attended were Messrs. Hughes, Dawe, Passmore, Groombridge, Young, Fenn, Porter and Waugh.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT'S BYE-MEETING.

A pleasant bye-meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Throwley on Saturday, June 12th.

Fifty members and friends attended, representing 13 towers and four districts of the association. There was also present a visitor from London.

Ringing took place on the eight bells, and the association's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. B. Somerville), who also gave a short address.

Tea, kindly provided by local friends, was partaken of on the Vicarage lawn and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

One new member was elected, and the election of a member previous to a peal attempt was confirmed.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address, and also to the local people for providing the tea.

After 'snaps' had been taken by one of the younger members, a return was made to the tower and further ringing enjoyed until late in the evening, rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge being practised.

FOR BEGINNERS.

We regret the interruption of this series of articles, owing to the pressure on our space by the large number of peals rung in celebration of the Coronation. This week we take up the broken thread of Minor methods which are related in their construction. The last article appeared in our issue of May 26th.

HEREWARD AND LONDON BOB.

In preceding articles we dealt with double methods and method grouping—the real object of which has been to show that ringers, with the exercise of average intelligence, will find it perfectly easy to extend their practice from one to a number of methods—let us look at some other methods which come into the group of which Double Oxford and Double Court form part.

It has previously been pointed out that certain blocks of changes, forming plain courses, may have their constituent 'leads' united either by 2nd's place or 6th's, when the treble leads, thus forming two different methods. In addition, the same changes can be used to make other methods by the use or omission of 5th's place when the treble lies its whole pull behind. Thus the changes of a plain course can be knit together in one or other of the following ways:—

By 2nd's only, when treble leads.

By 6th's only, when treble leads.

By 5th's, when treble is behind, and 2nd's.

By 5th's, when treble is behind, and 6th's.

Strictly speaking, 6th's, in Minor, is not a 'place' 'within the meaning of the Act,' or, shall we say, within the meaning of the application of the word 'place.' It is only a necessary whole pull in one position to enable a bell, which has been hunting up, to reverse its course and hunt down. But as 4th's place at the lead head of a regular method is a bob, it follows that if 2nd's place is not made when the treble leads, the bell behind must of necessity lay a whole pull, and so we have our methods divided into 2nd's place and 6th's place methods.

Double Oxford, as we have explained, is, constructionally, Double Court, with the addition of 5th's place when the treble is behind and 2nd's place when the treble leads.

There are two other methods in this group which are obtained by the employment, in one case, of 2nd's only and, in the other, by the use of 5th's only. The former is Hereward Bob and the latter London Bob.

When you come to write out the methods you will find that London Bob is the same as Double Oxford, row for row, until the treble leads, and then 2nd's is omitted, and 6th's place is necessarily made by the bell behind.

Hereward Bob follows Double Court, row for row, until the treble leads, when 2nd's has to be inserted. In each half-lead of all these four methods places are made across the treble, 4th's and 3rd's as it passes up through 3-4; and 3rd's and 4th's as it comes down through 4-3. The difference in them all is the link that joins the half-leads.

Here is an interesting thing to do: Write out a full course of one of the methods, cut it into ten pieces by dividing it between the rows when the treble is behind and when it is leading. With these ten pieces you can reconstruct any one of the four methods.

The 'standard' callings as applied to Double Oxford and Double Court apply to these two other methods. Hereward, having 2nd's place, is called Wrong, Right, Wrong; and London Bob, having 6th's when the treble leads, In, Out, In.

This is when the 6th is observation bell and the tenors are brought up always the right way behind. If the 5th is to be used as the observation bell and you 'keep the tenors the right way'—as you should—the calling to be used is, 'Right, Wrong, Right in the 2nd's place methods; and Out, In, Out in methods without 2nd's place. This applies to all regular Minor methods.

In plain methods two singles are necessary to complete the extent, and they are called at what would otherwise be a 'plain' Right or a plain 'Out,' according to whether it is a 2nd or 6th's place method, if the 6th is the observation bell; and at a plain Wrong or plain In if the 5th is the observation bell. The first single may be called in either the first, second or third part of the first half, as long as the second single is called in the corresponding part of the second half.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION MEETING AT WASHINGTON.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Washington on Saturday, June 12th, when 40 members attended from Arundel, Angmering, Heene, Lynminster, Rudgwick, Shoreham, Twineham, West Tarring, West Grinstead and the local band. There were also two visitors from Hayes, Kent.

Ringing during the afternoon was followed by a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. O. Houseman). After tea the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. R. Burch, A. Blackman, H. Bentinck and H. Parsons.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Houseman, in replying, gave the ringers a cordial welcome, also remarking on the big attendance. Further ringing until 8 p.m. brought a very successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**NOT IDLE AT IDLE.**

On Saturday, June 19th, the Leeds and District Society visited Idle, near Bradford, for their June meeting. The weather was far from the 'Flaming June' of the poet's phrase, as it was raining most of the afternoon and evening, but this did not deter ringers attending from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Calverley, Drighlington, Holbeck, Lindley, Leeds Parish Church, Headingley (St. Chad's), Rothwell, Shipley and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, with the president in the chair.

One new member was elected, viz., Miss Edith Mansbridge, of Drighlington.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. Lofthouse, and seconded by Mr. Rayment.—Mr. Thomas Hill, who is churchwarden as well as ringer, replied.

The next meeting is to be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 24th.

Discussion was invited on the question as to how the circulation of 'The Ringing World' could be increased.—Mr. Simpson (Shipley) suggested all new or young ringers should be advised to take a copy.—Another suggestion was that all towers be asked to inquire the number of copies taken, with a view to an increase in each tower.

LADIES' GUILD.**CENTRAL DISTRICT AT BEDDINGTON.**

An enjoyable meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Beddington and was very well attended, about 40 people being present. Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, and Mrs. Deal presided at the business meeting which followed.

Two new members were elected, i.e., Mrs. F. E. Collins, of Thornton Heath, and Miss M. Proxham.

St. Giles-in-the-Fields was chosen for the annual meeting on July 3rd. Braintree was selected for the September meeting. The next Wednesday meeting has been arranged for June 23rd at Sevenoaks.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher requested all those who require tickets for the Jubilee dinner of the Guild to send their names to her or their district secretary as soon as possible, as the number is limited.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the organist and Mrs. C. Kippin, who had to make such hasty arrangements for this meeting.

The ringing in the tower included a course of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and a touch of Double Norwich by members of the Guild. London and Cambridge Major and Cambridge Royal was also rung, three parts of the band in each case being composed of members. The ringing, on the whole, was of a very high standard.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**MEETING AT COSELEY.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Christ Church, Coseley, Staffs, on Saturday, June 5th, in ideal summer weather. The attendance of members was below the average. The bells were kept going in various methods, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. W. Watson), who gave a very interesting and homely address. After service the members adjourned to the schools, where a bountiful tea was in readiness, kindly provided by the Vicar, and it was regretted that there were not more present to partake of the good things provided. It is hoped that those who sent in their names and did not turn up will kindly make a note of this for future occasions.

The usual business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar, who welcomed the members to Coseley and said he hoped that they would enjoy their visit.

The secretary mentioned that since their last meeting they had lost by death one of their oldest and most respected members, a pioneer in the formation of this Guild—he referred to the late Mr. John Goodman, sen., 'father' of the Dudley Guild.—Mr. Isaac Evans, of Willenhall, was elected a member of the Guild. It was decided that the next quarterly peal be attempted at Coseley, and the next quarterly meeting held at Enville, Staffs, subject to the usual permission being obtained, failing which the secretary make other arrangements. The arrangements for the quarterly peal are left in the hands of Mr. W. Fisher.—Mr. C. Wallater proposed and Mr. S. J. Hughes seconded the best thanks of the meeting to the Vicar of Coseley for his kindness in regard to the meeting and service; to the organist, Mr. F. Flavell, and especially to the Vicar and Mrs. Watson for the splendid tea that they provided, and to the ladies who prepared and served the meal; also to Mr. Dennis Holden for making the necessary arrangements and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting an enjoyable and happy one.—Mr. Fisher, on behalf of the Vicar and Mrs. Watson and all concerned, thanked the members for their appreciation and thanks.

There was further ringing afterwards in various methods.

UNDERGRADUATES' FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

On Friday, June 18th, at St. Mary Magdalene's, Oxford, by members of the University Society, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. E. Taylor (Kemble) 1, H. Miles (St. Catherine's) 2, S. Lester (Pembroke) 3, Rev. H. T. Wisdom (Exeter) 4, Rev. C. E. Wigg (Kemble) (conductor) 5, H. W. Horlock (Pembroke) 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 3 and 6, who are undergraduates.

APPRECIATION

TOWN HALL,
MANCHESTER, 2.

25th June, 1937.

"MESSRS. TAYLORS,

"BELLFOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH.

"DEAR SIRS,

At a meeting of the Town Hall Committee held on the 23rd instant, the Town Hall Superintendent reported that the work of installing the new bells in the Town Hall Belfry was now completed, and I am desired, on behalf of the Committee, to tender to you their sincere thanks for the very efficient manner in which the work has been carried out, and to ask you also to convey the thanks of the Committee to the workmen who were employed on your behalf.

Yours faithfully,

F. E. W. HOWELL,

Town Clerk."

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The claim of a band of the Essex Association to have rung the first peal on the bells of Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk, is not correct. According to a Suffolk correspondent, the first peal was rung on February 16th, 1803, when a band of the Ely Association rang a peal of Bob Minor, called by Mr. R. Gowers. 'These bells,' our correspondent adds, 'are a maiden peal and are just as they came out of the foundry, Osborn's, Downham, in 1788. They run the wrong way round.'

A successful week's ringing tour in Hampshire concluded on Friday, June 25th. Six of the eight peals rung were conducted by Mr. Frank Bennett, the others being called by Mr. George Williams and Mr. George R. Pye.

Twice the Rev. C. E. Wigg started to call a peal of Cambridge. At Hursley the rope of the fifth slipped after an hour's good ringing, and at Lymington somebody in the church below pulled the hammer that was used for service chiming right into the path of the tenor, which took it squarely with the inevitable result of stopping the peal. Fortunately the bell escaped injury, but the hammer was knocked clean out of its bolts.

We understand that the two historians of the party made their usual collection of notes on the backs of an apparently unlimited supply of envelopes. When these are deciphered, 'Ringing World' readers are promised a choice story!

The ringer of the fourth in the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs, reported in our last issue, was Frederick A. Forster.

The claim made for the first peal on the bells, at Marksbury, Somerset, on May 18th last, does not hold good. A peal of Minor had previously been rung there.

Three of the ringers who took part in the Coronation peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, at Wollaston on May 29th—Messrs. J. Bass, R. Matthews and W. Short—have now rung peals of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus, and Grandsire and Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The conductor of the peal of Treble Bob Royal at Isleworth on June 12th was Thomas H. Taffender and not as stated in our last issue.

A diary correction to hand. The joint meeting and social at Hillingdon between the Oxford Guild, Ladies' Guild and Middlesex Association will be held on October 16th and not October 9th.

VALUABLE BOOKS AT POPULAR PRICES.

CHEAPER EDITIONS OF 'BELLS THRO' THE AGES' AND 'HISTORY AND ART OF CHANGE RINGING.'

Ringers will welcome the announcement that Messrs. Chapman and Hall have published cheap editions of the two books, 'Bells Thro' the Ages,' by J. R. Nichols, and 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' by Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S. The new edition of each is now priced at 7s. 6d. and can be obtained through any bookseller.

The books, each in their particular sphere, when first published filled a place in bell bibliography which had long wanted filling. Neither subject had been really adequately covered in any one volume, and the student had, perforce, to glean his knowledge of bells and bellringing from many sources.

Mr. Nichols did a great service in bringing together within one volume the story of bells down the centuries, and, in the same way, Mr. Morris compiled an invaluable book of reference when he brought together the mass of information and records crowded into the nearly 700 pages of his history of ringing.

Equally Messrs. Chapman and Hall have now rendered a great service to ringers and the art of ringing by placing these volumes on the market at a price within the reach of a far larger circle of interested readers, both inside and outside the Exercise.

The volumes are complete reproductions, as far as contents are concerned, of the originals, and ringers who were unable to purchase the first editions will welcome the opportunity now presented of securing these books for their own shelves, for they are not only full of passing interest, but invaluable for reference.

BASINGSTOKE BELLRINGERS' FEAT!

STRANGE HAPPENINGS AT EAST HAGBOURNE.

We know that ringers do strange things at times, but until now we have never heard of them Morris dancing while they rang the church bells. But here is what a Berkshire newspaper printed the other day (the italics are ours):—

Members of the Basingstoke Bellringers' Society visited East Hagbourne on Saturday on their annual outing. At the tower of St. Andrew's they rang touches of Grandsire Triples and Cambridge Surprise. They were welcomed by the foreman of the tower (Mr. A. H. Webb). *During the ringing and after the visitors gave displays of country dancing and Morris dances round the Upper Cross.* The party danced under the direction of a special instructor, accompanied by their own music of violins and drums.

THE PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AT WYMONDHAM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Coles' inquiry, the peal rung at Wymondham on May 12th was erroneously described as a 'spliced' peal. In the records of this association the peal is written down as 'a peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Worcester Variation,' and will appear in our report for the current year as such.

NOLAN GOLDEN.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 426.)

LEEDS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

When the Council was called upon to decide the place of the next meeting, the President said the Standing Committee recommended that the Council should visit Yorkshire.

Mr. P. J. Johnson (Leeds) said the matter had been discussed in the past by the Yorkshire Association, who would rather the Council visited Leeds. Leeds was in the centre of some of the finest scenery in the finest county of England (laughter and applause), with some of the finest bells in England and some of the finest-looking ringers (laughter). He proposed that the next meeting of the Council be held at Leeds.

Mr. S. F. Palmer (Sheffield) seconded. He did not agree with all Mr. Johnson had said (laughter), because they had some of the best scenery in England round Sheffield and they had some fine bells.

The Hon. Secretary said that at their meeting on the previous evening the Standing Committee received an invitation for the Council to visit Leicester.

Mr. J. Harris, who proposed that the meeting be held at Leicester, said that although there were good bells in Leeds, they claimed to have better bells in Leicester (laughter). They opened, on Coronation Day, what they considered the finest peal of twelve they had ever heard, and they were the only city in the world, outside London, that had two rings of twelve. In Leicester also they claimed to have three town halls—a Roman forum, a thirteenth or fourteenth century town hall and the present town hall. If the Council would go to Leicester they would be sure of a good welcome.

Mr. J. H. Swinfield seconded.

The Hon. Secretary said the last meeting in Yorkshire was in 1904 and the previous meeting to that in 1895. There were only two occasions since the formation of the Council when they had been north of a line from Liverpool to Sheffield—York in 1904 and Newcastle in 1913. The last meeting at Leicester was in 1911.

Mr. C. Mee asked if they had not promised the Irish Association that they would go to Dublin. He thought it was time they considered that, and proposed that the Council visit Dublin next year.—Mr. Crawley seconded.

The President pointed out that next year it was, according to the general rota followed, the turn of the North to have a meeting.

The places were put to the vote and Leeds was carried by a large majority.

Mr. S. H. Wood suggested that the Council should consider visiting Edinburgh in the not too distant future—possibly the next time they went North. Although Edinburgh was a rather long way, it would be the first time the Council had gone over the border. While he could no longer speak for the Scottish Association, he was sure the Council would get a warm welcome from that association.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Several minor matters were discussed under the heading of 'Other business.'

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher proposed that the Council send a letter to the Ancient Society of College Youths congratulating them upon attaining their tercentenary (applause).

Mr. J. A. Trollope, in seconding, said his qualification for doing so was because he was not a College Youth and because to some extent he represented the only other society which could, in antiquity and historical interest, equal the College Youths—he meant the Norwich Scholars. It was not the fact that the society was 300 years old that mattered, but the Exercise was indebted to the society because during its 300 years of existence it had preserved the continuity of the art and science of change ringing. Without it, or something of the sort, change ringing would undoubtedly have lapsed, even if it had been invented. He did not suppose that anyone inside or outside a lunatic asylum would invent it to-day, but, having been invented as it was, the only way in which it was possible to continue it and hand it on was by means of such a society as the College Youths. The society had had its ups and downs, but it had, until modern times, always stood at the top of the Exercise and had been, so to speak, the aristocracy of the art, taking the position which, in much the same way, that Council filled at the present time. The whole Exercise was really indebted to the society, to the men who were dead and gone, for the science and art which they had to-day, and it was only right that that Council should offer its congratulations.

The motion was carried with applause, and the president (who is also Master of the society) said he would convey the good wishes to the College Youths. He was sure they would be much appreciated.

Mr. F. W. Rogers said he thought they might also congratulate the Ladies' Guild on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee this year.

In putting this to the meeting, the President said he felt, in doing so, he was getting a little of his own back on Mrs. Fletcher (laughter).

The motion was agreed to.

'RADIO' BELLS.

The Hon. Secretary said that during the year he had received a letter asking for the opinion and criticism of the Council on the subject of 'radio' bells, which were to be installed in certain churches. He wished to give the members the opportunity of expressing their views on this subject, which was becoming very important.

Mr. S. H. Wood said that there had recently been an article in the 'Guardian' on a new kind of 'carillon,' electronic in character. The first public demonstration had been given, and it was described as a new departure in the art of campanology (laughter). Mr. Wood said he thought they had got to be careful about these things. It was no good 'going off the deep end' about it. Personally, if he heard of a church being built which was not going to have a tower, or any chance of ever having a tower which would carry a peal of bells, he would much rather it had something of this sort, or 'radio' bells, so that it could provide some good bell music on a Sunday morning, rather than use one single bell, or no bell at all. There was, of course, the danger about such remarks printed in the Press as to it being the beginning of a new era in the art of campanology. For one thing, that statement was not true. Such an instrument could not have anything to do with campanology because it had no bells. He thought, however, that they ought to work in conjunction with the builders of this new instrument rather than against them.

Mr. Trollope said this development was probably done for organ work in cinemas, although, no doubt, the makers would like to sell it elsewhere if they could.

Mr. Cave said that at St. Christopher's in Bristol they used records and an amplifier and they heard the bells quite clearly where he lived. Many people had been taken in and thought a peal of bells was ringing.

Mr. Wood said there were actually three such cases in Bristol.

Mr. L. J. Williams said there were already four or five installed in the Blackburn district.

No action was taken by the Council.

A QUESTION OF PROCEDURE.

The Hon. Secretary said a suggestion had been received regarding motions of major importance, particularly those relating to what should constitute a peal. It had been suggested that such notices should be in the hands of the secretary of the Council six months before the Council meeting. The idea was that they should be circulated to associations some time before the Council meeting to give an opportunity to associations to discuss them and give their representatives some idea of what the members wanted.

Mr. J. Harris, who was responsible for the suggestion, said there was only one object in view and that was to enable associations to discuss matters of importance at their annual meetings. If they looked through the issue of 'The Ringing World' which was published the week before Easter they would find that eight of the big associations had their annual meetings on Easter Monday. Unfortunately, the secretary could not get the Council's agenda through to the representatives in time for those meetings. He thought it would relieve the secretary of a good deal of stress at the last moment if notices were in his hands some time before, and it would be better for all concerned. It could not be said there was anything so urgent that it could not be got in six months before, and if it was not important enough for that it was not worth considering. If longer notice were given every member of the Council could learn the views of his own members and everyone would benefit. He suggested that the last date for notice be December 31st.

The President said the Council would sympathise with what Mr. Harris had said, but he did not think they could pass it as a resolution, because it involved the alteration of rules.

Mr. Harris said perhaps it could be kept in view for future action if nothing could be done that day.

Mrs. Fletcher pointed out that many of the associations held their annual meeting just after the meeting of the Council. Her own Guild was an example. Their annual meeting was in July, and if they were to have a chance of considering motions, these would have to be in the hands of the secretary of the Council within a fortnight after the last meeting.

DONATIONS TO MEMORIAL FUNDS.

The President said Mr. George Newton, had he been present at the meeting, wanted to mention the project of raising a memorial to the late Canon Elsee. It was to take the form of an alteration to the tower of St. George's, Bolton, and he (Mr. Newton) added that he thought the Council would be glad to subscribe to the memorial.

Mr. T. B. Worsley said the Lancashire Association had had an estimate for the work. It amounted to about £450, and he was afraid that would be rather too much to raise.

Replying to a question, Mr. Worsley said the matter would come to a head before the next meeting of the Council and the scheme accepted or rejected.

On the motion of the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by Mr. E. A. Young, it was decided to vote the sum of three guineas to the scheme, if carried out.

The President said the Ely Diocesan Association had asked whether the Council contemplated providing any memorial to the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (the Council's honorary librarian), and whether, if they were doing so, the co-operation of the Guild would be acceptable. The President said the Council could not undertake anything, but if the Ely Association were prepared to do so he had no doubt the Council would be ready to subscribe. If the Ely Association went on with the scheme he thought the Council might contribute three guineas.

This was agreed to.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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RAISING AND LOWERING OF BELLS.

The President said some time ago the Council passed a resolution that bells should preferably be raised in peal, but if not it was desirable they should be raised singly and in order. He was afraid, in spite of that, in parts of the country bells were still jangled up anyhow. Not very long ago he went to the opening of a new peal of bells, and, getting there early, sat in the church. The ringers began to pull the bells up, and the lady who was with him remarked, 'What dreadful bells.' The bells were all right, said the President, but the local ringers started by pulling up the second and seventh together. It did not give the bells the best chance. He suggested that members of the Council, where possible, should get the Council recommendation followed. These little things did count with the public. Another thing which might be done in many places where there were ten or twelve bells and they were not all lowered in peal, but were let down anyhow. It would be better if the back four were dropped singly and the front six in case of ten and the middle six in case of twelve let down in peal, finishing with chiming the bells round. It would put a little polish to it.

MEMBERSHIP LIST TO BE ISSUED.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that in the case of some societies changes were made in representation and the alteration was not notified to him according to the rules. He was getting out a little booklet which he proposed to issue to every member of the Council. It would contain the names and addresses of all representative members of the Council, and if alterations were made without notification the book would be out of date before it was issued. He appealed to all members to get the secretaries of their societies to send him full information as far as representation was concerned.

The Hon. Secretary then reported that at that meeting there were 83 representative and 12 honorary members present, a total attendance of 95. Fifty-one representative members and four honorary members were absent. Nineteen societies were fully represented, 20 partially represented and 11 were unrepresented.

VOTES OF THANKS.

The President proposed an omnibus vote of thanks expressing gratitude to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House, to the Kent County Association for the tea which they were going to provide for the members and their friends, to Mr. Mitchell, hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, and Mr. Luck and the committee of the association appointed to make the arrangements for the meeting; also to Mr. T. E. Sone for undertaking the peal arrangements at the various towers, to the various church authorities who had given them the use of the bells, and to the towerkeepers; also to Mr. Martin Pearce, who had conducted members round the Cathedral.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

Mr. W. Ayre proposed a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary for the tremendous amount of work he had done in connection with the meeting.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who seconded, referred to the work which Mrs. Fletcher also had done, particularly in typing all the reports of the committees, which had been of great assistance to the members.—The motion was carried with applause.

Canon Coleridge proposed a vote of thanks to the president. They were deeply grateful to Mr. Lewis, he said, for the admirable manner in which he had conducted their proceedings (applause).

The President, in acknowledging the motion, which was carried by acclamation, said his task was greatly lightened by all that Mr. Fletcher did for them.

This concluded the business and the Council then rose.

Afterwards a large party were the guests at tea of the Kent County Association at the County Hotel, where, later, a social evening was spent. In the meantime there was ringing on bells at various Canterbury churches.

DEVON GUILD.

JOINT MEETING AT TEIGNMOUTH.

The Exeter and Mid-Devon Branches of the Devon Guild held a joint meeting at Teignmouth on Saturday, June 12th, when ringers were present from Exeter, Brampford Speke, Thorverton, Milverton, Ide, Kenn, Newton Abbott, Torquay, Buckfastleigh, Christow and Cockington, etc. Ringing commenced at St. Michael's Church soon after 3 o'clock, and a service was later held at St. Michael's, conducted by the Rev. H. S. Wyatt (Vicar), who based his address on the words, 'O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness.'

Tea afterwards followed at the London Hotel, and the Exeter Branch subsequently held a short business meeting.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of St. Michael's for the use of his bells and for conducting the service, to the organist for his assistance, and to Mr. A. L. Bennett, of Buckfastleigh, for making all the arrangements.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Dunsford and district on Saturday, September 4th.

The visitors afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing, some of the members also visiting the neighbouring parish of Bishopscote. The methods rung during the afternoon included Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

THE MINOR RECORD.

CHESHIRE MEN RING 73 METHODS.

As we briefly mentioned last week, the Chester Guild band, who are such experts at ringing Spliced Minor, have now increased the record to 73 methods in seven extents, and finally has, it is believed, been reached in one direction at least. This peal, rung at Fairfield, Buxton, on June 12th, contains the maximum number of Treble Bob methods which can be spliced into seven extents. Altogether there were 142 changes of method.

One of the two new extents introduced was arranged by Mr. A. G. Driver and contains 13 methods (Treble Bob and 3rd's Place Delight), with a change of method every lead. The other new 720 consists entirely of Surprise methods and was arranged from Mr. Driver's tables. The other 720's comprising the peal have been rung and published previously.

720 IN 13 METHODS.

23456	Chelsea Delight
—35642	Barham Delight
42563	Waterford Treble Bob
26435	Kentish Delight
63254	Chelsea Delight
54326	Melandra Delight
—42635	Berwyn Treble Bob
—23564	Chelsea Delight
64352	Melandra Delight
52436	Berwyn Treble Bob
36245	Berkeley Delight
45623	Barham Delight
—52364	Berwyn Treble Bob
64235	Peveril Delight
35426	Barham Delight
26543	Berkeley Delight
43652	Chelsea Delight
—35264	Oswald Delight
56342	Edinburgh Delight
64523	Beaston Delight
—42356	Berwyn Treble Bob
56234	Pembroke Delight
34625	Beaston Delight
25463	Barham Delight
63542	Chelsea Delight
—34256	Leasowe Delight
56234	Pembroke Delight
23645	Chelsea Delight
45362	Barham Delight
62534	Berwyn Treble Bob
—23456	

720 IN 6 METHODS.

23456	Lightfoot Surprise
—35642	Wearmouth Surprise
42563	Rossendale Surprise
26435	Rossendale Surprise
63254	Lightfoot Surprise
54326	Lightfoot Surprise
—42635	Wearmouth Surprise
35264	Rossendale Surprise
56342	Rossendale Surprise
—64235	Annable's London Sur.
35426	Annable's London Sur.
26543	Annable's London Sur.
43652	Annable's London Sur.
52364	Annable's London Sur.
—64352	Rossendale Surprise
45623	Rossendale Surprise
52436	Rossendale Surprise
23564	Stamford Surprise
36245	Stamford Surprise
—64523	Stamford Surprise
—42356	Lightfoot Surprise
56234	Lightfoot Surprise
34625	Lightfoot Surprise
25463	Wearmouth Surprise
63542	Lightfoot Surprise
—34256	Netherseale Surprise
62534	Netherseale Surprise
45362	Netherseale Surprise
23645	Netherseale Surprise
56423	Netherseale Surprise
—23456	

The holding of the record in the number of methods incorporated into a peal has alternated between Cheshire and Lincolnshire. Before the peal at Buxton, the Algarkirk, Lines, band held it with 70 methods, rung on December 5th last. During 1936 the number of methods rose to 57, 60 and 61 in Lincolnshire, which the Cheshire band capped with 66 and then 68, to be followed by the Lincolnshire total of 70, all in one year. Now comes Cheshire's 73. What about it, Lincolnshire?

BRIDAL PARTY RING WEDDING TOUCH.

MARRIAGE OF MR. J. E. BAILEY AND MISS J. M. THOMPSON.

The wedding took place at Swanscombe Parish Church on Saturday, June 12th, of Mr. James E. Bailey, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bailey, of Leiston, Suffolk, and Miss Jean M. Thompson, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thompson, of Swanscombe, Kent.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a dress of white satin beaute, with veil and wreath of orange blossom, and carried Madonna lilies.

Canon E. F. Campbell-Ward (Rector) officiated and Mr. N. Summerhayes acted as best man.

After the signing of the register, a bob-course of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells, in which the bride and bridegroom took part, together with their respective fathers, the best man and captains of Dartford, Swanscombe and Northfleet towers. The touch was conducted by the bridegroom.

Mr. J. E. Bailey, who is junior steward of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, is a member of the Dartford Parish Church and St. Martin-in-the-Fields companies of ringers, his father, Mr. James M. Bailey, being one of the famous 'Bailey brothers' of Leiston, Suffolk. The bride has been a member of the Swanscombe band for several years, and her father, Mr. A. J. Thompson, is also a member. The best man is the acting hon. secretary of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

The reception was held in the Parish Room, about 30 guests being present.

In the evening, some of the guests took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Northfleet, Kent, in honour of the occasion, and on the following Monday a peal of Double Norwich was rung at Dartford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey have taken up residence at 20, Swaisland Road, Dartford.

PEAL NOTES.

The present year is a noteworthy one in the church history of St. Mary's, Slough, where a peal was rung on June 12th in connection with the centenary of the church, which was dedicated in 1837. Not only is it thus 100 years since the church was opened, but it is also just 1,000 years since the original mother church of Slough, St. Lawrence, Upton, was built.

Other interesting anniversaries: Fifty years since the present Bishop of Buckingham, once Rector of Slough, was ordained; sixty years since Mr. W. H. Fussell, who took part in the peal on July 12th, rang his first peal at St. Mary's.

He has rung at this church for every royal event since—the accession of four sovereigns, the funerals of three, three jubilees, and three coronations. You must be getting old, Master William!

A wedding peal was rung at Maidwell, Northants, on June 19th, as a compliment to one of the local ringers, Mr. Charles Dixon, who was married on June 12th to Miss Dorothy Noble. Afterwards the ringers enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Dixon's hospitality.

A number of birthdays were celebrated by a peal rung at Sittingbourne, Kent, on June 20th, those thus honoured including three of the ringers and two of their daughters. One of the latter, Miss Doris G. Dobbie, was unable to take part in the peal through indisposition, and Mr. W. Spice took the vacant rope at short notice. Four members of the Dobbie family, however, rang the four back bells.

The peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung at Diss, Norfolk, on Sunday, June 20th, was the first peal in the method in the diocese of Norwich since May 16th, 1914, when a 5,024 was rung at Quidenham, conducted by the late Mr. Edwin Whiting.

The golden jubilee of the Church of St. Mary-Without-the-Walls, Chester, was celebrated on June 19th by a peal. Mr. Gilbert Gerrard, who took part, rang for the opening of the bells in 1887.

The half-peal end of Mr. Nolan Golden's composition of Double Norwich, published last week, should read 24356.

The peal of Bob Major at Eastwood, Rotherham, on June 15th, was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of St. Stephen's (the Rev. P. Kennedy), who was inducted the previous week, and also to celebrate the engagement of Miss Frey Shimmin to Mr. David Cedric Switson, both of Melbourne, Australia, which was announced just over a month earlier. Miss Shimmin is the only Australian lady ever to ring a peal. She took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Armistice Day, 1934, which was rung by six Australian and six English ringers.

The composition of the peal of Bob Major, which is believed to be rung for the first time, contains twelve 4-6-8 and twelve 6-4-8 courses, the rest being 4-7-8 or 6-7-8. It is by the late Mr. Arthur Craven.

Mr. R. T. Holding, of Crewe, rang in a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Acton, Cheshire, on June 12th, and thus completed peals of Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques in the method.

The first peal on the bells at Binegar, Somerset, was rung on June 14th. These bells, originally three, were increased to six, with a tenor of 9½ cwt., by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The first peal of Major on the bells at Bridgerule, Devon, was rung unexpectedly on June 16th. Originally the peal was arranged for Stratton, in Cornwall, where there is a Taylor eight, with 22 cwt. tenor.

When the band reached Stratton Church, however, they found workmen in possession, treating the roof for the death-watch beetle. Ringing is done from the ground floor of the tower, open to the church. To attempt a peal was out of the question. The fumes were overpowering and the workmen were using gas masks!

Straightway it was decided to try Bridgerule. The distance of about ten miles was covered in record time, permission was readily given, and a well nigh perfect peal was scored on this musical little product of the Croydon Foundry.

A peal of Double Norwich Major on Saturday, June 19th, at Oxhey, Herts, celebrated the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells. The late Mr. E. P. Debenham, so long hon. treasurer of the Hertford County Association, rang in the first peal on the bells; his son, Mr. G. W. Debenham, took part in the jubilee peal.

Mr. Andrew Powell, of Eardisland, Herefordshire, rang his first peal for 27 years on June 19th, when he rang the tenor to a 5,040 Grandsire Doubles, which commemorated the 20th anniversary of the institution of the Vicar, the Rev. P. A. H. Birley.

Jack Dear rang his first peal at the first attempt at the age of 14 on June 19th at Rushden, Herts. There are five bells in the tower, all cast by John Briant, of Herford, about the year 1786, and this is believed to be the first peal ever rung on them.

LATE NOTICE.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of the Sleaford Branch will be held at Ewerley, near Sleaford, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (10) of St. Andrew's Church will be open from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be served at the Hatton Arms. Will all those who require tea please notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Grove, Sleaford?

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT ENTERTAINED AT KIRK ELLA.

By the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. R. Foord, M.A., and the Parochial Church Council, the June quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at the pleasantly situated village of Kirk Ella, near Hull, on Saturday, June 19th, and was attended by over 40 ringers from Beverley Minster, Campsall, Cottingham, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hessle, Hull, Market Weighton, Poutefract, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Selby Abbey, Sutton-on-Hull and the local company, and visiting ringers from Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

Apologies for absence were received from the York Minster ringers, who were holding their annual outing, Mr. M. Walker, of Ulceby, Lincolnshire, and Mr. R. H. Vigor, of Sherburn-in-Elmet.

A short service was held in church, at which the Vicar gave the address.

Tea, which was generously provided by the church authorities, was held in the Memorial Hall, and was followed by the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided.

Three new members were elected—Messrs. M. Terry, of Hemingbrough, J. R. Whitehouse, of Cottingham, and A. Davies, of Market Weighton.

An invitation to hold the September meeting at Campsall was accepted.

Mr. Crier proposed and Mr. Pearson seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar, who, in his reply, welcomed the association to Kirk Ella. He stressed the importance of ringers being punctual in beginning ringing for church services.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies who served at tea, special mention being made of Miss Fox, daughter of Mr. A. H. Fox, captain of the local ringers and organist of Kirk Ella Church, for her kindness in coming from London in order to organise the arrangements for tea. Thanks were also accorded to the local ringers, and Mr. Dan Meadly responded.

Mr. Fox very kindly conveyed those present by car from the Memorial Hall to the church after the meeting, a distance of nearly a mile, owing to the showery weather.

Further ringing till 9 o'clock concluded a very happy meeting.

A special practice meeting is to be held at Hedon on July 17th.

DEATH OF VETERAN GLOUCESTERSHIRE RINGER.

Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association have recently lost by death one of their oldest and most respected members in the person of Mr. William Dyer, leader of the Charlton Kings Society. He had taught many in the district to ring, and had rung a good many peals from Doubles to Cinques, including Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and had conducted Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters.

Many ringers were present at the funeral. The bells were rung muffled and a peal of Stedman was to have been attempted. One of the band, however, failed to turn up and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was, therefore, rung at St. Mary's Church: W. Townsend 1, H. Holford 2, W. Yeend 3, G. Walters 4, T. Dyer 5, T. Boreham 6, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 7, R. Hemming 8. The whole pull and stand was rung 75 times, corresponding with deceased's age. The many floral tributes included one in the form of a bell from the association.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

YOUNG RINGERS AT BARDFIELD.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Great Bardfield recently, it being the first meeting to be held in the parish since July, 1931. The following twelve towers were represented: Chelmsford, Halstead, Boreham, Sudbury, Little Waltham, Dunmow, Greenstead Green, Great Bardfield, Sible Hedingham, Earls Colne, Springfield and Bocking. The Vicar (the Rev. K. E. Cartwright) conducted a service in the Parish Church, Mrs. Jackson being at the organ. Before his address the Vicar, on behalf of the churchwardens and parishioners, extended a warm welcome to all the ringers.

An excellent tea was provided by the Vicar, and, the weather conditions being favourable, it was arranged on the Vicarage lawn, 35 participating.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided, being supported by the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders), the district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) and the general secretary (Mr. L. J. Clark).

Three new ringing members were elected, and Witham was chosen for the next meeting in August.

The District Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his excellent address and kind generosity in providing tea. Thanks were also accorded the organist for her services.

In reply, the Vicar said it was a pleasure to hear their secretary speak of the young ringers taking part. He agreed that it was always encouraging to see young ringers in the tower and sticking to it with a view to becoming efficient. He was glad and happy that they had young ringers in Bardfield.

Mrs. Jackson also briefly replied.

Handbell ringing on the lawn was much appreciated and the ringers subsequently returned to the tower, where the following methods were rung: Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise.

NOTICES.**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

—The annual meeting will be held in Bath on July 3rd. Bells available: Abbey (10) 3 to 4 p.m. and 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.; Twerton (8) 3 to 4 p.m. and after the meeting; St. Mark's (6) 3 to 4.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service 4.30 p.m. at St. Mark's. Tea and meeting to follow. Other towers could be open if required. Free copies of 'The Glossary' available.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Solihull, near Birmingham, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-East Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Mistley (8 bells) on July 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea provided by the Vicar at 5 p.m. Arrangements have been made for bells at Holbrook-Sutton and Harkstead to be available, which are on the Suffolk side. Will all those intending to be present please let me know as soon as possible?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.

—Meeting to be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells from 2 p.m. Business at 6.45 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. — S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available: East Meon (8), Privett (8), Buriton (6) and Steep (5) from 1 to 3 p.m. and after the meeting, Petersfield (8) from 2 to 3.30 p.m. and after the meeting. Service in St. Peter's at 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow in St. Peter's Hall. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kibworth on July 3rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. A. Martin, Kibworth.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Wells on Saturday, July 3rd.—W. J. Eldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LADIES GUILD.—Central District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Tottenham Court Road, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Express Dairy. Business meeting to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited. — M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. — S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.

The next meeting will be held at Goldhanger on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, tea to follow. Tollesbury and Tolleshunt D'Arcy bells available during the evening. A special coach will leave the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, at 2 p.m. prompt, fare approximately 3s.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Church on Saturday, July 3rd. For tea please notify Mr. Wm. Biggen, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats, Sheffield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION, SHERWOOD YOUTHS AND LADIES GUILD.—Northern District. —Joint meeting at Newark, July 3rd, at 3 p.m. For tea (1s.) please notify Mr. W. Thompson, 86, Hatton Gardens, Newark.—I. B. Thompson and R. Towler, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.

—A bye-meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, July 3rd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For tea, notify S. Finn, Ivy Cottage, Brabourne. — P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Brington on Saturday, July 3rd. Usual arrangements. United Counties bus 2 p.m. and 3.10 p.m.—J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Albury, Saturday, July 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., West Clandon, Surrey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — Meetings for July: Service ringing, St. Clement Danes', Strand, July 4th, 10 a.m.; Bow, Cheapside, July 25th, 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', July 5th, at 6.45 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m.; July 19th, at 7.30 p.m.; Lambeth, July 27th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—That the quarterly meeting to be held on Monday, July 5th, to be a special quarterly meeting for purpose of altering Rule 26, of which due notice has already been given. — T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on July 6th; St. Magnus' on the 8th and 22nd; St. Andrew's on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 29th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SILVERTON, Nr. EXETER.—The bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Thursday, July 8th, at 7 p.m. The ring of six bells has been restored and augmented to eight, including new framework, by John Taylor and Co.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Stevington on Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half fare (maximum 2s.) will be paid to members attending this meeting. Please send your names in for tea to Mr. W. C. E. Goldup, Durlock, Ash, near Canterbury, not later than Thursday, July 8th.—B. T. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Summer Festival at Epsom on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (10) of St. Martin's from 3 p.m. Ewell from 7 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Numbers for tea must be sent to Mr. G. L. Grover, East Clandon, Guildford, not later than Tuesday, July 6th.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Guild office 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A large gathering expected. Please advise for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Staplehurst (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 5. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, July 10th. 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 6th, to Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Stansted on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye St., Bishop's Stortford

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Hendon on Saturday, July 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Please send your advices by July 7th. Nearest station, Hendon, on Edgware tube. Cheap tickets from all tube stations. Special Method: Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. Practice at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells) on Wednesday, July 14th, 7.30 p.m. Joint Herts and Middlesex meeting at Monken Hadley on July 24th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Rd., E.4. Tel: Larkwood 1959.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Leigh, the model village of Kent, with its interesting church, will, on Saturday, July 10th, be the meeting place of many ringers. You must come and join them. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 10th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m. in Wade Street School; to fully paid members 9d., to others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow. Please send word not later than Tuesday, July 6th.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harston on Saturday, July 10th, when the Vicar is extending a hearty invitation to all ringers to try the bells restored and augmented to a ring of six by J. Taylor and Co. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30. As the Vicar is also entertaining us to tea, I must ask for names of all intending to be present to reach me by Wed. July 7th.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Adderbury on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8). Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Banbury (10), Deddington (6), and by kind permission King's Sutton (8) on the Peterborough border, are available for ringers attending at Adderbury. Please let me know for tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual festival at Gorseinon, Saturday, July 10th. 12-2.30, tower open for ringing; 3, service at St. Catherine's; 4, tea; 4.30, business meeting. Let secretary know as soon as possible the number for tea.—L. T. Havard, 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—This branch meets at Kenninghall on Saturday, July 10th (not 3rd as previously arranged). Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. at the Red Lion, opposite the church, followed by business meeting. Also Quidenham (8 bells), 1 mile distant, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after meeting. A postcard with names or numbers for tea, please, by July 7th.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Branch Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please let me know if you need tea. A p.c. by July 8th will be enough. Methods to suit all comers.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Isham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Special business: Arrangements for branch outing. Please notify for tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton St. Philip on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, July 10th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall at 4.30. Bells available at 2.30. Sparsholt bells in the evening. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eaves on July 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Kent and Oxford T.B. specially requested.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —Monthly meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. Ringing after tea until 9 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. P. Cave, 3, The Rooley, Huyton, as soon as possible.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The annual shield contest will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 10th. Draw 2.45 p.m. First band to commence ringing at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Broadhead, Church Street, Cawthorne, by July 8th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Will all who require tea please send their names to Mr. J. Gilbert, 25a, St. Joseph's Road, Sheffield 9, by Wednesday, July 7th?—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Ambleside St. Mary's (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available at 2.30. Please notify Mr. T. B. Newton, Vicarage Road, Ambleside, for tea not later than Thursday, July 8th. All ringers welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1937, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 17th. Service in Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher: Bishop G. B. Allen, D.D. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 14th, after which date the business will be in the hands of caterers. Further particulars will be given on notices sent to guild towers.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in school 5.30. Business meeting after.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. —A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) from 3.30 and after tea. Tea, 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall. Buses 95 and 98 from Hayes and Hounslow pass the church.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The summer meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.45 p.m. Travelling facilities: Metropolitan, Baker Street, etc., direct to Pinner on Bakerloo and L.M.S. Stations to Harrow, thence by 183 bus to Pinner. Please notify me for tea by 14th. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—July 17th. At Abbots Langley. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

JUST A REMINDER.—Book the date for the annual dinner of the Lancashire Association at the County Hall, adjoining the Palace Theatre, Promenade, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Flixton, on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival, Jubilee Service and opening of the augmented peal will be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 3.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Chester. Tea at 4.30, price 1s. 6d. (tickets obtainable from the branch secretaries before July 15th) and annual meeting at 5.15. — Rev. M. H. Ridgway, Hon. Sec., Tarvin Vicarage, Chester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellington Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wiston (5 bells) on Sat., July 17th. Usual arrangements. Train to Castle Ashby or York's Easy Saloon from Wollaston 3.30 p.m. Names for tea important by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch. —A meeting will be held at Gt. Staughton on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6.30. Please come and help to make this meeting a success.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Festival at Soham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (10) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea in Vicarage garden, if fine, price 1s. each.—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

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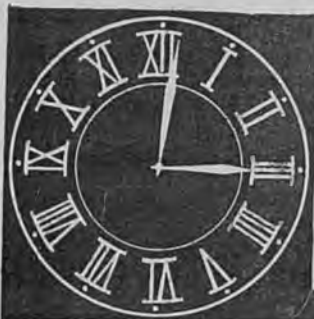
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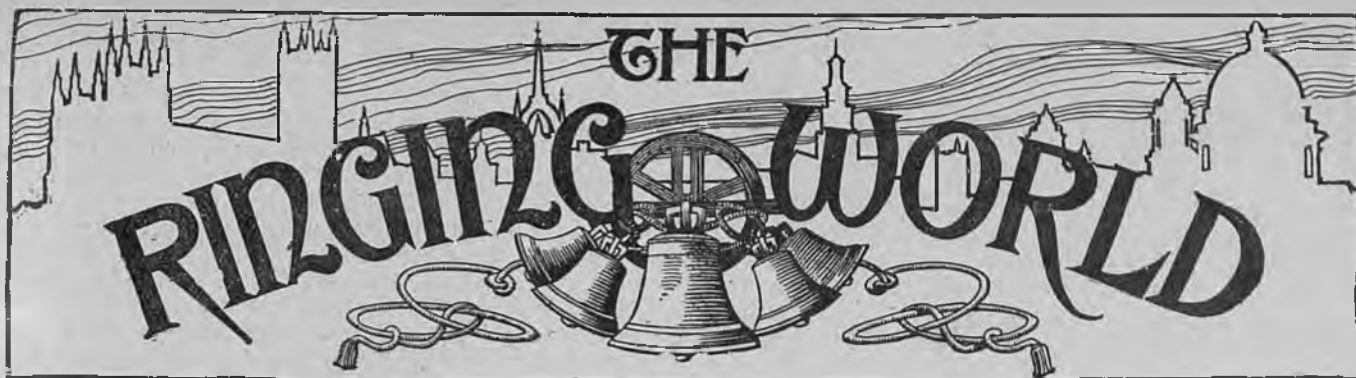
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inconsistency. This particular deletion was done quite casually, without apparently any real thought as to the logical result or the reason which lay behind its original introduction. Short of restoring the clause, the only sensible thing which the Council can now do is to rob Minor ringers of a privilege which, whether they have used it or not, has always been theirs. The wise thing for the Council to have done would have been to have kept the clause in this new definition and at some future time discussed the principle of these lengthening touches and dealt with the Minor and Doubles together and on the same footing. Actually the matter is not one of vital importance, but these slipshod methods of doing things do the Council no good in the eyes of lookers-on.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt. in D flat.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 6
* REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 7
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... 3	THOMAS H. RERVES ... 8
JOHN ANDERSON ... 4	RICHARD THOMPSON ... 9
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a loyal tribute on the birthday of H.M. Queen Mary.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 55.

Tenor 24 cwt.

DAVID VINCENT ... Treble	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 6
STEPHEN L. PARRY ... 2	ALAN J. BROWN ... 7
CHARLES RIDYARD ... 3	ERIC YATES ... 8
KEITH WELSBY ... 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 9
* PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 5	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... Treble	SIDNEY BREEZE ... 6
THOMAS E. DENYER ... 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 3	JAMES BENNETT ... 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 9
SIDNEY ELTON ... 5	* WILLIAM F. J. COPE ... Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH F. CHATLEY ... Treble	HERBERT G. MASON ... 6
HENRY HODGETTS ... 2	HAROLD V. FROST ... 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 3	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 8
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 9
FRANCIS KIRK ... 5	JOHN E. ROOTES ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by H. V. FROST.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)On Wednesday, June 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND Treble	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
HAROLD HOLFORD 2	GEORGE H. WALTERS 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	*THOMAS BOREHAM 7
CHARLES W. MARTIN 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN F. BALLINGER.
* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a Coronation peal for the parish of Prestbury.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION,

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	PERCY N. G. RAINEY 6
FRANK E. HAYNES 3	GEORGE E. FEARN 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM 4	HENRY H. FEARN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke, Bromley Common,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 5
WILLIAM G. GRACE 2	EDMUND MOUNTER 6
ALLISON PURDOM 3	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 7
FREDERICK E. PITMAN 4	JIM HURRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. E. LYDDIARD.

Rung in commemoration of the jubilee of St. Luke's Church.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

*GEORGE JOHN Treble	*WILLIAM POWELL 5
*MISS GWYNETH M. SMITH 2	JOHN W. JONES 6
LESLIE BAINHAM 3	*ROBERT SMITH 7
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS 4	*SIDNEY BAMFORD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.
* First peal of Triples and local ringers. First peal on the bells since they were augmented from six to eight. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Hopton Addams-Williams, a lieutenant in Spencer's Horse now serving in India.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHARLES BUTCHER Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 2	*ERNEST PARKER 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 7
CHARLES F. ANDREWS 4	GILBERT H. HARDING Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal in the method.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART,

Tenor 21 cwt.

WALTER NICHOLS Treble	ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH 5
MAURICE WARD 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
FRANK BROWN 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER 7
FRANK BRADLEY 4	*RICHARD BOWLER Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate Mr. H. R. Cobbin's 40 years as a ringer at St. Peter's.

RISHTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

A. YATES Treble	L. WILLIAMS 5
R. ATHERTON 2	J. GLEGG 6
*E. BRUNTON 3	L. J. WILLIAMS 7
F. READ 4	R. BALDERSTONE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by R. BALDERSTONE.

* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells after being recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Rung in honour of the diamond jubilee of the church, the recast bells being part of the renovation scheme.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH BAILEY Treble	ARTHUR BRAINES 5
R. ALLAN HICKTON 2	CHARLES GEARY 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	E. C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BIGGS Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
MISS D. R. FLETCHER 2	ROLAND BIGGS 6
*MISS K. E. FLETCHER 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE

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

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH JENNINGS Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL 5
*SYDNEY TAYLOR 2	MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 6
RONALD SUCKLING 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.
WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble | HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5
HARRY DAVISON ... 2 | GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... 3 | FREDERICK SEAGER ... 7
*KENNETH SIMPSON ... 4 | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... Tenor
Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS
* First peal in the method. A birthday compliment to Messrs.
G. A. Jowett and A. Armitage.

NORRURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.
JAMES FERNLEY ... Treble | JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 5
*MRS. JAMES FERNLEY ... 2 | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
†REV. FRANK BONNER ... 3 | JAMES A. MILNER ... 7
†C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 4 | JOHN WORTH ... Tenor
Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung
as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. Bonner, Mrs. Fernley taking
a rope at short notice.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.
ERNEST TREAGUS ... Treble | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
KEITH HART ... 2 | EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... 6
FREDERICK PAGE ... 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
EDMUND H. LINDUP ... 4 | ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... Tenor
Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 16 cwt.
JOSEPH LADLEY ... Treble | GEORGE RADLEY ... 5
REGINALD DORE ... 2 | †SIDNEY C. ROCHESTER ... 6
*MISS C. DITTON (aged 14) ... 3 | ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 7
GEORGE GRAY ... 4 | PERCY W. SANDERS ... Tenor
Conducted by A. J. HOUSE.

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

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS ... Treble | JOSEPH E. NEWMAN ... 5
MRS. J. THOMAS ... 2 | FRANK TUFFLEY ... 6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3 | †SAMUEL LOYNES ... 7
*LEONARD KINCHIN ... 4 | FREDERICK G. KINCHIN ... Tenor
Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. Rung as the Southern Branch
quarterly peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G sharp.
ROYDON DAVIES ... Treble | HARRY W. SIMMONS ... 4
WALTER CLAYDON ... 2 | FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 5
DANIEL W. COOPER ... 3 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.
WALTER BELCHER ... Treble | WILLIAM T. GOADBY ... 4
CECIL VEREY ... 2 | *JAMES W. ATKINS ... 5
FREDERICK G. BAILEY ... 3 | WILLIAM TALBOT ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. ATKINS.

First peal as conductor.

WINFORD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores in ten callings. Tenor 16 cwt.
RONALD W. TREASURE ... Treble | FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ... 4
WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 2 | HAROLD PARFREY ... 5
LESLIE B. COLES ... 3 | *EDWARD GILL ... Tenor

Conducted by H. PARFREY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor.

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(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising five 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Kent Treble
Bob, each extent called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.
HERBERT WOODS ... Treble | FREDERICK PEARSON ... 4
*PERCY MARKHAM ... 2 | *CYRIL WANDER ... 5
*GERALD SHORT ... 3 | P. C. H. R. WOODS ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT WOODS.

* First peal.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise,
Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal and Kingston. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROLAND HILL ... Treble | ARTHUR GILL ... 4
WILFRED TIBBLE ... 2 | GEORGE LORD ... 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3 | DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

WADENHOE, NORTANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

J. D. DEIGHTON ... Treble | A. H. MARTIN ... 4
H. J. BALCOMBE ... 2 | WALTER PERKINS ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 3 | CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS Treble	BARNARD PATMORE 4
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 2	ERNEST A. OVERALL 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE 3	SIDNEY CARTER Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two callings.

*SIDNEY SARGENT Treble	†CECIL BROWN 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	SIDNEY MUNTON 4
BERNARD SADDINGTON Tenor	

Conducted by M. HOBBS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

PLEASLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Grandsire, 10 different callings, and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob, four different callings.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN R. WILSON Treble	JOHN NORRIS 3
FREDERICK FLINT 2	J. READER 4
HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor	

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

* First peal and first attempt.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.
Tenor 11 cwt.

KEITH W. WHITTELL Treble	*SHELFORD SPARROW 4
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 2	*HARRY D. LISTER 5
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 3	ARTHUR R. WOODARD Tenor

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

A HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

Peals rung for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

SOUTHAMPTON.

On Saturday, June 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 2	*REGINALD A. REED 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 4	ARTHUR T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Surprise.

EAST TYTHERLEY.

On Monday, June 21, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	*REGINALD A. REED 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
*ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
LOUIS J. LOCKYER 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Double Norwich and at first attempt. Mr. Bennett's 1,400th peal.

HIGHCLERE.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*LOUIS J. LOCKYER Treble	ERNEST W. PYE 5
†ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	†REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Superlative. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg.

WHITCHURCH.

On Tuesday, June 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
*LOUIS J. LOCKYER 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside' and at first attempt.

ROMSEY.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND AETHELFLAEDA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

REGINALD A. REED Treble	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	*ERNEST W. PYE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
WILLIAM E. CHEATER 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Plain Bob and at first attempt.

MILFORD-ON-SEA.

On Thursday, June 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST W. PYE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

FORDINGBRIDGE.

On Friday, June 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

REGINALD A. REED Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 2	ERNEST W. PYE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

RINGWOOD.

On Friday, June 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	LOUIS J. LOCKYER 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	REGINALD A. REED 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	WILLIAM E. CHEATER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

FOBBING, ESSEX.—On July 2nd, at the Parish Church, 2,016 changes of Plain Bob Major: Wilfred Ockendon 1, Albert North 2, Arthur Ockendon 3, Miss C. Chinnery 4, Arthur Reeve 5, Frank Lufkin (conductor) 6, Harry Chinnery 7, Harry Smith 8. Rung on the occasion of the treble ringer's 21st birthday and his father's silver wedding.

VETERAN YORKSHIRE RINGER.

PRESIDES AT CLEVELAND ANNUAL MEETING.

Glorious weather favoured the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association when they visited Ripon on June 26th for their annual meeting. The fine day made the visit to this ancient city, with its lovely Cathedral and splendid peal of bells, a great pleasure.

The Dean of Ripon, a remarkably active man considering his 82 years of age, met the ringers at the Cathedral and gave them a hearty welcome to Ripon.

Tea was held at the Black Bull Hotel, when over 50 ringers and friends were present. In the unavoidable absence of the president, who sent a letter of apology, Mr. T. Metcalfe was voted to the chair. Mr. Metcalfe expressed his great appreciation of the honour conferred upon him. The secretary (Mr. J. Reed) voiced the congratulations of the company to the chairman on completing 60 years' service as a ringer and celebrating his 72nd birthday a fortnight ago by conducting a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples from the 7th.

Replying, the Chairman recalled some of his early experiences and the miles he used to cycle going to different places to ring. He hoped that others would get the same amount of pleasure out of ringing, as he had spent the happiest time of his life ringing.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were accepted unanimously. The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £28 10s. On the proposal of the chairman and seconded by Mr. W. N. Park, the secretary was thanked for his work during his first year of office. Mr. J. C. Pollard, of Middlesbrough, was re-elected president, and Mr. J. Reed, of Guisborough, secretary and treasurer. One new honorary member and three new performing members were elected. Certificates for the Sunday service ringing were presented to the winners, Tadcaster, and Ripon second, and it was hoped that more towers would compete this year. Meetings were arranged to be held throughout the year, September meeting at Ormesby, January at Northallerton, April at Richmond, and the annual meeting at Saltsburn.

A vote of thanks was given to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Metcalfe for presiding.

Ringings at the Cathedral continued until 9 p.m., the methods rung being Stedman Caters and Triples, Grandsire Caters and Triples, Kent Royal and Major, Double Norwich Major and Bob Major. Ringers attended from Whitby, Skelton, Saltsburn, Guisborough, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Darlington, Thirsk, Ripon, Tadcaster and Leeds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH MEETS AT REDDISH.

A meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. Elizabeth's Church, Reddish, when some 35 members and friends were present. The eight bells were requisitioned early in the afternoon and a variety of methods rung. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. W. Watson), who also gave a short address. The singing of the hymns was greatly assisted by the presence of the choir, and the accompaniment to the singing was upon the magnificent organ, an instrument which is quite in keeping with what may be considered one of the most beautiful churches in that part of the country.

After service, tea, partaken of in the adjacent schools, was followed by the business meeting. Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, the branch chairman, who presided, apologised for the Rector's inability to be present owing to other duties. The Rector had assured him that he was exceedingly pleased to welcome the Guild.

Reference was made to the passing to higher service of Mrs. W. Wilde, and those present stood for a moment in silence as a tribute to her memory.

There was very little business to be disposed of—a short report of the committee meeting, a strong recommendation to all to read the excellent article on Coronation ringing in the current issue of 'The Ringing World' and apply it to their individual cases, comprised the main points.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for permission to hold the meeting, to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, to the choir and the organist for their services, and to the ladies who so admirably attended to the needs of the company at the tables.

Further ringing then took place until a late hour and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford District held at New Romney on Saturday, June 19th, was attended by 30 members representing eight towers. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, two young members ringing their first touches on eight bells.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. F. Scott). Tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by a business meeting, at which the Vicar presided.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for taking the service, for the use of the bells and for his kindness in providing the excellent tea.

The Vicar was elected an honorary member.

FOR BEGINNERS.

HOW TO SET ABOUT CALLING GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

Many beginners in conducting make a start with Grandsire Triples and we have been asked to devote one of these articles to telling the novice how to set about it.

Let us say, first of all, that the man who aims at being a 'conductor' must endeavour to make himself something more than a mere 'bob-caller.' The real conductor shoulders more than the responsibility of putting in the bobs and singles at the right place. He must know whether the bells are right or wrong, so that he does not have necessarily to go to the end of the touch or peal before he knows if the bells will come round.

At first, perhaps, he will only be dead sure of his ground at certain intervals, when some definite change, which he has previously memorised, turns up. To do this he must be able to read the ropes, but it is better to be able to watch the bells working up to the required positions than to rely upon the eye at some particular fall of the ropes. One can be so easily deceived.

In cultivating the ability to watch the gradual development of the various positions of the bells, the conductor also acquires the knowledge and ability to correct mistakes if they should occur. It is easy, of course, to tell a man to dodge with him if the other ringer has shown that he is going to miss the dodge, but without a more extensive knowledge of the relative positions of all the bells it is not so easy to give prompt and definite instructions when, say, the conductor is on the front and the two bells behind are clashing in obvious uncertainty as to which should be the first to hunt down.

From this it will be seen that the young conductor must extend his studies beyond mere bob-calling. In plain methods, for instance, he should be able to observe the coursing order of the bells, that is the order in which the bells follow one another through the sequence of the work of the method and come to lead.

For example, in Grandsire Triples, with two bells plain hunting—the treble and another—there are five bells 'working.' The conductor should first know the order in which they are coursing, next he should be able to anticipate any change in this order which a bob or single will cause, so that when the call has been made he is certain that the bells have come correctly into their new positions, or, if not, is able to direct them into their right place without hesitation.

A ringer with good 'rope-sight' can easily 'pick-up' the coursing order of the bells, but the anticipation, which is so necessary to real conducting, is more difficult, because it involves an additional mental process. It means that the conductor must hunt his own bell correctly, at the same time remember the existing coursing order of the bells, and also be able to transpose them into the next sequence in anticipation of the call he is going to make.

The novice must not expect that he can do all this at once; the ability comes only by study and practice. Some of it can be acquired when other people are calling by a close observation of what is going on.

First of all, note the bell in the hunt, then look for the order of the bells following the treble and the bell in the hunt. In the plain course they are 3, 4, 6, 7, 5, and this cycle will be maintained until a call is made, the only variation being that the last bell in one lead becomes first in the next. Thus the first lead of 3.4.6.7.5 becomes 5.3.4.6.7 in the second and 7.5.3.4.6 in the 3rd and so on. This is brought about by the last bell in the series (having come to lead immediately in front of the treble) making 3rd's place and coming back in front of the rest.

When a bob is called, the transposition is different. The bell that has been in the hunt has then to be taken into consideration.

The bells as they course after the treble in the first lead are 2.3.4.6.7.5. If a bob is called the transposition moves the two last bells into position in front of the bell that has been in the hunt, and the first of these two becomes the new hunt bell, and can then be left out of consideration in the mental operations until the next call comes along. Thus a bob at the first lead changes the 2.3.4.6.7.5 order into 7.5.2.3.4.6; another bob at the following lead would make the coursing order 4.6.7.5.2.3; but a plain lead would make it 6.5.2.3.4 (that is, always remembering that the 7th continues to course after the treble).

As a first step to conducting, then, we recommend the beginner to study the coursing order of bells in touches which other people are calling, afterwards he can go on to the bob calling himself. We know that very often the process is reversed; that all the beginner troubles about is to call the bobs in the right place and leave the rest to luck, or somebody else. We, however, think that the most efficient way is to begin by understanding what the bells themselves are doing.

MISS E. J. C. ANGWIN'S FIFTY PEALS.

The following is a list of Miss E. J. C. Angwin's fifty peals, which have all been rung on a working bell except one of Grandsire Doubles on the tenor and one of Grandsire Triples on the treble: Grandsire Doubles 12, Triples 18, Caters 3, Stedman Triples 2, Plain Bob Minor 2, Major 7, Royal 2, Minor (3 methods) 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 2.

The peals have been rung under the following auspices: Truro Diocesan Guild 39, Devon Guild 3, Norwich Diocesan Association 4, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association 1, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association 1, Midland Counties Association 2.

DEATH OF MR. J. H. MIDWINTER.

Towerkeeper and a member of St. David's Church, Bangor, for 40 years, Mr. J. H. Midwinter died on June 26th after a short illness, aged 67 years.

At his native village of Charlton Kings, Gloucestershire, Mr. Midwinter learnt to ring. He had rung 62 peals, consisting of 1 Grandsire Doubles, 1 Minor, 23 Grandsire Triples, 8 Stedman Triples, 11 Bob Major, 8 Kent Treble Bob Major, 3 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 2 Superlative Surprise Major, 2 Grandsire Caters, 1 Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1 Grandsire Cinques, 1 Bob Maximus.

The funeral on June 30th at St. David's Church was conducted by the Rev. R. C. Jones (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. G. Hughes (curate). Handbells were rung at the graveside by T. Jones, J. G. Davies, A. E. Pegler, sen., A. E. Pegler, jun., who also acted as bearers, assisted by W. T. Pegler and A. Ferries (a great friend).

The bells were rung half-muffled in the evening by the local band and also ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, Mrs. G. D. Kelly, of Handsworth, Sheffield, and J. T. Bartram, of Misterton, Notts. Methods that were rung during the evening were Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and the whole pull and stand.

DARLEY DALE TOWER BEREAVED.

By the tragic and sudden death of Mr. W. E. Blagshaw, aged 34 years, the Darley Dale belfry has lost one of its most valued members. He was of a cheerful and pleasant disposition, regular in his Sunday service ringing and worship, a useful and willing member in all church activities.

Mr. Blagshaw was not a great peal ringer owing to his employment as a nurseryman and the distance he lived from the belfry. He had taken part in seven peals for the Midland Counties Association, but he was always ready to help in progressing the art of change ringing, being a good ringer in a number of plain methods; in fact, he was a good example of what a ringer should be. He will be long missed and remembered at Darley Dale.

His funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, July 4th, in the churchyard he loved so well. The Rector of Darley Dale conducted the service. Four of his fellow-ringers rang a plain course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside. For evening service on the day of his burial the tower bells were rung half-muffled to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the striking being very good, by R. Benton (first quarter-peal) 1, B. Allsop 2, V. E. Taylor 3, H. W. Gregory 4, H. E. Taylor 5, R. Allsop 6, G. R. Paulson 7, E. Paulson 8. G. H. P.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM MAUND.

Mr. William Maund, one of Warwickshire's oldest bellringers, passed away suddenly on June 29th. A man with a high sense of devotion to duty will be greatly missed by all, but by none more than by the members of St. John's Church, Coventry, where he had held the office of vergor for the last eleven years.

He was born at Whitbourne, Herefordshire, and his early ringing was done in that county. Later he went to Bridgnorth, where he rang three peals—two of Grandsire and one of Darlaston Bob Triples for the Hereford Diocesan Guild. He came to Coventry about 35 years ago, and was one of the pioneer members of the Warwickshire Guild when it was formed in 1907. Whenever duties allowed, he was to be found ringing the bells he loved, those of Stoke Parish Church, and it was at this church where he rang his seven peals for the Guild, three of Grandsire and four of Stedman.

The interment at the Coventry Cemetery was preceded by the funeral service at St. John's Church. With the little company of mourners, seven members of the Guild followed his body to its last resting place, and as a last tribute to his memory a course of Triples was rung over the open grave.

M. M.

BALLOONIST AND BELLRINGER.**MR. HARRY HENDEN DIES IN AUSTRALIA.**

An Australian paper records the death, at the age of 89 years, of Mr. Harry Henden, of Orange, New South Wales. He was born at Dartford, Kent. In 1873, says the report, Mr. Henden, was widely known for his daring balloon ascents in London and Australia. He made 230 ascents in all, including several in Sydney, Melbourne, and Orange, where he had worked for 52 years before his death as a watchmaker and jeweller.

'Mr. Henden,' the report adds, 'was also expert in the art of bell-ringing and was the oldest member of the ancient society of the London College of Bellringers. On the occasion of the diamond jubilee of his wedding, which he celebrated in Orange seven years ago, members of the society pealed the bells in London in his honour.'

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

At Leicester Cathedral Church of St. Martin, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques with half-muffled bells was rung on Saturday, May 15th, in memory of the late Canon Winckley, of this Cathedral, in 55 minutes: S. Cotton 1, L. E. Allen 2, H. J. Poole (conductor) 3, Dr. F. S. Poole 4, S. Cheney 5, C. F. Howitt 6, P. L. Harrison 7, H. G. Jenney 8, F. E. Wilson 9, A. I. Harris 10, F. H. Dexter 11, T. Taylor 12. First quarter-peal on 12 bells by 4, 5 and 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The William Pye memorial peal tablet will be unveiled and dedicated on July 20th at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. John G. Ames, Ringing Master of the Elloe Deauneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, was married on July 3rd to Miss E. H. Stocks, of Pinchbeck. The occasion was honoured by a peal of Bob Major.

As good as ever is the report sent of the handling of Mr. Alfred Lawrence, the 84-year-old member of the Christ Church, Swindon, band. On July 4th he participated in a birthday compliment quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. Another member of the band, Mr. W. W. T. Daniell, also received birthday felicitations, and the occasion was the first quarter of Stedman away from the tenor of A. G. Wells.

Connected with the bells of St. Deny's, Ibstock, for over 60 years, Mr. J. W. Hopkins celebrated his 84th birthday on June 24th. For 30 years he has been churchwarden. A touch of Grandsire Doubles, consisting of 840 changes—the 84 lead-ends being appropriate for his age—was rung by A. Overton 1, C. Verey 2, A. R. Tonks (conductor) 3, H. Tonks 4, J. W. Atkins 5, W. H. Ball 6.

More about veterans. Midsummer Day was the 78th birthday of Mr. J. A. Dixon, who has rung at St. Marie's, Sheffield, for over 60 years. Mr. Dixon took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Marie's on June 27th in honour of the event, the company consisting of J. Osgathorpe 1, F. Gates 2, A. Chaddock 3, G. C. Kibblewhite 4, J. A. Dixon 5, R. Harrison, jun. 6, R. Harrison (conductor) 7, H. Hurst 8.

There is a possibility that the bells of Prittlewell, Essex, where Mr. William Dudley has completed 50 years of change ringing, will be augmented to twelve. A firm of bellfounders have estimated for the work.

In honour of Mr. Dudley's golden jubilee as a ringer, a peal of Stedman Caters was attempted on June 13th, but unfortunately broke down after 1½ hours' good ringing. Another attempt, it is hoped, will be made later.

THE HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

A CHOICE STORY.

As suggested by the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' I am sending a couple of chapters with the hope that he may be able to spare room to publish same.

Chapter I.—East Tytherley.

'Time there was but it is gone;
'Time there may be—who can tell?
'Time there is to act upon,
'Help me, Lord, to use it well.'

Chapter II.—Sherfield English.

'All that pleases is but for a moment,
'All that grieves us is but for a moment,
'Nothing is important but that which is Eternal.'

Milan Cathedral.

The above lines may be read at the respective churches. Our visit coincided with the first day of summer, in glorious weather, amidst peaceful and picturesque Hampshire scenery, recalling a well-known poet's verse, 'Oh! to be in England, when the village bells are ringing.'

W. H. F.

BELLS SHOULD SOUND THEIR LOUDEST.

In his address to members of the Southern District of the Surrey Association at Bletchingley on June 26th, the Rector said that ringers should always ring their bells in such a good manner that the bells would always sound their loudest—the best praise to God. This praise should also be shown by ringers in their lives. The heart as well as the head should be in bellringing and then the message of the bells would sound all the clearer to people not thinking of God.

The 60 odd feet of draught and new ropes did not deter the ringers from making good use of the bells. Of the company of 25, members came from Lingfield, Buckland, Reigate, Redhill (St. John's), Mersham, Banstead and Uckfield, and the mobile section of the Northern District, headed by 'the broadcasting bellringers Nos. 1, 2 and 3.'

At the meeting sympathy was expressed with three members who were ill—Mr. Batten (Mersham), Mr. Fuller (Reigate) and Mr. Whitmore (Horley).

THE ADMIRATION OF THE EXERCISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On page 422 in your issue of June 25th is recorded a peal of Minor, the ringers of which have surely earned the admiration of the whole of the Exercise. I refer to the peal at Fairfield, Buxton, in the maximum number (73) of Treble Bob methods it is possible to ring in seven extents.

As readers of 'The Ringing World' will have observed, this band of Spliced Minor experts have been steadily increasing the number of methods in their peals, and their efforts have now culminated in this truly splendid achievement.

It reflects not only the exceptional ringing ability of the performers, but also their co-operation and loyalty as a band over a long period, qualities which are, in far too many cases, lacking at the present time.

It is the more remarkable that the band should have such widely differing ages, as to range from the youngest in his early twenties to the eldest in his sixties. Heartiest congratulations to them all!

Chalfont St. Giles.

IDA HAWKINS.

OUTINGS OF 1937 INTERESTING NARRATIVES.

IMPRESSIONS OF EAST ANGLIA.

WOODFORD RINGERS' OUTING.

Ideal weather favoured the Woodford ringers and their friends on June 27th, when a party of 32 visited some interesting churches of Suffolk and Essex. An early start was made to enable them to ring for the morning service at St. Mary's, Woodbridge.

True to time the bells were set going, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, not forgetting some 'call changes' for the learners, were rung on a very tuneful eight, tenor 25 cwt., all cast by Thomas Osborne, of Downham Market, in 1799. Well may Mr. G. J. Trotman, who welcomed the party, and his local band be proud of their bells which grace a lofty flint tower!

The next halt was made at St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, where Mr. Chinnery welcomed the visitors, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung on an excellent ring of eight, tenor 28 cwt., also cast by Thomas Osborne. The church, one of the largest in England, is full of interest, ranking with the Cathedral Church of St. James close by as outstanding Perpendicular edifices.

After the long fast had been broken at the White Lion, a short run brought the party to Lavenham, where Mr. A. Symonds, who figured in the Lavenham broadcast of a year ago, extended a genial welcome. This was indeed the 'climax' of the outing. The picturesqueness of the mediaeval cloth-exporting town is only excelled by the magnificent Church of SS. Peter and Paul with its rich sounding peal of bells, tenor 23 cwt. The tenor, cast by Miles Gray in 1625, must be the envy of all bellfounders! Touches of Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung and well struck. The tower, built about 1483 and rising to 141ft., is worthy of such a peal. No pains were spared to use the best of materials, and Barnac stone and Brandon flint are both in evidence. Strong buttresses give strength and beauty to this crowning glory of an outstanding edifice.

St. Mary's, Bures, was reached in time for touches of Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Minor to be rung prior to the evening service on a good going tuneful six, tenor 22 cwt., Mr. Bower and Mr. Ives joining in. The church, with its 14th century embattled and pinnacled tower, stands near the Stour and adds charm to a typical Suffolk scene. Tea was well served at the One Bell, and at the conclusion of the refreshing meal Messrs. S. Webb, F. Corner and C. Morss were specially thanked for arranging a most enjoyable outing.

The final halt was made at St. John's, Fincham, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung on a good eight, tenor 18 cwt., Messrs. H. Samms and D. Jennings, of the Bardfield band, joining in. The 12th century west door and the 15th century rood screen with its elaborate tracery are outstanding features of an historical church.

By 11.20 Woodford was reached and all quickly dispersed, having seen the country gaily bedecked with flowers and foliage, viewed from winding roads and charming hillocks, and having heard tuneful bells which peal from some of the most interesting churches of East Anglia.

HELMINGHAM RINGERS VISIT KENT.

On June 26th, the Helmingham band, with a few friends, making a party of 20, held their annual outing. A few minutes past 6 a.m. a start was made by motor-coach for Woolwich, St. Mary's Church being reached just after 10 a.m. A few good courses of Surprise were rung, then on to St. John's, Erith, where Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cross met them, and acted as guides for the rest of the day. Lunch at Dartford was followed by a visit to the tower just in time to ring a happy bridal pair out of church. The next call was Northfleet, and then to Gravesend for tea and the final ringing for the day. The methods rung during the day were London, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

At 7.40 p.m. we bid farewell to our guides at the Ferry and the drive home in the beautiful summer's evening was delightful. Home was reached about 11.45, everyone happy although tired, but St. Mary's bells were tapping off Cambridge and Superlative at the usual time on Sunday morning. The party thank, through 'The Ringing World,' incumbents for use of bells and towerkeepers for having bells ready, and lastly Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Cross for making the arrangements.

FIVE TOWERS VISITED BY BOLSOVER RINGERS.

Bolsover ringers held their annual outing on June 26th and had a very enjoyable day in the Derby district. Ringing took place at Rolleston-on-Dove, Burton-on-Trent, Overseale, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and Melbourne. The methods rung were Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Norfolk Surprise Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, Little Bob Major, Little Bob Royal and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

A pleasant event took place at tea at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, when the ringers presented Mr. John Flint with a walking stick, suitably inscribed, to mark the ringing of his 500th peal which he conducted on Coronation Day at Bolsover. Glowing tributes were paid to Mr. Flint's efforts on behalf of the Exercise both at Bolsover and in the district, and the ringers showed their gratitude for the excellent way in which he carries out his duties as captain and tutor of the local band.

YORK MINSTER RINGERS AMID THE DALES.

York Minster ringers repeated last year's outing to Derbyshire for their 'annual' on June 19th, when a party of 18 had a most enjoyable day. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. S. F. Palmer, who met the company on arrival at Sheffield with a luxurious coach, fitted with knee rugs and wireless, and acted as guide, philosopher and friend throughout the journey.

Hope was our first stopping place, which was reached via Fox House, The Surprise and Bamford. The Surprise View, met unexpectedly, was a lovely sight right across the valley, with well-wooded country beyond. It was well worth the two or three minutes we stopped to take it all in. At Hope we were met by Mr. B. Hadfield, and soon the bells were going to Stedman Triples and Bob Major. They are a nice light peal of eight, and we thoroughly enjoyed our ring, more especially as we were given to understand that previously permission for visitors to ring on these bells was unobtainable.

From Hope to Tideswell, where dinner was provided at the George Hotel (proprietor, Mr. James Buckley), and an excellent dinner it was. During the 'courses' fresh salmon ('surprise') came on and we went to the extent (of the salmon). After grace a course on handbells was rung for the benefit of the local customers. It was a really beautiful drive to Ashover, travelling through Taddington, Dale, Bakewell, via Gallia Dale, Crowfoot and Matlock. Here ringing was arranged by Mr. A. W. H. Bowler. The tenor is approximately 18 cwt., and the difference between the 7th and tenor is about 8 cwt. Nevertheless, they are a nice musical peal. The third bell dates back to 1625 and the 7th to 1630, quite the most ancient bells that any of our party had been privileged to handle.

At both Hope and Ashover a wedding had just taken place previous to our ringing. At Ashover we stood on one side until the man with the camera had taken the wedding party. Then we did our bit on the bells—no, it didn't lead to anything! and we hope neither of the respective brides or bridegrooms' health will suffer in consequence.

Back to Matlock, where a substantial meat tea was provided (by W. H. Moore and Sons). After tea most of the party made their way up to the church there, where Messrs. Victor and E. Taylor kindly met us and had all ready. The very steep hill to the church was accomplished by our 84-year-old colleague (Mr. A. Haigh) in good style. Some good touches in various methods were rung, the bells running very well. Four of our party decided on a game of bowls instead of the climb up to the church, but, unfortunately, it was a 'Crown' green instead of their accustomed 'flat.' We accepted with some reserve the 'fine ends' they played, especially as one of them would persist in playing wrong 'bias.' Nothing transpired on the journey to Sheffield except we ran past The Peacock at approximately 20 miles per hour. There wasn't time!

The train journey was enlivened by some courses on the handbells and we arrived back to York at 10.50 after a most enjoyable day. I take this opportunity of saying 'Thank you' to the incumbents of the churches visited for permission to use their bells, and also to the gentlemen previously mentioned for meeting us and making arrangements which contributed largely to the success of our outing.

T. F. E.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE RINGERS' OUTING.

Ideal weather conditions, ringing in four towers and a jolly party made the outing of the Weston-super-Mare bellringers memorable on June 19th.

After calling at Bristol to pick up Mr. W. H. Thomas, the party of 30 was welcomed by Mrs. Onkhill, wife of the local captain at Wotton-under-Edge, where ringing was enjoyed at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.

Lunch at the Falcon Hotel, Painswick, was followed by ringing in this famous church and a cordial welcome by Mr. Goulding, the local captain. At Great Malvern, the party were greeted by Mr. J. C. Lawrence, local captain of the ringers at the Priory Church, and the ringing was most pleasurable. A saunter round the town followed tea. On the homeward trip a halt was called at Deerhurst, where Mr. W. Bartlett, the captain of the ringers of the quaint old Church of St. Mary, received the party, and more ringing enjoyed. Supper was served at the Montague Hotel, Bristol, and Weston was reached at 12.45 a.m. Thanks are due to Messrs. Poplun and Minifie for making the arrangements.

FAKENHAM COMPANY IN FENLAND.

Accompanied by the Rector (the Rev. Dr. E. F. Morison) and members from Dersingham, Sculthorpe and Gressenhall, the Fakenham company held their annual outing on June 12th.

Their tour took them through Swaffham, Brandon, Mildenhall and Soham to Ely in the morning, where lunch was served at the Bell Hotel and the Cathedral was visited. In the afternoon the party continued on through Littleport, Hilgay and Denver to King's Lynn. Tea was very kindly provided by Archdeacon Ward at Hilgay. The members enjoyed touches in various methods on the bells of each church visited.

A DAY IN THE WEST.

LONDON RINGERS' EXPERIENCES.

Nine kindred spirits of the London County Association—Messrs. Waugh, Cousins, Brightley, Cockey, Start, Shorter, Murrell, Richards and Cannon—tell this story of their outing to Somerset and Wiltshire on June 27th.

Headed by the famous red sports model, the party left London at 6.45 a.m., and 3½ hours later had accomplished the journey to Wells Cathedral.

This famous peal of ten, tenor 56½ cwt., was soon rung to Grandsire, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. The party were joined by Messrs. Melville and Stote from Coventry, always welcome visitors. The funny incident of the day occurred here. An electrical engineer from Essex and a tower-grabber from South-West London were deputed to ring the tenor to some Stedman. By some mistake the 'man on the box' had hold of the strapping rope and the 'strapper' had hold of the tail end. The result on pulling off was that the uppermost ringer had about 5ft. of slack, and the poor strapper was just able to hold the extreme end of the tail end! Amid laughter, the ropes were changed over and no damage done. No names are mentioned, but suffice it to say that they both wore 'plus-fours'!

After saying farewell to the local ringers and taking lunch, a move was made to Wedmore, and this fine peal of eight, tenor 30 cwt., were much enjoyed to Cambridge, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire. These bells are similar to St. Lawrence Jewry, both rehung by Mears and Stainbank. Mr. William Hibbert was in the district and rang Cambridge with the party.

Leaving the village at 2.15 p.m., the journey was continued through the beautiful Cheddar Gorge. Wending their way over the Mendip hills, through Chewton Mendip, Wells and Frome, the next tower, Westbury, Wilts, was reached at 4.15 p.m. Mr. R. H. Newton met us, and we heard these fine bells to advantage in Cambridge. Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman. The tenor is 35 cwt., the second heaviest eight in the country.

The last tower of the day, Trowbridge, was reached at 5.30 p.m., and Mr. Samuel J. Hector and his merry men gave us a hearty welcome. This handy little ring of 12, tenor 24 cwt., were soon tapping out Stedman Cinques, Grandsire Cinques and Caters, and even the veriest tyro should be able to ring 12 bells here with little difficulty. Thanks and farewells were exchanged and supper taken at the King's Head. The homeward journey started at 7.45 p.m., and singing and exchanging pleasantries with village 'belles' helped to pass the time away. A stop was made at Thatcham to settle expenses and thanks accorded Mr. Waugh for his excellent arrangements. A. F. C.

UNIVERSITY OUTING FOR CAMBERWELL RINGERS.

The St. Giles', Camberwell, Society held their outing on Sunday, June 27th, at Oxford, leaving Paddington in the morning by train, and were met at the station by Mr. R. A. Post, who was responsible with the help of Mr. Bennett, secretary of the Oxford Society, in a hectic but thoroughly enjoyable day being spent.

The party were shown round many interesting colleges and a brief history told of them. Particularly delighted were we when we visited Christ College to be shown the Bellringers' Corner, where the memorials to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and the Rev. F. E. Robinson are to be seen. In the afternoon permission to ring on the bells of Merton College was obtained, in which we were successful in bringing round touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. By changing the exercise we rowed to Ilfley for a brief ring on the peal of six at St. Mary, Ilfley, and, returning to Oxford, rang for evening service at St. Giles' Church touches of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Major. Between this and 7.15 p.m. the next tower arranged for our benefit, we managed to secure a little tea and light refreshment, then we made our way to the tower of St. Mary the Virgin, Oxford, a beautiful ring of six, which were set going to Kent and Cambridge Minor. On leaving the tower we had but three-quarters of an hour left to ourselves out of the whole day in which to make our way back to the station for train to London.

We wish to thank most gratefully both Mr. Bennett and Mr. Post for the arrangements made on our behalf, which we think could not be improved upon, and to the clergy concerned in allowing us to ring on their bells at the various times and to our brother ringers for making us at home. T. W. T.

IPSWICH RINGERS VISIT ESSEX.

St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, decided for their annual outing on June 26th to ring on some of the well-tuned bells of Essex, viz., Great Baddow, Rayleigh, Prittlewell, Hornchurch, Brentwood, Chelmsford Cathedral.

At Rayleigh there was the pleasure of meeting an old Ipswich friend in the person of Mr. G. F. Margetson, who is in his 88th year, and rang a course of Kent Treble Bob Major with Mr. Bob Brundle, in his 86th year, and three generations of Tilletts. All the usual plain methods and four Surprise methods were rung during the day, finishing up with (as a splendid finale) a course of Superlative Surprise Maximus on the 12 good bells at Chelmsford. Home was safely reached at midnight after an 18 hours' journey.

This society wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank all steeplekeepers and others for their co-operation in making the outing so successful and enjoyable.

HESTON RINGERS IN HAMPSHIRE.

SURPRISE TWICE.

So popular has the Heston ringers' Whit Monday annual outing become that the usual 32-seater coach was found to be totally inadequate. Two members (Messrs. Bird and Cattermoul), therefore, very kindly drove their own cars to convey the overflow. A start was made at 9 a.m., the coach being suitably decorated for the Coronation. The peals of eight rung on during the day were at Shalford, Grayshott, Privett, New Alresford and Farnham. Lunch was taken at the Fox and Pelican, Grayshott—some preferred it 'al fresco' on the village green.

Six of the ringers shared the bob-calling and five towers were numbered among the guests. Ross-on-Wye can certainly call humble Grandsire Triples, Chiswick (who have made rapid progress in their ringing) suggested Cambridge Major, at which surprise was expressed, but they can sing and sleep well. Isleworth tried to teach Twickenham Oxford Bob Triples, but the lady's blackboard was missing, and he who was being taught always learns by diagram. Putney has at long last rung a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Much Stedman, Bob Major (with vocal accompaniment) and Double Norwich were also rung.

Heston produced an insistent carillon player and an outing secretary with a hustle but without whip. The wives (bless 'em all) caused him a spot of bother at Privett when they asserted their women's rights by ordering cups of tea at a cottage just when the party were due to leave this more than delightful spot.

The Vicar of Heston, who always enjoys the company of bellringers, motored down to New Alresford to be one of the 49 who sat down to a meat tea at the Bell Hotel, but where was the bread? Unfortunately, the Rector of Alresford could not stay to the tea, but he looked in to say 'a quick one' by giving the invaders a warm welcome to his parish and hoped they had had a good day at their ringing. The Vicar of Heston, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Rector for the use of such a beautiful peal of bells over and above the allotted time.

Before the coach left on its return journey 'surprise' was sung at the call of Mr. H. C. Chandler, and the outing secretary learned, for the first time in his life, that he was a jolly good fellow.

The home tower was reached at 11.30 p.m., when the company fell into the arms of the law, the only person to be seen being a member of the Police Guild, who, perforce, had to be on duty during the day and consequently was unable to participate in the 'best ever' Heston outing.

All the peals rung on were perfect going eights, especially Shalford and Privett, and the best thanks are due to all towerkeepers who met the visitors, also the incumbents who so readily gave permission to ring. W. F. E.

AMONG SUSSEX VILLAGE TOWERS.

SURREY RINGERS' VARIED EXPERIENCE.

A number of Surrey rural towers was visited by a party of Surrey ringers from Mersham, Chariwood and Buckland, who joined forces for an outing. As a result they gained a varied experience and spent a very enjoyable day, the pleasure of which was enhanced by glorious weather and a drive through some very beautiful country. Anticipated difficulties at Hartfield were quickly dispelled and the ringing on the handy little peal of six greatly pleased the visitors. At Wadhurst, however, they found it rather disconcerting to ring on bells with the circle anti-clockwise, and as a result the ringing was not all that could be desired. Burwash, once the home of Rudyard Kipling, provided bells even more difficult to handle. A very short draught and thick sallies which bounced off the beams of the ceiling overhead did not help matters, but the handicaps were more than discounted by the warm welcome offered by the captain of the local ringers, Mr. Douch.

After lunch at the Bear Hotel, the journey was continued to Warbleton, where some excellent ringing was done on some lovely bells, and then to Hellingly, where tea was partaken of after ringing. Loughton with another good six and Ringmer with its fine eight brought the ringing programme to a close. At the latter place the Vicar is the Rev. A. H. Robinson, formerly Rector of Mersham, and naturally the ringers received a very warm welcome from him. Ample light refreshments were awaiting the party on the Vicarage lawn, and the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson was much appreciated.

MALDON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of All Saints' Church, Maldon, Essex, together with their wives and friends, went for their annual outing on Saturday, June 19th. Starting from Maldon at 7.30, they first visited Finchamfield, where the first stop was made and the bells were soon going merrily in Stedman, Kent and Bob Major, while the fair sex had a look round the village, which is one of the beauty spots of Essex. At Saffron Walden the party were met by Mr. Pitstow and afterwards by the Vicar (the Rev. Hughes), formerly Vicar of Maldon, who gave them a hearty welcome to his church. After an enjoyable ring on the bells, a move was made to Cambridge, where lunch was partaken of at the Dorothy Cafe. This was followed by a ring on the heavy peal of bells at the Roman Catholic Church. After tea at Royston, the party went on to Sawbridgeworth, where they were met by some of the local ringers and some good ringing was much enjoyed. Home was reached at 11 p.m.

PEAL NOTES.

It was appropriate that the first peal on the newly-augmented ring at Llanfrechfa, Monmouthshire, should be rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Lieut. Hopton Addams-Williams, of Spencer's Horse, who is now serving in India.

One of the two new bells to make the octave was given by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Addams-Williams, to mark his coming of age. The other new bell commemorates the Coronation of King George VI. Five local ringers took part in the peal and it was their first peal of Triples.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Rishton, Lancs, on June 23rd, was the 200th peal for the Lancashire Association by L. J. Williams.

A peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor at Donington, Lincs, on June 19th, was conducted by Mr. Herbert Woods, the 71-year-old verger of the church.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Drighlington, Yorks, on June 26th, was the 50th occasion the conductor (Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris) has 'turned in' the tenor to a peal.

The centenary of Queen Victoria's accession to the Throne was remembered at Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks, by a peal of Treble Bob Minor. It was also a birthday compliment to A. Panther.

Congratulations to Miss C. Dutton, aged 14, who rang her first peal in Grandsire Triples away from the treble at Hertford on June 26th. By this peal Mr. G. Gray 'circled' the tower.

Another association with Queen Victoria was the peal at Little Munden, Herts, to commemorate the first peal on the bells on Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, in which the brothers Lawrence rang their first peal.

While participating in the Hampshire tour, Mr. Frank Bennett recorded his 1,400th peal. The peals at St. Michael's, Highclere, and All Saints', Milford-on-Sea, were the first peals of Superlative on the bells. Cambridge in peal form was introduced for the first time at St. Michael's, Southampton, and All Hallows', Whitechurch.

PRESENTATION TO MR. H. R. COBBIN.

The St. Peter's, Nottingham, ringers met on June 22nd to honour their Ringing Master, Mr. H. R. Cobbin, who had completed 40 years as a ringer, and the last 20 years as their leader. The gift was a silver bell inkstand, which bore the inscription, 'To H. R. Cobbin, Esq., Ringing Master. Presented by the ringers of St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, as a mark of esteem and appreciation, and to commemorate 40 years of faithful service. June 22nd, 1937.'

In the name of the company, Mr. J. A. Barratt handed over the gift, alluding to the esteem in which he was held by all, and to the fact that he had completed 40 years as a ringer that very day.

Mr. M. Ward (honorary member) said Mr. Cobbin commanded the respect of all and they hoped he would be spared many years to continue in office. He wished to assure him of their continued loyalty. Mr. R. Narborough, Ringing Master at St. Mary's, expressed the best wishes of St. Mary's ringers and congratulated Mr. Cobbin on the attainment of such a remarkable record.

Mr. Cobbin said the gift would recall many pleasant and happy associations with past and present ringers. 'I have had the maximum amount of pleasure out of ringing,' he declared, 'and especially in this tower.' He greatly appreciated the spirit that prompted the gift. A start was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, but it came to grief owing to the second rope breaking after ten minutes' ringing. A peal of Grandsire was successfully brought round.

RINGERS' WEDDING.

The marriage of Mr. Reginald Bray and Miss Vera Cooper, both members of St. Margaret's Church bellringers, Uxbridge, took place on June 6th. The bridegroom rang his last quarter-peal as a benedict before morning service, those taking part being G. Gutteridge 1, R. Bray 2, Edna Bedford 3, E. Hancock 4, S. Childs 5, G. Blake 6, C. Nichols 7, F. Corke (conductor) 8. The wedding took place in the afternoon and after the ceremony the local ringers 'fired' the bells and rang touches.

LATE NOTICES.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham, by July 21st?—A. H. Smith, F. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

RINGERS visiting Oxford are cordially invited to St. Martin's and All Saints', High Street (8 bells), on Sundays at 10.30 and 6 p.m. Practices on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Also to St. Mary the Virgin, High Street (6 bells) on Sundays at 7.15 p.m.—Foremen: All Saints', W. S. Judge, 54, Tempnar Road, Summertown, Oxford; St. Mary's, A. C. Hall, Pembroke Street, Cowley Road, Oxford.

NOTICES.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Stevington on Saturday, July 10th. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Half fare (maximum 2s.) will be paid to members attending this meeting.—B. T. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Summer Festival at Epsom on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (10) of St. Martin's from 3 p.m. Ewell from 7 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. — The summer meeting will be held at Wyke Regis on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Guild office 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A large gathering expected. Please advise for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Staplehurst (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 5. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows.—Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage Yateley, Hants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Stansted on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — The next meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eaves on July 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Kent and Oxford T.B. specially requested.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton St. Philip on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) AND EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A joint meeting of the above will be held at Lingfield (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—W. Claydon and B. Saunders, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A special meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, July 10th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Church Hall at 4.30. Bells available at 2.30. Sparsholt bells in the evening.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Meeting at Hendon on Saturday, July 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Nearest station, Hendon, on Edgware tube. Cheap tickets from all tube stations. Special Method: Double Stedman Slow Course Minor. Practice at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells) on Wednesday, July 14th, 7.30 p.m. Joint Herts and Middlesex meeting at Monken Hadley on July 24th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel.: Larkwood 1959.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Leigh, the model village of Kent, with its interesting church, will, on Saturday, July 10th, be the meeting place of many ringers. You must come and join them. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 10th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 p.m. in Wade Street School; to fully paid members 9d., to others 1s. 3d. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Harston on Saturday, July 10th, when the Vicar is extending a hearty invitation to all ringers to try the bells restored and augmented to a ring of six by J. Taylor and Co. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury and District Branch.—Annual meeting at Adderbury on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (8). Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Banbury (10), Deddington (6), and by kind permission King's Sutton (8) on the Peterborough border, are available for ringers attending at Adderbury.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Annual festival at Gorseinon, Saturday, July 10th. 12-2.30, tower open for ringing; 3, service at St. Catherine's; 4, tea; 4.30, business meeting.—L. T. Havard, 2, Harp Terrace, Brecon.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—This branch meets at Kenninghall on Saturday, July 10th (not 3rd as previously arranged). Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. at the Red Lion, opposite the church, followed by business meeting. Also Quidenham (8 bells), 1 mile distant, 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after meeting.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Branch Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

HARSTON, Nr. Cambridge.—Ringers' Day, Saturday next, July 10th. New ring of six by John Taylor and Co.

LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—Edith K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Great Gaddesden, Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Methods to suit all comers.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Monthly meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. Ringing after tea until 9 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ambleside St. Mary's (8 bells) on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available at 2.30. All ringers welcome.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Sleaford Branch will be held at Ewerby, near Sleaford, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells (10) of St. Andrew's Church will be open from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be served at The Finch-Hatton Arms. Will all those wishing to have tea please notify Mr. H. S. Hinkins, Elmside, 41, The Drove, Sleaford?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley (St. Mary's R.C.), July 10th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Outstanding subscriptions are now due.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec., 2, Oak Cottages, Coupe's Fold, Clayton-le-Woods, near Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bacup, on Saturday, July 10th. Bells available from 6 p.m. All welcome.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for Sunday evening service at St. Bride's Fleet Street, on July 11th and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on July 25th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcomed. The usual monthly practice at Shoreditch has been cancelled this month only, owing to its proximity to the Bank Holiday week-end.—N. Summerhaves, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A combined practice is arranged for Harpenden on Tuesday, July 13th, from 8 to 9.30 p.m.—W. Nash and H. V. Frost.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 22nd; St. Andrew's on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 29th 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, 1937, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 17th. Service in Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher: Bishop G. B. Allen, D.D. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, 2s. each to members, 3s. each to non-members. All applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach general secretary not later than Wednesday, July 14th, after which date the business will be in the hands of caterers. Further particulars will be given on notices sent to guild towers.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in school 5.30. Business meeting after.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nailsea on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Wraxall bells also available during the evening.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Abbots Langley, Saturday, July 17th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Nearest station 1 mile. Bus stop near church. Excellent service from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival, Jubilee Service and opening of the augmented peal will be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 3.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Chester. Tea at 4.30, price 1s. 6d. (tickets obtainable from the branch secretaries before July 15th) and annual meeting at 5.15. — Rev. M. H. Ridgway, Hon. Sec., Tarvin Vicarage, Chester.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The summer meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.45 p.m. Travelling facilities: Metropolitan, Baker Street, etc., direct to Pinner or Bakerloo and L.M.S. Stations to Harrow, thence by 183 bus to Pinner. Please notify me for tea by 14th. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath.

JUST A REMINDER.—Book the date for the annual dinner of the Lancashire Association at the County Hall, adjoining the Palace Theatre, Promenade, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Flixton, on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Langport on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Huish Episcopi bells will probably be available. Please notify early for tea. — F. Farrant, Martock.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wiston (5 bells) on Sat., July 17th. Usual arrangements. Train to Castle Ashby or York's Easy Saloon from Wollaston 3.30 p.m. Names for tea important by Tuesday previous.—A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Staughton on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6.30. Please come and help to make this meeting a success.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, July 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) from 3.30 and after tea. Tea, 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall. Buses 95 and 98 from Hayes and Hounslow pass the church.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends will be welcome. A good company is requested. Please come and have a ring at one of the prettiest churches in England.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hedon on Saturday, July 17th. The fine peal of 8 (tenor 17 cwt.) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Queen's Head Hotel, 1s. 6d. each. Please notify Mr. R. H. Viger, Sherburn-in-Elmet. Come to the King of the Holderness.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Hallaton (6 bells) on July 17th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. R. Russell, Hallaton, not later than July 15th?—H. W. Perkins, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry and Guilsborough Branches.—A special joint meeting will be held at Whilton (6) on Saturday, July 17th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton district at Lockerley on July 17th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea by July 14th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea free to all who notify the Rev. J. Hodgkin, The Rectory, Whittington-in-Lonsdale, via Carnforth, before Wednesday, July 14th. Tea at 4.15 p.m. Meeting in the Rectory at 5 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blagdon on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The cup contest will be held at Dronfield Church on Saturday, July 17th. Draw 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. B. Marples, Green Dragon, Church Street, Dronfield. Ringing for all after contest. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall at a moderate charge. Now, please advise if you require tea, Mr. J. Bray, Trentwood, Flixborough Road, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, by the Wednesday previous. It's time well spent, if name you have sent. So come.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Please come and help to make meeting a success.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wadenhoe, near Aldwincle, on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by July 13th.—W. J. Whitmore, Soc, High Street, Raunds, Northants.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at Parish Hall, followed by further ringing until 8 p.m. Nearest station, Turnham Green Underground and straight down Devonshire Road. It's a pleasant spot, close to the river, so let's have a good attendance.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Evening meeting at Sevenhampton on Monday, July 19th. Bells (6) available from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.—W. B. Kynaston, Branch Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for July: Service ringing, Bow, Cheapside, July 25th, 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', July 19th, at 7.30 p.m.; Lambeth, July 27th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.—A memorial peal tablet, recording the 7392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, will be unveiled and dedicated on Tuesday, July 20th, at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, at 7.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles and E. J. Butler, Hon. Secs.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Six bell prize contest will be held at Almondbury on Saturday, July 24th. Entries and applications for teas to be in my hands July 17th. Entrance fee: 7s 6d. per band.—Fred Hodgson, 564, Halifax Road, Hightown, Liversedge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (by kind invitation of churchwardens) and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those notifying me not later than Monday, July 19th. Half fares will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present, advise me not later than Wednesday, July 21st? —E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Festival at Soham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (10) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea in Vicarage garden, if fine, price 1s. each.—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Mildenhall and South Norfolk Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Elveden on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., near tower. All ringers are cordially invited to visit this beauty spot.—R. C. Sharpe and A. G. Harrison, Joint Branch Secs.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Monken Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All ringers welcomed. Please advise either of the undersigned by July 21st.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at Tunstall. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation, and business meeting. In fairness to our hosts, please inform me not later than Tuesday, July 20th.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Truro, Aug. 2nd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Cathedral (10), Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), St. Erme (6). Service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 (free to ringers). Reply to Ringing Master, Pengwedhen, Helford, Helston, before July 19th.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A souvenir invitation to the 300th dinner on November 6th has been prepared. Copies of this will be sent in due course, together with an admission ticket, to members who apply with remittances (10s. for members, 12s. 6d. for non-members) to any of the following:—Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. 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. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young. Members are reminded that seating accommodation at the Cannon Street Hotel is limited to 400.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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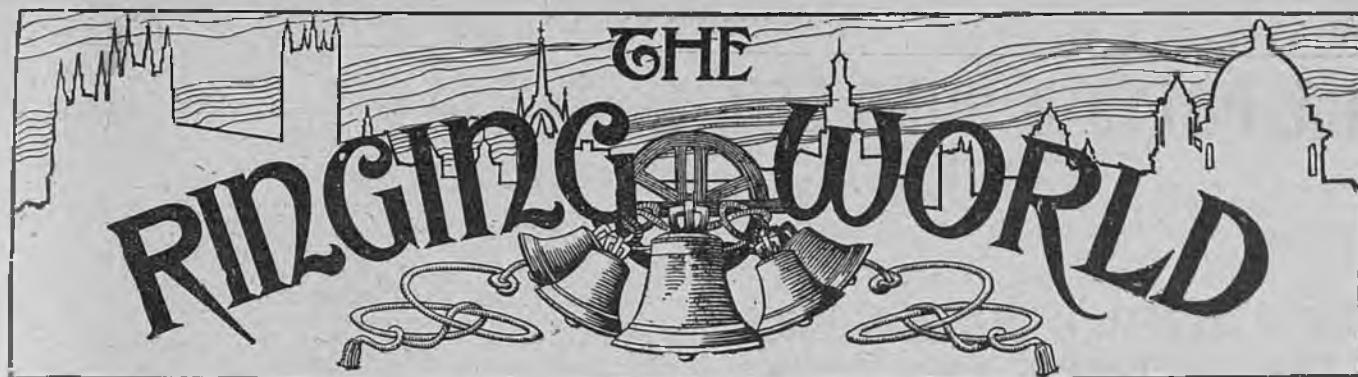
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On Monday, June 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 25 cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	H. W. F. FRANKLIN 6
JOSEPH A. FENTON 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 4	L. BRAMALL Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 29, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SYDNEY TAYLOR Treble	ERNEST CLARK 5
ARTHUR H. EVERETT 2	HARRY BRADLEY 6
ERNEST J. RUTTER 3	REGINALD C. THRIFT 7
ARTHUR O. HUME 4	LESLIE J. CLARK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by L. J. CLARK.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to A. O. Hume.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 3.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY 5
MADRICE SWINFELD 2	†GEORGE L. RODEN 6
JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
*WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ... 4	†HARRY HART Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal. Rung in honour of the patronal festival.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

E. FRED GOBEY Treble	WILLIAM THORNLEY, SEN. ... 5
*KENNETH R. MAKIN 2	ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH ... 6
WILLIAM THORNLEY, JUN. ... 3	ALEX HUTCHISON 7
RALPH NARBOROUGH 4	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH

* First peal of Bob Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	JOHN H. CHESMAN 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	*NORMAN SOMMERHAYES ... 6
*ALAN J. HOPPER 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4	DEREK M. SHARP Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Derek M. Sharp.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 2	ERNEST W. PYE 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
ALBERT WIFFEN 4	JOSEPH JENNINGS Tenor

Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*KENNETH W. MAYER Treble	JOHN WALDEN 5
*JOHN FREEMAN 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES 6
ROBERT RICHARDSON 3	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN

* First peal in the method. † First peal of London Major. The conductor's first peal of Major and first peal as conductor on eight bells.

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BALDOCK, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 28 cwt.

*STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ... Treble	ROLAND NEWSON ... 5
EDWIN G. BOCK ... 2	R. THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6
ARTHUR DAY ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 7
†PERCY TOMPKINS ... 4	†WILLIAM COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal. Rung with the clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect to Arthur Castle, a former member of the Baldock band.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5048 CHANGES

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... Treble	RUSSELL RICHES ... 5
STANLEY W. COPLING ... 2	ROBERT D. GUNTON ... 6
FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... 3	CHARLES W. LOOME ... 7
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 4	WILLIAM J. FLATT ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by CHARLES W. LOOME.

STEWKLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*CHARLES W. G. GRIFFIN ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 2	TONY PRICE ... 6
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. WATHEN ... Treble	*ROBERT J. STEED ... 5
*FRANK BORLEY ... 2	*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... 6
ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... 7
SEELFORD SPARROW ... 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. D. LISTER.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-on-the-Hill,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS GWEN TUNNADINE ... Treble	MISS DOROTHY DITCHAM ... 5
*MISS WINIFRED DITCHAM ... 2	CLIFFORD BIRD ... 6
CEDRIC CURSON ... 3	NOLAN GOLDEN ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS ... 4	GEORGE SAYER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. SAYER.

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

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... Treble	KENNETH FORD ... 5
RAYMOND RYMER ... 2	*EDWIN H. NASH ... 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 3	HENRY J. SANGER ... 7
RONALD G. BECK ... 4	†FREDERICK FIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

NELLIE WIGGINTON ... Treble	RICHARD SMITH ... 5
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 2	GEORGE LADD ... 6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 3	JOHN CURRY ... 7
WILLIAM A. RICHARDSON ... 4	ARTHUR J. FARR ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. John G. Ames, Ringing Master of the above branch, and Miss E. B. Stocks, of Pinchbeck. Rung on the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson and the birthday of the ringers of the fifth.

SHILDON, CO. DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

ALFRED COATES ... Treble	JOHN F. PENTLAND ... 5
JOSEPH WEST ... 2	ERNEST BURNETT ... 6
*SAMUEL BRYANT ... 3	ROLAND PARK ... 7
GEORGE W. PEVERELL ... 4	ROBERT B. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Thomas Wick, a member of the Shildon band, who attained his 80th birthday on June 28th.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' EIGHTEEN-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

*ERIC FLETCHER ... Treble	JOSEPH W. COTTON ... 5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... 2	FREDERICK G. FRETWELL ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 3	JOHN OLDHAM ... 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 4	GEORGE L. RODEN ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY HARRISON ... Treble	CHARLES ALLESTON ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	JOHN SADDINGTON ... 6
JOHN GRUNDY ... 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 7
LESLIE STEVENS ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... 5
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 7
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

First peal by this association in these two methods spliced and by all the band except the conductor. Rung to welcome the new Rector of Bushey, the Rev. L. S. R. Beckley, M.A.

LAMBETH.—At the Church of St. Mary on June 1st for London County Association practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Gransbury 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, *E. J. Hardy 3, *P. Carter 4, W. Hardy 5, *M. Meyer 6, T. W. Wyatt 7, †G. Stuckland 8. * First quarter of Stedman. † First quarter-peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

*WILLIAM J. GEAR Treble	HARRY BOYCE 4
†TREVOR M. RODRICK 2	ALBERT J. PITMAN 5
ERNEST STITCH 3	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BURTON HASTINGS, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles, four callings, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 10 callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

THOMAS W. THORPE Treble	WILLIAM THORPE 3
JOSEPH E. TAYLOR 2	JAMES UPTON 4

JOSEPH H. BAILE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. BAILE.

First peal on these bells since their augmentation to five for the Coronation.

STAPLEFORD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 extents of Grandsire (six callings) and 21 of Plain Bob (four callings).

*W. HOULT Treble	W. THORNLEY, JUN. 4
*J. APPLEBY 2	W. THORNLEY, SEN. 5
*H. TENNANT 3	*G. FISHER Tenor

Conducted by W. THORNLEY, SEN.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all.

TRYALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

*KENNETH A. HANDLEY ... Treble	†EDWARD LINDLEY 4
†WILLIAM S. KEY 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
†ARCHIBALD CLARKE 3	*CYRIL TABERNER Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES BAINBRIDGE ... Treble	*FRANK BOX 4
ALBERT J. HURD 2	ANDREW THOMPSON 5
FRANK SHOKER 3	THOMAS HURD Tenor

Conducted by T. HURD.

* First peal. Rung for the Coronation.

TENBURY WELLS, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Grandsire, two of Canterbury Pleasure and one of Plain Bob, 32 callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS G. BEVAN Treble	JOHN J. WEBB 4
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 3	CHARLES L. SADLER Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

RALPH BIRD Treble	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 4
ALEC M. GENERY 2	GEORGE R. TOWNES 5
VICTOR MORLEY 3	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by R. BIRD.

A birthday compliment to ringers of 3rd and 4th.

BOOTLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one of Oxford Single and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

W. CLEATOR Treble	E. F. BENNETT 4
J. MARTIN 2	JAMES MCKEE 5
G. LUNT 3	JOHN MCKEE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MCKEE.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute to Mr. D. Lea. First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

G. ERNEST KETTLE ... Treble	KENNETH THACKER 4
FREDERICK A. FORSTER ... 2	ANDREW THOMPSON 5
SIDNEY THOMPSON 3	*ALFRED GRIFFITHS Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW THOMPSON.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Coronation.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of the following: Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and one of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*CHARLES W. TAYLOR ... Treble	MARTIN WALKER 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	*ERNEST BRITAIN 5
JACK BRAY 3	GEORGE DOBBS Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in eight methods. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

OLIVER J. KIDBY Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2	JAMES BENNETT 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 3	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

HITCHAM, Bucks.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

GEORGE J. BERRY Treble	GORDON W. LIMMER 4
*CYRIL A. BURGESS 2	JAMES D. TAYLOR 5
JOHN E. TAYLOR 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GRO. GILBERT.

* First peal in more than three plain methods.

OAKLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

HERBERT L. HARLOW	... Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON	... 3
*JOHN HILSON	... 2	BRIAN F. SIMS	... 4

DONALD COCKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

* First peal 'inside.'

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas

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, rung alternately. Tenor 6½ cwt.

NORMAN RANDALL	... Treble	HENRY LAWRENSEN	... 4
GEORGE HESKETH	... 2	JAMES BERRY	... 5
GEORFFREY FOWLER	... 3	REGINALD W. REX	... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD W. REX.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 of Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

P. L. JOHNSON	... Treble	G. W. BLOOMFIELD	... 4
H. C. FORDHAM	... 2	A. CATTERWELL	... 5
W. GOODSON	... 3	T. E. SLATER	... Tenor

Conducted by A. CATTERWELL.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN H. ARBON	... Treble	JAMES BENNETT	... 4
GEORGE PRYKE	... 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	... 5
GEORGE BENNETT	... 3	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	... Tenor

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHARLES SHAW	... Treble	HARRY W. HOWARD	... 4
CECIL RADDOEN	... 2	STANLEY N. HARRISON	... 5
REGINALD W. WORRALL	... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY	... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES	... 1-2	PETER LAPLIN	... 5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY	... 3-4	*HARRY ASHTON	... 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 377). Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness—Mrs A. F. Bailey.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Frances M. Lafin. 100th peal as conductor on handbells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—A quarter-peal of Doubles, consisting of Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire, the first in three methods for all the band, was rung on May 31st: R. J. Lawrence 1, G. Baatz 2, C. S. Knott 3, F. C. Mogford 4, W. G. Brown (conductor) 5, S. S. Woodburn 6.

PEAL NOTES.

PERSONALITIES AND PERFORMANCES.

The first peal of Major rung at Leicester Cathedral for more than a century took place on June 26th. The occasion was the wedding of Mr. W. E. Rawson, one of the Cathedral band, and Miss H. Hay. The peal of Minor at Nutfield on Saturday was the first on the bells for 13 years.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. G. Fisher, who has been a ringer at St. Helen's Church, Stapleford, Notts, for nearly 53 years and at the age of 67 has rung his first peal. Three other members of the company were also first pealers, and the occasion was the first peal of Doubles by the band.

Mr. G. W. Limmer, Burnham's popular captain, participated amid members of his own company, with one exception, at Hitcham in a birthday peal on July 3rd.

Youthful memories were recalled by Mr. J. Bennett when he rang peals at Otley and Ashbocking (Suffolk) the other week-end. At Ashbocking he received his introduction to the rudiments of the art of change ringing, and the two peals were arranged specially for his convenience.

Among the last tributes to ringers recorded this week is the muffled peal of Minor at Bootle, Lancs, to the memory of the late Mr. D. Lea, who died about a year ago. This was the first peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Burnand and Day, who are to be complimented on their workmanship.

There were quite a number of 'firsts' connected with the peal of London Surprise Major at Harmston, Lincolnshire, on July 3rd. The conductor, Mr. John Freeman, rang his first peal of Major and first peal as conductor on eight bells. He is the 17-year-old son of the leader of Lincoln Cathedral band and has already called Stedman Cinques.

Will Madeley, Staffordshire, be the last of the Coronation peals? Their peal was scored on June 29th.

Owing to the bad 'go' of the two tenors, a peal of Minor was abandoned at Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, and a fresh start made with a peal of Doubles, which proved successful.

Beddington ringers were hustling on July 3rd, when a peal of Stedman Caters was brought round in 2 hours and 55 minutes. This is the quickest peal of Caters on the bells, the tenor of which weighs 18½ cwt.

Meeting short for Cinques, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Wolverhampton, on July 3rd. Mr. H. Knight generously stood down.

Mr. William J. Platt by a peal on July 3rd completed his circle of the tower of Redenhall, Norfolk.

Mr. Joseph Bailey, the well-known Midland Counties ringer, completed his 250 peals on June 30th with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Netherseale, Derbyshire.

The peal of Cambridge Major at St. Andrew's, Rugby, on June 28th, was the first in the method on the bells.

The interesting records of the Hertford County Association have been added to by a peal of Spiced Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major rung at Bushey on July 8th.

The consistent efforts and success of the handbell band at Stockport, Cheshire, is well marked by the fact that on July 7th a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was called by Mr. Allen F. Bailey and was his one hundredth peal 'in hand' as conductor.

The statement that the peal of Superlative at Highclere on June 22nd was the first on the bells is not correct. On November 22nd, 1930, a peal of Superlative was rung at Highclere for the Royal Cumberland Youths conducted by Mr. G. Williams. Several correspondents have pointed this out.

Similarly a peal of Superlative had been previously rung at Milford-on-Sea, curiously enough on the Saturday following the first at Highclere.

The first peal on the new bells at Manchester Town Hall was rung by the National Police Guild on July 3rd.

Members of the Manchester Police Force are responsible for the official ringing at the Town Hall, and it was only fitting that a band of policemen should score the first peal on the new twelve. The ringers included a superintendent, an inspector, a sergeant, six P.C.'s, an ex-sergeant and an ex-constable, and Leicester, Birmingham and Bolton were represented in the band, as well as Manchester.

Three first peals and two first peals 'inside' was the splendid achievement in a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Trysall, Staffs. Congratulations to Conductor B. G. Key! The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Clarke.

The five oldest Wolvey ringers rang the first peal on the bells of Burton Hastings, Warwickshire, on June 26th. The peal was a compliment to Mr. J. P. Toone, of High Cross, grandfather of the conductor (Mr. Joseph H. Beale), and father of Mr. P. Toone, churchwarden of Wolvey.

A HALF-PEAL.

On Tuesday, May 25th, at Guisborough Parish Church, 2,520 Bob Minor in 1 hour 28 minutes: W. Smith 1, G. Husband 2, J. Drury 3, E. Potter 4, B. Pybus 5, J. Read (conductor) 6. Rung after commencing a peal, which unfortunately broke down.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT BATH.

Some seventy members and visitors attended the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at Bath on July 3rd. The Guild service was held at St. Mark's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Dann), who gave a helpful address. Tea and business meeting followed in the St. Mark's Church House, where the Master, the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, supported by the Rev. Preb. D. M. Ross, took the chair.

After the routine business had been disposed of, Mr. James Hunt gave an account of the Central Council meeting, and made some trenchant remarks in regard to the circulation of 'The Ringing World' and to the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council.

Arising out of the former matter, various suggestions were brought forward, but, as was aptly remarked at one of those informal discussions which take place near churches after ringing, it was a case of preaching to the converted. If only those who do not attend meetings could be persuaded to take the paper, there would be no complaint.

Mr. Prescott (Bath) and Mr. Farley (Stourbridge) contributed to the discussion during the meeting.

In regard to the Towers and Belfries Committee, Mr. Starr (Swainswick) instanced the case of a badly designed frame which had long outlived its usefulness and which had been condemned by four authorities, being preserved by patchwork. The original estimate had been far exceeded and they still had the badly arranged frame of doubtful timbers.

It was proposed by Mr. Hunt that the association print an annual obituary list, but the motion failed to find sufficient support.

New members, in the persons of Mr. A. P. Cannon, Mr. R. G. Cross and Mr. M. Clark, were elected.

The recommendation of the committee that quarterly meetings be held at Bridgwater, Long Ashton and Crewkerne was adopted.

Elections of officers caused no change, and the Rev. W. M. K. Warren as Master, Mr. J. T. Dyke as hon. treasurer, and Mr. D. G. Taylor as hon. auditor were re-elected.

An omnibus vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. A. Osborn (North Cadbury) to all who had made the meeting a success, viz., the Rev. A. Dann, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bath, the Rev. G. G. Hickman, Messrs. Th. Grant, Selley, T. F. King and W. G. Brown, the organist and the ladies who provided tea. This was carried with acclamation.

Ringing, ranging up to Treble Bob Royal, London Surprise Major and various Minor methods, took place at Bath Abbey, Twerton and St. Mark's.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

VISIT TO THE 'VILLAGE' OF SOLIHULL.

The summer quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Solihull on Saturday, July 3rd. This delightful Warwickshire 'village' (with a population of some 19,000), situated about seven miles from Birmingham, although rapidly becoming modernised, still retains many of its old rural aspects. Its fine Norman church, now almost completely restored, is well worth a visit, while the peal of ten bells are a pleasure to ring. The bells were raised at 3.30, but at 4 o'clock a break was made whilst a village couple were married. The ringers entered into the spirit of the event and gave the happy couple a wedding peal as they left the church.

Tea was partaken of in the gardens of Dascombe's Cafe, and a short business meeting followed, Mr. Councillor Padden Smith being in the chair. Apologies for absence were read from the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who was away in Edinburgh, and Mr. W. O. Dowding.

A letter of appreciation and thanks was read by the secretary from the Vicar of Oldbury, acknowledging the donation of £3 5s. towards the restoration fund of Oldbury Parish Church bells. Attention was also called to the cheap editions of Mr. Ernest Morris' works.

The tower elections of Mr. Percy G. Rainey, of Aston, and Mr. C. H. Webb, of Coventry, were duly ratified, the former being congratulated on ringing his first peal of Grandsire Cinques for the Coronation.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Coleshill, on the first Saturday in October. Arrangements for the bi-quarterly meeting were left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

The Chairman gave an interesting resume of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Canterbury, and recommended all ringers to read the full report appearing in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. W. Griffin, of Walsall, referring to the dedication of the new peal of bells at the Cathedral and the broadcasting in connection with it, said he would like to congratulate the Guild and the ringers who took part on the excellence of the striking. It was a real pleasure to listen to.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Roland Bragg for making the local arrangements concluded the business, and a return was made to the tower, where further ringing was enjoyed.

BEGINNING YOUNG.

J. G. Davidson, aged eleven, of Mitcham, Surrey, rang his first quarter-peal on Sunday, July 11th, for evensong. This was 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Davidson 1, W. S. Smith 2, W. H. Joiner 3, H. Tourle 4, R. Charge 5, C. Potheary (conductor) 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, W. Sparkes 8.

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BELFERY GOSSIP.

A Bristol paper last week recorded what it truly described as a 'fine feat of ringing at Burrington'—if it had been correct. 'Burrington ringers,' it said, 'gave a special quarter-peal Grandshire Doubles at Burrington Parish Church on Sunday. The peal, comprising 95,040 changes, was rung in 40 minutes.' The black is ours.

Latest to the ranks of octogenarian ringers is Mr. Thomas Wick, of Shildon, Durham, who was admitted to this select circle on June 28th. A complimentary peal to him was rung five days later.

Mr. William Dudley has just completed 50 years' service as a ringer at Prittwell, Essex, and a peal of Cambridge Surprise in his honour was rung on Saturday. The veteran took part and rang the treble.

Mr. Kenneth Lewis, who conducted the peal of Minor in 73 methods, rang his first peal of Grandshire Triples on Saturday. This will seem upside down to ringers of the old school.

There is to be a two days' ringing tour by motor in Herts and Essex on July 24th and 25th. There are a few vacant seats. See notice columns.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' TERCENTENARY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I, through your columns, bring to the attention of country members of the Ancient Society of College Youths the suggestion that they should in their several districts arrange for bands to ring at least one peal for the society during the current year? The most appropriate days for such peals would naturally be November 5th or 6th, though these dates may not be convenient for such members as intend to come to London for the annual feast.

It would be desirable that notice should be given beforehand of the reason for peals so arranged through the local Press, the Parish Magazine or otherwise.

EDWIN H. LEWIS, Master.

Brasted, Kent.

MR. EDWARD WHITBREAD.

DEATH OF FORMER RINGER AT ST. ALBANS ABBEY.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Edward Whitbread, who passed away at the age of 69 on June 26th at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury. Mr. Whitbread will perhaps be best remembered as a prominent figure in Hertfordshire ringing circles in the years prior to the war.

He commenced his ringing career as a young man at his birthplace, Hanslope, Bucks, and in 1899 he became a member of the St. Albans Cathedral Society, of which he was conductor for many years. A member of the Ancient Society of College Youths since 1900, his name is to be seen on peal boards in many counties.

Since 1924 Mr. Whitbread lived at Stoke Mandeville, near Aylesbury, where for a time he took an active part in local ringing affairs. In recent years he was content to keep in touch with things through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' but his keen interest remained until the end.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Stoke Mandeville, were rung half-muffled by his friends in the local band.

50 YEARS A RINGER.

PRESENTATION TO VETERAN PRITTEWELL RINGER.

A gold medallion fashioned in the shape of a circlet, enclosing a bell inscribed 'The Essex Association of Change Ringers—The Parish Church of Prittwell—Presented to William Dudley after 50 years' service, June 28th, 1937,' has been presented to Mr. William Dudley, who has completed 50 years as a change ringer. The presentation was made by the Vicar (Canon E. N. Gowing) in the presence of the ringers and members of the Parochial Council. After the presentation the bells were fired and Queen's and Tittums were rung.

Mr. Dudley was for some years secretary of the tower. He has rung 100 peals, 52 of which were rung in his own tower. His list of peals is of interest: Cambridge Royal 1, Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 7, Granta Royal 1, Oxford and Kent Royal 1, Stedman Caters 2, Grandshire Caters 5, Bob Royal 4, Cambridge Major 2, Superlative Major 2, Oxford Treble Bob Major 6, Kent Treble Bob Major 21, Bob Major 20, Bob Triples 1, Stedman Triples 3, Grandshire Triples 8, Double Norwich 13, Minor peals 2, total 100.

ADMIRATION OF THE EXERCISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would very much like to be allowed to endorse all the remarks of your correspondent under the above heading which appeared in your last issue concerning the band who rang the spliced peal of Minor at Fairfield, Buxton. Having had the privilege of ringing in several peals (not spliced) with this wonderful band, I would add that their activities are not confined to six-bell ringing. They are equally as capable on eight, ten or twelve bells; their versatility is really amazing.

It is not my intention here to laud any particular member of this band, but to extend my hearty appreciation to the lot of them. That they may have 'more power to their elbows' is the wish of

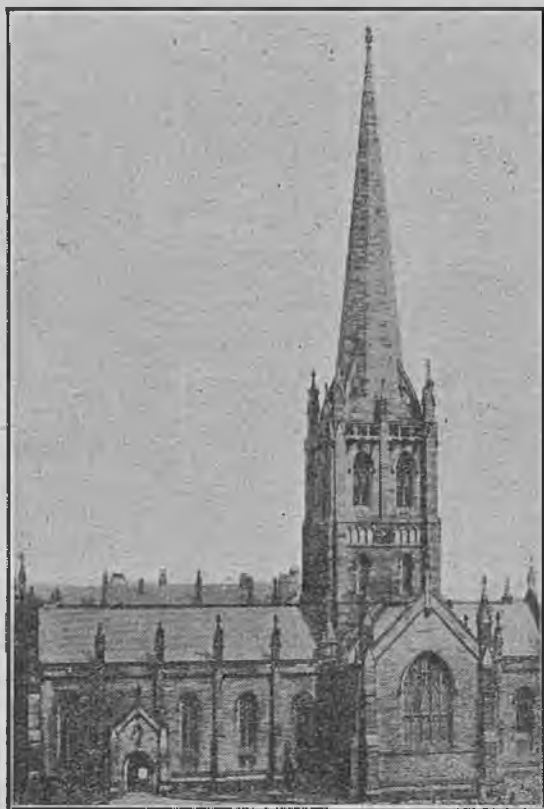
JOHN E. WHELDON.

Milton, Staffs.

'BUSMAN'S HOLIDAYS.'**SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL COMPANY'S OUTING.**

On Saturday, June 26th, the Sheffield Cathedral company, with a few invited friends, had their annual outing when they visited Selby Abbey, Howden and Goole. Travelling by motor-bus, Selby Abbey was reached at 3 p.m., where the party were met by their old friend, Mr. F. Cryer, and Mr. H. S. Morley, the genial secretary for the Eastern Division of the Yorkshire Association. The bells were raised in peal and some good touches of Forward Royal and Stedman Caters duly brought round. As time did not permit of a lengthy stay, the bells were lowered and thanks tendered to Messrs. Cryer and Morley.

On reaching Howden, some ten miles away, the visitors were met by the secretary, Mr. J. W. Thompson, and several of the local ringers,



GOOLE PARISH CHURCH.

who kindly had everything ready. More touches of Forward and Stedman were the order on this lovely peal of eight (tenor 23 cwt.), and it was with reluctance that the visitors were compelled to leave them in order to comply with the programme. The bells are a beautiful peal and certainly rank as one of the finest toned and best going in the North. They are a real delight to the ringer with a musical ear.

A short run of four miles via Boothferry Bridge brought the party to Goole, where tea was enjoyed at Messrs. Hockforth's Cafe. Steps were then immediately turned to the tower, where an old friend in Mr. Joe Drake and others were waiting to receive the visitors. Here again Forward and Stedman were indulged in on the light peal of eight for about an hour, when the bells were lowered in peal, everyone being satisfied.

By the kindness of Mr. Drake, who acted as guide, an enjoyable hour was spent in looking round the docks and shipping before making the return journey, which was completed by 11 p.m.

Thus ended a most enjoyable and ideal half-day's outing, and warmest thanks are tendered to all the Vicars for the use of their bells and to the ringers concerned for having everything in readiness.

Readers will probably notice that only two methods were rung throughout the trip. These were not the full repertoire of the company, but specially chosen as the best to hear the tenors in and out in short touches for the ringers' own satisfaction, also with a view to good striking, and thus avoiding that tendency to bad rhythm when a number of more complicated methods are attempted on strange bells.

S. F. P.

BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT'S 'OVERFLOW.'

So popular has the Burton District annual outing become that the usual 20-seater coach was found to be totally inadequate for the excursion on Saturday, July 10th, and two cars had to be used to convey the 'overflow.'

The first call was Hoar Cross, and here the heavy peal was soon ringing out to a touch of Bob Minor, followed by Kent Treble Bob and some Grandsire Doubles for the learners, while the rest of the party looked round this beautiful church.

The journey was continued via Sudbury and Cubley to Ashbourne, where 40 sat down to tea at the Corner Cafe.

This was followed by an hour's ringing on the Parish Church bells. The long draught of rope (70ft.) made them difficult to handle, and as a result the ringing was not all that could be desired.

The final halt was made at Rochester, where touches of Grandsire Triples, Doubles and Bob Major were rung on a handy peal of eight.

The homeward journey was made via Sudbury and Tutbury, Burton being reached after a most enjoyable afternoon.

The party wish to thank all incumbents for the use of the bells, and Mr. Bull (Ashbourne) and Mr. Bullock (Rochester) for other arrangements made on their behalf.

SUNDERLAND RINGERS VISIT NORTH YORKSHIRE.

The quaint old seaside resort of Whitby, and the beautiful moorland village of Pickering were selected for the annual outing this year of the ringers of St. Ignatius', Sunderland, and the choice proved to be a very happy one, resulting in one of the most enjoyable of the society's many outings. So many friends wished to accompany the party that the Vicar's motor-car had to be requisitioned in addition to the fine 32-seater saloon bus.

Leaving Sunderland shortly after 8.30, a stop was made at the beautiful village of Ormesby, where Mr. Thomas Metcalfe, president of the Cleveland Association, joined the excursionists, and touches of Stedman and Cambridge were rung on the very fine bells.

A further stop was made at Guisborough, and then a lovely run over the Yorkshire Moors led to Whitby. Dinner awaited the party, and the remainder of the afternoon was spent by the non-ringers in examining both the ancient and the modern parts of this interesting little town, while the ringers and a few stalwarts climbed the 199 steps of the tower of the ancient Parish Church of St. Mary, which has a good peal of ten bells. Stedman Caters was attempted, but as the majority had little experience in ten-bell ringing, the result, at any rate from the ringers' point of view, was not very satisfactory.

A move was next made towards Pickering, through Ruswarp and Sleights, and up the famous Blue Bank amid lovely moorland scenery.

Arriving at the destination, it was found that the caterers had had to arrange for the use of the Wesleyan Schoolroom for tea for the large party. Full justice was done to the meal, and a very happy hour was spent in listening to a message from the late Vicar of St. Ignatius', now Bishop of New Guinea; a cheery speech from Canon E. Sykes, another former Vicar now in retirement at Ripon, and also from Mr. Harry Blakey, a member of the Guild who emigrated to Canada with his family 25 years ago and is now on a short visit to the old country. A cablegram was afterwards sent to the Bishop of New Guinea conveying greetings to him.

The visitors would have liked to spend a much longer time in this lovely village, but they had to leave for home, via Helmsley and Stokesley, at 7 p.m., and a tired but very happy party arrived in Sunderland shortly after 10.30 p.m.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING.**

Members of the Daventry Branch and their friends, together with several ringers from the Guilsborough Branch, enjoyed a pleasant afternoon's outing on June 12th. The first stop was at West Haddon, with a peal of five bells, where they were met and welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Hooper. From there to Welford, where they were joined by the local secretary, Mr. G. Hollick, and others. Here Grandsire Triples were rung on a nice peal of eight with a tenor of 12½ cwt. The Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Woodhouse) looked in for a short time.

At Kibworth Beauchamp a number of the parochial ringers awaited the visitors, and joined in touches in various methods on a fine ring of eight, with a tenor apparently far more than its recorded weight of 10½ cwt. At tea the thanks of the party were offered to Mr. Martin, who had gone to much trouble in making the arrangements.

After tea a hasty return was made to the tower by a few enthusiastic Major ringers, but half-way through the first touch the treble rope broke—possibly a judgment for having overstepped the time limit. A stop was next made at the old church of Foxton, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Cary) explained some of the interesting features of his church. The six bells seemed rather overdone with the weight of their ropes. At Maidwell was found a very nice ring of six, and some good touches of Minor, including Cambridge, and Doubles were brought round. The last call was at Hazellieach, a tiny village with a ring of eight bells and a beautifully kept churchyard. A tired but happy bus load parted company at Daventry just before 10 p.m., full of enthusiasm for another outing next year.

(Reports of other Outings will appear in due course).

A YORKSHIRE RINGING CONTEST.

LIVERSEDGE WIN BARNESLEY SHIELD COMPETITION.

There were nine entries for the annual shield contest of the Barnesley and District Society, held at Cawthorne on Saturday, July 10th. The teams rang in the following order: 1 Liversedge; 2 Sandal 'B'; 3 Holmfirth; 4 Shelly; 5 Wath; 6 Sandal 'A'; 7 Felkirk; 8 Friezland; 9 New Mill. Ringing commenced at about 3 o'clock, and Mr. J. R. Brearley, of Bolsterstone, and Mr. W. Idle, of Dewsbury, acted as judges, with Mr. C. Robinson, of Cawthorne, as marker. Later tea was served in the Spencer Arms, a company of about 80 sitting down. After the usual routine business had been disposed of, the judges gave their decision as follows: Liversedge, 30 faults; Sandal 'B', 229 faults; Holmfirth, 66 faults, 10 penalties, rung out; Shelly, 131 faults; Wath, 154 faults, 5 penalties; Sandal 'A', 106 faults, 5 penalties; Felkirk, 165 faults; Friezland, 53 faults, 10 penalties; New Mill, 81 faults.

Liversedge, therefore, became the holders of the shield and winners of six cases of fruit spoons. Friezland took second prizes, consisting of six cases of carvers, and New Mill third prizes, comprising six rose bowls.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Jarman, of Cawthorne, who also offered a few comforting words to those who had not been successful. The usual vote of thanks concluded the proceedings.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL GENERAL MEETING AT BOLSOVER.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Bolsover, Derbyshire, on June 19th, when in the splendidly kept belfry the bells were kept going to various standard and Surprise methods by a good company of members and friends from Burton, Derby, Chesterfield, Hinckley, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham and elsewhere.

The general meeting took place after tea, presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president), supported by the Rev. Canon J. E. Paget (Vicar), Mr. W. E. White (treasurer) and Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary). The president, in his own inimitable way, gave a review of the past quarter's peals and other items of the association's activities. He specially commented on the Coronation peals rung, noting in particular the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the newly-restored and augmented bells of Leicester Cathedral; also the excellent performance of the Wigston Magna band on their spliced peal of Major in seven Surprise methods. He thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his presence at their meeting, and Mr. Flint for the arrangements made.

The Rev. Canon Paget, responding, said how pleased he was to welcome the association to Bolsover. He added that all would be delighted to see their leader, Mr. John Flint, amongst them again restored to health after a trying illness, and trusted he would long remain to keep up interest in the art at Bolsover.

Referring to the Central Council meeting at Canterbury, both Mr. J. H. Swinfield and Mr. A. J. Harris said that after the excellent reports in 'The Ringing World' they could add very little comment. However, both gave very interesting reviews of various items raised at that meeting.

New members, proposed since the last meeting, viz., 18 ringing, 3 honorary, 5 rejoins, 1 life, were duly elected.

This concluded a successful meeting and further ringing terminated a good afternoon's enjoyment.

The next quarterly meeting will be at Burbage, near Hinckley, in September.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SEVEN FIRST PEAL CERTIFICATES PRESENTED.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Draycott on July 3rd. Twenty-nine members and friends were present from Burslem, Brown Edge, Braintree, Cheadle, Draycott, Kingsley, Longton, Norton, Newcastle and Stoke-on-Trent.

A service was held, which was conducted by the Rev. C. Codling (Rector of Draycott). At the commencement of the service all present stood in silence for a minute in memory of those who had been killed in the mine disaster at Newcastle-under-Lyme. Tea was held in the schoolroom, where a hearty welcome was extended to all by the Rector.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. C. Steele, of Longton, seconded by Mr. G. Hall, of Brown Edge, to the Rector and ringers for the use of the bells and the very warm welcome extended to them.

Seven first peal certificates were presented to ringers of Draycott, Longton and Burslem by the Rector of Draycott. One new member, Mr. A. Griffiths, of Newcastle, was brought forward for confirmation, as he was proposed prior to a peal.

A short report was read by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon on Coronation peals rung for the association, which number ten, and the one rung at Norton was the earliest peal on record for the association; the starting time was 6.30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12th.

Two of the peals were rung at unaffiliated towers, being Keele and Madeley, and both were rung by the ringers of Newcastle-under-Lyme.

GUILDFORD GUILD FESTIVAL.

SUMMER GATHERING AT EPSOM.

The summer festival of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Epsom on Saturday and was attended by nearly sixty ringers representing all the districts of the Guild. The ten bells of St. Martin's—the parish church—were fully employed during the afternoon and evening, but the ringing did not reach a consistently high standard. However, everyone enjoyed a pull and spent a very pleasant time.

The Guild's service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. J. H. McKitterick) in the absence of the Vicar (Canon Muir), who was away on holidays, and the singing was led by the choirboys.

Afterwards tea was partaken of in the Church House, the catering being very efficiently done by ladies of the congregation.

The thanks of the Guild to all concerned were voiced by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), who also extended a warm welcome to the visitors, who included Mr. H. H. Fearn, of Birmingham, and Mr. E. F. Pike, of London.

Before the ringers returned to the tower they were entertained by the Misses S. and G. Harman to pianoforte and violin duets; the Cobham men rang tunes on handbells, while Stedman Triples 'in hand' was also rung. Later several of the company visited the neighbouring tower of Ewell.

The back eight of the peal at Epsom are a mixed eighteenth century lot, two of them by Phelps, 1714, being the oldest. Thomas Janaway, of Chelsea, recast the original treble in 1781 and put on it the inscription, 'Musica est mentis medicina' (Music is medicine for the mind). The old second, undated, bears the couplet, 'Although I am but small, I will be heard above them all.' Samuel Knight recast the third and tenor in 1737, Richard Phelps the seventh in 1733, and Thomas Swain the sixth in 1769.

STRAWBERRY TEA AT FRENESHAM.

The strawberry and cream teas provided by Mrs. Collingwood Bruce, president of the Southern Branch of the Ladies' Guild, are well known among ringers. A company of 73 enjoyed her hospitality at a joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild and Farnham Branch of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Frenesham on June 26th. She was heartily thanked for her hospitality by Mr. C. W. Denyer, and, in responding, Mrs. Bruce invited everyone to come again next year, when they would have 'one more strawberry all round.'

Mrs. Bruce afterwards presided at the 18th annual meeting for the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. The Guild welcomed Mrs. Welton back as a member after a few years' absence. Mrs. Bruce was unanimously re-elected vice-president and again heartily thanked for all she had done for the Guild. The secretary and committee were all re-elected. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting in conjunction with the most convenient Guildford diocesan district meeting.

Eleven towers were represented, viz.: Ash, Seale, Bagshot, Farnham, Aldershot, Bramley (Hants), Crondall, Blackmoor, Cranleigh, Overton and Frenesham.

The service in the afternoon was fully choral and was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Palling. The Farnham District also held a short business meeting and elected Mr. E. Overington, of Frenesham, a member. Ringing was supervised by Miss H. F. Mills (hon. secretary of the Ladies' Guild).

THREE GUILDS MEET.

TRIPLE GATHERING AT NEWARK.

The Ladies' Guild, Sherwood Youths and North Notts Association combined for the afternoon of July 3rd and visited the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark, where the ten (tenor 33 cwt.) were at their disposal from 3 to 4.15 p.m. and again from 6.30 to 8 p.m. This fine peal attracted ringers from Anstey (near Leicester), Barnby, Bottesford, Collingham, Hough-on-the-Hill, Lincoln Cathedral, St. Peter's, Mansfield, St. Mary's, Nottingham, Ordsall, Sutton-on-Trent, and the home tower was well represented. Miss I. B. Thompson, joint secretary of the Ladies' Guild (Northern District) acted as Ringing Master, and all had good opportunity to ring what they wanted. Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Triples, Bob Royal, Cambridge Major were all rung, and, for a mixed company, rung well except for two unfortunate courses of Caters, which were very patchy.

Tea was taken at 4.15, votes of thanks to the Vicar and home ringers passed and a few courses rung on handbells before the return to the tower for a course of Grandsire Caters for evensong. Everyone attended evensong in the chapel behind the altar. Canon A. Parkinson, in a short address, welcomed the ringers to his church and spoke highly of the work they do in others and in that church. He recalled the faithfulness of the ringers of the church he had recently left, East Retford, and also, at Newark, the sight on November 11th, 1918. The proclamation of peace was read and immediately afterwards the ringers commenced to ring the bells; before they had been ringing half an hour this church was packed with 3,000 people, although no notice of any service had been given. He felt that those ringers were responsible for that great service, and wished those present success in their very real part in the church's work.

Afterwards ringing continued, as did the arrival of visitors, and finally came to a conclusion at 8 o'clock with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples. This was the first time for some years that a meeting had been held at Newark, and it proved to be very enjoyable. It is hoped to pay more frequent visits to this tower in the future.

BEENHAM BELLS REHUNG.**SOME INTERESTING REMINISCENCES.**

About 55 ringers attended the public opening of the newly-hung bells at Beenham, the occasion also being the summer meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and Mr. C. F. Johnston was among those present. The towers represented were Beenham, Bucklebury, Beedon, Chieveley, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, Thatcham, East Ilsley and Compton. In addition, many visitors attended from Croydon, Hillingdon and Willesden, Twyford, Reading, Oxford, Chearsley, Overton, Abingdon and Bradfield. Short touches in various methods were rung, including Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob and Surprise methods.

At the service the address was given by the Deputy Master, the Rev. C. E. Wigg, who spoke of Beenham's long association with the Oxford Guild, mentioning the names of Hatto, the first foreman, and Richardson, whose families have carried on the good work through the years since the tower's affiliation to the Oxford Guild in 1886. Though no ringers of the name of Hatto remain in the village, the Richardsons are still represented in the tower by Mr. Ted Richardson, a regular ringer for Sunday services. Mention was also made of the history of the bells, which in 1800 were destroyed by fire. They were recast by the celebrated Whitechapel firm and have been rehung once since that date till the present occasion.

Following the service an inspection of the new bell frame was invited, the bells having been lowered for that purpose. Many ringers, including several ladies, undertook the long climb up the ladders, and with Mr. Johnston in charge spent an interesting time among the bells.

Tea was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. W. Hamblin in the Victory Hall. The members were the guests of the Vicar and Mr. Cyril Johnston, their hospitality being greatly appreciated.

At the business meeting which followed, the branch chairman (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) presided, supported by the branch hon. secretary (Mr. H. W. Curtis). The autumn meeting was fixed for September 4th at Bucklebury. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar and Deputy Master for the service, to Mrs. Howes for her services at the organ, and to the Vicar and Mr. Cyril Johnston for generously providing the tea. In responding, the Vicar spoke of the form of service to be adopted for ringers' meetings. He also spoke on the financial aspect of the restoration work done, pointing out that, though the Newbury Branch had so far received no monetary benefit from the transference of the Beenham tower from the Bradfield Branch, yet they had generously contributed £33s. towards the appeal. Mr. T. Hibbert, general organising secretary, recalled memories of Beenham's early ringing days, expressing the Guild's appreciation of their 41 years' loyalty to the Bradfield Deanery Branch. The meeting closed with thanks to the chairman for presiding, and ringing continued till 9 p.m.

RESTORATION OF HARSTON BELLS.**NEW COMPANY OF RINGERS FORMED.**

A very successful meeting of the Ely Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Harston on Saturday, July 10th. During the afternoon and evening about 40 ringers were present to try the bells, which have just been restored and augmented to a ring of six by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

Of the four old bells, three have been incorporated in the new peal. The old tenor, a sixteenth century bell by Austen Bracker, has been preserved and is now standing on a pedestal in the tower.

The other three old bells have been recast, a new tenor about 24 cwt. and two new trebles having been added. The peal has been rehung in a new steel frame and are now a nice handy and musical little ring.

On Saturday the Vicar, the Rev. P. G. Ward, gave a hearty welcome to the visiting ringers. He conducted the service, at which quite a number of parishioners were present, and afterwards entertained the ringers to tea.

The bells were first heard on Sunday, July 4th, the first 720, Bob Minor, being rung for evening service by C. W. Cook 1, A. E. Austin 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, W. Winter 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, J. W. Ward 6. For morning service on Sunday, July 11th, 720 London Surprise was rung by R. Lathbury 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, B. Wayman 3, C. W. Cook 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, E. H. Finch 6.

A local company of ringers is being formed and many recruits are showing great enthusiasm. It is to be hoped that one result of some years of labour by the Vicar and parishioners may be the establishment of a good local band.

FOR BEGINNERS.**TOUCHES OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

Having got an insight into the working of the bells in their coursing, the beginner can go on to the bob calling. He will probably have observed that a bob cuts out one plain dodging place so that, for example, instead of dodging in 5-4 (down) in the lead after making 3rd's place, a bob causes him to stop in 7-6 (down) and have a double instead of a single dodge.

If he is calling the bobs by the fixed positions of Wrong (7-6 down), Home (6-7 up), Middle (4-5 up), In (into the hunt), Out (out of the hunt) or Before (3rd's place), he must be prepared for this omission. Wrong will come in the lead after 3rd's; Home in the lead after 5-4 (down); Middle in the lead after 7-6 down; In, the lead after 6-7 up; but Before comes in the lead after 4-5 up, because it is the one position that a bob does not affect. The 'Out' comes at any given number of leads from the time the bell is called In; and obviously no other call can be inserted between an In and an Out.

The time to call the bob is when the treble is in 3rd's place on the way down. That may not be easy to observe, but, if you have mastered the ropesight of coursing, you will readily see the bell hunting down immediately in front of the treble. The call is made when that bell begins to lead. As a help you can remember, also, that the call comes as you arrive in your dodging place, or, if you are going into the hunt yourself, immediately you leave the lead.

As a simple beginning you can try any of the following touches:—

- 3, 5, 6 or 4 called Middle three times.
- 3, 5, 7 or 6 called Wrong three times.
- 3, 5, 7 or 4 called Home three times.
- 7, 6 or 4 called In and Out (next lead) three times.
- 2 called Out and In three times.

Here are 18 different ways of calling a touch of 168.

You can extend these by calling a single for the last bob, and then repeating the whole, except in the case of the 2nd Out and In, when the Single should be called at the last Out. This use of singles doubles the length of the touch.

Other touches of 336 can be got by using the calling of the 7th In and Out and the 6th In and Out in any combination of three courses repeated. Thus:—

7th In and Out twice, 6th In and Out once, repeated.

6th In and Out twice, 7th In and Out once, repeated.

For brevity these might be indicated by the figures 7.7.6 repeated and 6.6.7 repeated. Other combinations which beginners can work out for themselves are 7.6.7; 6.7.7; 6.7.6; and 6.6.7.

Many longer touches can be made up by the same process, but ringers who work out their own must not overlook the risk of repetition. It would be good practice to write out the lead-ends of the touches, and these can be produced by the following transpositions: 253746 for a plain lead; 752634 for a bob lead. If no singles are used, the touch is true if none of the lead-ends repeat.

SUCCESSFUL PEAK MEETING.

The Ashover meeting of the Peak District Society, held on June 26th, was extremely successful. A very fine afternoon brought about 30 members and friends together, and some good ringing was enjoyed by all on this recently rehung peal of eight. Everyone voted the 'go' as excellent, and gave Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, credit for another splendid piece of work. Towers represented were Derby, Dore, Ashover, Matlock, Darley Dale, Sheffield, with friends from Stoke-on-Trent. Touches were rung in the usual standard methods and a good course of Cambridge brought round.

WEDDING BELLS.**MARRIAGE OF MR. A. H. HUGHES, OF BRADFORD.**

At Holy Trinity Church, Low Moor, Bradford, on June 19th, the marriage took place of Miss Phyllis Boyes, younger daughter of Mrs. Boyes, of Wesley Place, Low Moor, and the late Mr. George Boyes, to Mr. Albert Henry Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Hughes, of Green Lane, Wyke, Bradford.

The Vicar of the Holy Trinity Church, which is the Wibsey Parish Church, officiated and suitable music was played by the organist of the church.

The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. William Boyes, was attired in a dress of white ivory satin, an embroidered veil and coronet and carried a bouquet of red roses. She was attended by her sister, Evelyn, and two younger bridesmaids, the Misses Gladwys and Freda Middleton.

Liversedge Parish Church ringers celebrated the occasion by 'firing' the bells and ringing touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich Major.

Mr. Albert J. Hughes is well known amongst ringers in North Wales, Yorkshire and the Midlands, whilst his son, Mr. Albert H. Hughes, and Mr. William Boyes are local ringers.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Ten-Part, was rung at Rotherfield, Sussex, in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. R. Moberly and Miss P. M. Huddart on Saturday, June 19th: J. Lovell 1, H. Hammond 2, R. Mitchell 3, A. F. Lowry 4, F. Hammond 5, E. Bishop, sen. 6, C. Brasier 7, F. H. Hicks 8.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival, 1937, will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 17th. Service in Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher: Bishop G. B. Allen, D.D. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30 p.m. Further particulars will be found on notices sent to guild towers.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea in school 5.30. Business meeting after.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District. — A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Hallaton (6 bells) on July 17th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival, Jubilee Service and opening of the augmented peal will be held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 3.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Chester. Tea at 4.30, price 1s. 6d., and annual meeting at 5.15.—Rev. M. H. Ridgway, Hon. Sec., Tarvin Vicarage, Chester.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The summer meeting will be held at Pinner on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Ringing after tea until 8.45 p.m. Travelling facilities: Metropolitan, Baker Street, etc., direct to Pinner or Bakerloo and L.M.S. Stations to Harrow, thence by 183 bus to Pinner. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Flixton, on Saturday, July 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Staughton on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6.30. Please come and help to make this meeting a success.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton district at Lockerley on July 17th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (8). Committee meet 4 p.m. Service at 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting in the Craven Arms Hotel.—M. Melville, Exhall, Coventry.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Langport on Saturday, July 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Huish Episcopi bells will probably be available. Please notify early for tea.—F. Farrant, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Nailsea on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Wraxall bells also available during the evening.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) from 3.30 and after tea. Tea, 5.15 p.m., in Church Hall. Buses 95 and 98 from Hayes and Hounslow pass the church.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends will be welcome. A good company is requested. Please come and have a ring at one of the prettiest churches in England.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hedon on Saturday, July 17th. The fine peal of 8 (tenor 17 cwt.) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the Queen's Head Hotel, 1s. 6d. each. Come to the King of the Holderness.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Whittington-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, July 17th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. Meeting in the Rectory at 5 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all members and friends. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Blagdon on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The cup contest will be held at Dronfield Church on Saturday, July 17th. Draw 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. B. Marples, Green Dragon, Church Street, Dronfield. Ringing for all after contest. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the Grimsby district will be held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea, 5 p.m., in the Parish Hall at a moderate charge.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Staughton on Saturday, July 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Please come and help to make meeting a success.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

ABBOT'S LANGLEY.—Saturday, July 17th. Bells open 3.30. Tea at the Vicarage, 5.30. Excellent bus service to church. Nearest rail: King's Langley, 1 mile.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270. Herts Association.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Chiswick, on Saturday, July 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at Parish Hall, followed by further ringing until 8 p.m. Nearest station, Turnham Green Underground and straight down Devonshire Road. It's a pleasant spot, close to the river, so let's have a good attendance.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W. 12.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Maresfield to-morrow (Saturday), July 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Rector. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., allowed to resident members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern).—Combined practices: Hitchin, Monday, July 19th, Royston, Tuesday, July 20th; St. Paul's, Walden, Wednesday, July 28th; Wallington, Thursday, Aug. 5th. All meetings 7 to 9 p.m. Please cut this out as it will not appear again!—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for July: Service ringing, Bow, Cheapside, July 25th, 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', July 19th, at 7.30 p.m.; Lambeth, July 27th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec.

THE WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.—A memorial peal tablet, recording the 7392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, will be unveiled and dedicated on Tuesday, July 20th, at St. Mary-le-Bow Church, Cheapside, at 7.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles and E. J. Butler, Hon. Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on July 22nd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 29th 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 mid-week meeting will be held at Harlow Town on Wednesday, July 21st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send me a card.—S. Clark, Potter Street, Harlow.

SUFFOLK GUILD AND NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—Mildenhall and South Norfolk Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Elveden on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., near tower. All ringers are cordially invited to visit this beauty spot.—R. C. Sharpe and A. G. Harrison, Joint Branch Secs.

ST. MARY'S, PUTNEY.—Two-day motor tour in Herts and Essex, July 24th and 25th. A few seats vacant. For particulars please apply at once to Elson, 59, Pursers Cross Road, S.W.6.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (N.W. District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. H. Smith, Drakelow, Howard Road, Great Bookham, by July 21st?—A. H. Smith, F. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Milverton on Saturday, July 24th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea, please notify me by Tuesday, July 20th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (by kind invitation of churchwardens) and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided only for those notifying me not later than Monday, July 19th. Half fares will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present, advise me not later than Wednesday, July 21st?—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Festival at Soham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (10) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Ely. Tea in Vicarage garden, if fine, price 1s. each.—Kitty Willers, Gen. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Monken Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All ringers welcomed. Please advise either of the undersigned by July 21st.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at Tunstall. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation, and business meeting. In fairness to our hosts, please inform me not later than Tuesday, July 20th.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, July 24th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Next meeting at Norton on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Usual procedure. Bus leaves Worcester Street at 2.55 p.m. Will those who require tea notify me by the 21st?—W. H. Harris, Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at Woburn. This fine peal will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—F. J. Plummer, Hon. Dis. Sec., Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD will meet members of the Aldershot district of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Heathfield on Saturday, July 24th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome, but tea *must* be ordered by the 21st.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, July 24th, at which Cleveland and North Yorkshire members are especially invited to be present. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. R. L. Scarth, 13, Maudon Avenue, Pickering, not later than Thursday, July 22nd. A hearty invitation to all.—Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, July 24th. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. House Smith, The Yews, Eckington, Sheffield?—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. S. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington, if tea is required. Business meeting 7 p.m.—H. Loffhouse, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by July 22nd. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hawkchurch on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, July 20th.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Henstridge on Saturday, July 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for teas.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All requiring tea, will they please notify me, not later than Tuesday, July 20th (*certain*)?—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting Wirksworth, Saturday, July 24th. Will all members and friends help to make this, our first visit, a success? Those expecting to be present please write me, not later than Tuesday, July 20th, so that suitable arrangements can be made for tea.—H. L. Warburton, Hon. Sec., 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, near Sheffield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at Edenham (Billingborough bells not available). Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify by Wednesday previous Mr. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs? — C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

CHURCH LAWFORD, RUGBY.—The new ring of 6 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Coventry on Saturday, July 24th, at 4 p.m. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. J. H. White, 59, George Eliot Road, Coventry, not later than Monday, July 19th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next district meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, taken by the Rector, at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5 p.m. The Rector extends a hearty invitation to ringers to attend this meeting. Names, please, to Mr. E. A. Hall, Peckleton, near Leicester.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS.—On Saturday, July 24th, the Lord Bishop of Peterborough will consecrate the extension to the burial ground at 3.30 p.m. Bells available before service from 2.45 p.m. and also after-

wards. Visiting ringers will be heartily welcomed. Tea can be arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday previous. — Geo. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Amersham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than July 20th. Phone: Slough 1260.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

DORCHESTER, ST. PETER'S.—Re-opening of the bells, Sunday, August 1st. Services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. A ring of eight rehung by John Taylor and Co.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Diocesan Festival at Truro, Aug. 2nd, 2 to 9 p.m. Bells: Cathedral (10), Kenwyn (8), Kea (8), St. Erme (6). Service at Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 (free to ringers). Reply to Ringing Master, Pengwedhen, Helford, Helston, before July 19th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church, St. Mary's (12 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends to come along and support us.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Millnrow, Rochdale, Lancs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

JUST A REMINDER.—Book the date for the annual dinner of the Lancashire Association, Oct. 30th, at the County Hotel, adjoining the Palace Theatre, Promenade, Blackpool.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A souvenir invitation to the 300th dinner on November 6th has been prepared. Copies of this will be sent in due course, together with an admission ticket, to members who apply with remittances (10s. for members, 12s. 6d. for non-members) to any of the following:—Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. 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. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young. Members are reminded that seating accommodation at the Cannon Street Hotel is limited to 400.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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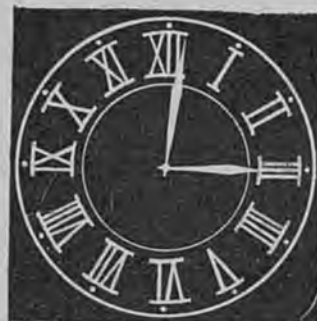
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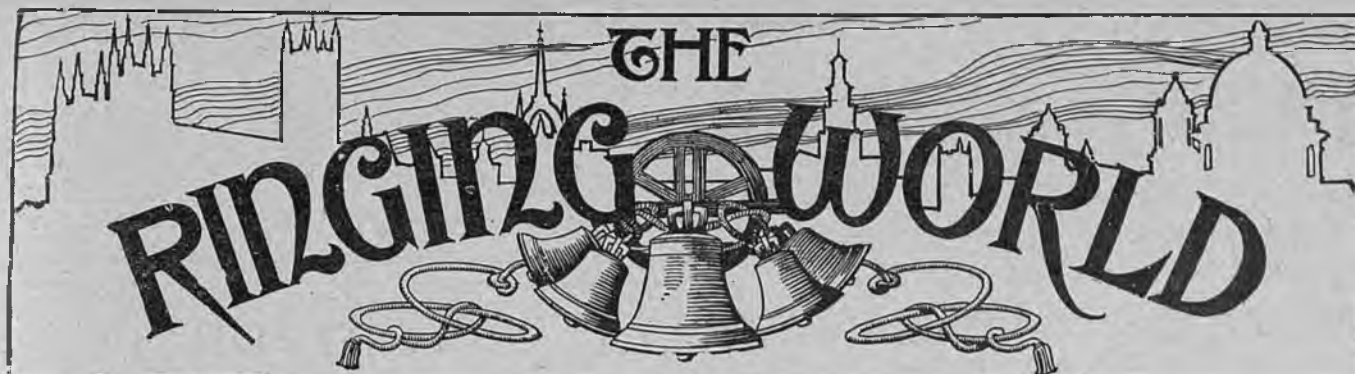
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The enlargement of a ring of bells is always interesting, but it cannot always be said that an increase to ten or twelve bells adds to the satisfying qualities of a peal. In the case of Chester, however, the heavy bells, which have been in the Cathedral for just 70 years, have metal more than sufficient to justify the step that has been taken.

The Exercise will extend its congratulations to the Chester Guild upon reaching its jubilee and upon its method of commemorating it. When it was founded it filled a gap in a corner of the country bordered by the Midland Counties and the Lancashire Associations where no organisation existed, and took up the good work which, by that time, had spread nearly throughout the country. The advantages of this form of organisation among ringers was rapidly becoming realised among those who recognised the need for belfry reform, not altogether from the point of view of the conduct of ringers, but in order to link bell ringing with service to the Church. In the middle of last century very little of the ringing that was done was practised with the higher motives which it is the aim of the associations to foster—a point which to-day is sometimes lost sight of, because the ringer's part as a member of the church organisation is now largely taken for granted.

Ringling in those days was usually regarded as a pastime, or from a mercenary standpoint albeit the 'loaves and fishes' were small. It was the growing desire of those who felt that church bell ringing should stand on a higher plane, that led to the formation of the county and diocesan associations. The movement began from within the ranks of the ringers themselves, and it is to the credit of the 'reformers' of those days that the network of societies, which now covers the country, was established. The service which these associations and guilds have rendered to the Church and to the cause of ringing cannot be over-estimated. Much of what they set out to achieve has been accomplished,

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although, strangely enough, recognition by the clergy of the place which ringers should take in church organisation was one of the last things realised in some places. Ringers have to thank the pioneers of fifty or sixty years ago for the position they hold to-day and the facilities which they now enjoy for the furtherance of their art.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

GEORGE POPNELL Treble	JOHN W. JONES 6
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	*HOWARD HOWELL 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 3	JOHN PHILLIPS 8
GEORGE TALBOT 4	ERNEST STITCH 9
FRANK ROWSELL 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by HENRY G. MILES. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung in honour of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth and on the day of their visit to Cardiff on the South Wales tour.

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On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*MISS DORIS E. LIDBETTER Treble	FRANK E. DAREY 6
HORACE BELCHER 2	†WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	ERNEST BRETT 8
HARRY HOSKINS 4	JAMES H. RIDING 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	REDEEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. * Conducted by W. H. HEWETT
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On Wednesday, July 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	SYDNEY TAYLOR 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2	*ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... 6
*HERBERT DEVENISH ... 3	FRED CHALK 7
*HARRY WAIN 4	*HARRY BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal of Stedman. Arranged as a farewell peal for Mr. Sydney Taylor, who is shortly leaving Chelmsford for Horsham.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE LEE Treble	RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 5
ARTHUR G. RING 2	CHARLES F. SAYER 6
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	ALBERT E. COLEMAN 7
R. WILLIAM BARBER 4	EDMUND G. RETT Tenor

Composed by W. EVERSFIELD. Conducted by EDMUND G. RETT.

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On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

WILLIAM DUDLEY Treble	*ALBERT NORTH 5
GORDON BACON 2	STANLEY BAYBUT 6
*JOHN FOWLER 3	FRANK LUFKIN 7
ROBERT HEASEL 4	ERNEST FORBANK Tenor

Conducted by FRANK LUFKIN.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells. Rung in honour of William Dudley, who has just completed 50 years' service as bellringer at the Parish Church, Pritlewell.

PRESTBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEW'S TWELVE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOSEPH WHITTAKER Treble	*C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	JAMES A. MILNER 6
THOMAS POTTS 3	JOHN WORTH 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4	WILFRED STEVENSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

LONGTON, STAFFS.

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On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MATTHEW R. BUCKLEY Treble	EDWARD STEELE 5
HAROLD HOUNSON 2	ALAN D. STEEL 6
HAROLD ROSE 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
CHARLES H. PAGE 4	*GEORGE SWYNERTON Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF HINTON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN Treble	JOHN THOMAS 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	RALPH HARRIS 6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 2, 3 and 6 and on the bells.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

ERNEST BISHOP Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 5
ARTHUR R. MILES 2	ALBERT RELFE 6
LESLIE W. JARVIS 3	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 7
*FRANK H. HICKS 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

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Tenor 18½ cwt.

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THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	NORMAN H. MANNING 6
MISS OLIVE L. ASHEROOK ... 3	THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 7
FRANCIS D. BISHOP 4	FRANK E. DARBY Tenor

Composed by O. LANG.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

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KEITH HART 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
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On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	ALLAN R. PINK 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	Cecil C. MAYNE 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 3	HARRY KILBY 7
*J. E. LEWIS COCKEY 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

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Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

* First Surprise peal.

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MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
JOHN SADDINGTON 2	G. RONALD EDWARDS 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	COLIN HARRISON 7
JOHN P. FIDLER 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

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On Monday, July 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*BEWLEY WEAVER Treble	†JAMES CHALK 5
†ERNEST W. PYE 2	JOHN H. CRAMPION 6
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STANLEY F. WEBB 4	WILLIAM MORLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Neville Ison, whose funeral took place earlier in the day.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

SYDNEY FLINT Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
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NOLAN GOLDEN 3	CLIFFORD BIRD 7
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

TREVOR M. RODERICK Treble	HARRY BOYCE 5
ALBERT J. PITMAN 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
FREDERICK E. STONE 3	HOWARD HOWELL 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by E. STITCH.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF PAINSWICK COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALAN J. HOPPER Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 5
EDWIN BARNETT 2	DEREK M. SHARP 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

The first peal in the method (C.C. Collection No. 44). J. Bennett's 50th peal on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Six 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.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	*CHARLES R. RAINE 7
JACK DAFTERS 4	EDMUND MOUNTER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal. This peal was arranged for Mr. C. R. Raine, of Edinburgh.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Three 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	HARRY BRADLEY 5
HERBERT DEVONISH 2	HENRY WARN 6
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3	FRED CHALK 7
ARTHUR H. EVERETT 4	HORACE J. MANSFIELD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ERNEST W. TIPLER Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 5
WILLIAM I. ROOT 2	†WILLIAM A. WOOD 6
KENNETH A. ROE 3	JOSEPH S. CARTER 7
JAMES FERNLEY 4	RICHARD F. ROE Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD F. ROE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. ADDSLEY Treble	LIONEL J. COLLUM 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HARRY HOVERD 6
DEREK M. SHARP 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	*THOMAS MORTIMER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. COLLUM.

* First peal. Rung after the wedding of Mr. James T. Stevens (a ringer at this church) to Miss Irene Eva Medhurst.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*MISS PHYLLIS BAKER Treble	G. LESLIE A. LUNN 5
*MISS ETHEL MARSHALL 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
JOHN FREEMAN 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES 4	†NOEL B. THURLBY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method and first peal on eight bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

POLTIMORE, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CECIL BREALY Treble	ERNEST RETTER 4
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	JOSEPH BREALY 5
*LEONARD HOWARD 3	ALBERT COLLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal.

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HARDINGTON-MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 20 of Plain Bob and 10 of Grandsire, with 18 callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 4 lb.

*A. FRANK FOOT Treble	GILBERT W. RENDELL ... 4
MRS. G. W. RENDELL ... 2	WALTER H. POOLE ... 5
STANLEY GUPPY 3	LESLIE J. HAWKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. W. RENDELL.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Miss Dawson Campbell on the occasion of her marriage and to Mr. Douglas Ransom, one of the local band of ringers, for his recent 21st birthday; also for the first birthday of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Rendell.

RUSHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, July 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

*RONALD STOCKALL Treble	HARRY V. PARROW ... 4
P. GEORGE GOLDER 2	HOWARD HOWELL ... 5
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	JOHN H. D. RADCLIFFE ... Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal and first attempt.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents, four callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WILLIAM SYMONDS Treble	LAURIE WILTON ... 4
EDWARD BUCK 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3	FRANCIS BEAUMONT ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS BEAUMONT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR MULVEY Treble	HAROLD DENMAN ... 4
KENNETH MAYER 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 5
FRANK VERNON 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

Twenty-fifth peal on the bells.

BITTESWALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

FRANK K. MEASURES Treble	JOHN H. BAILESS ... 4
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 2	*ERNEST W. TIPLER ... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	*JOHN A. TIMSON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BENINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Cambridge, Hull, Bourne and Netherseale. Tenor 11 cwt.

MISS C. NEAL Treble	JOHN R. KEMP ... 4
MISS LOIS M. NEAL 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	JOHN R. YOUNG ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by all the band.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN W. CARTER Treble	CHARLES W. DENYER ... 4
†ERNEST GARDNER 2	†EDGAR SHERRWOOD ... 5
THOMAS E. DENYER 3	REGINALD J. WHITFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. DENYER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
† First peal. Rung as a farewell to the treble ringer, who is leaving the district for Coleman's Hatch, Sussex.

LLANFIHANGEL RHYDITHON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 differently called 240's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES R. SADLER Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... 4
ERNEST F. SALMONS 2	JOHN J. WEBB ... 5
AUSTIN WINGATE 3	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal on the bells.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

GEORGE R. TOWNES Treble	REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 4
*VICTOR MORLEY 2	RALPH BIRD ... 5
ALEC M. GENERY 3	†RONALD SOCKLING ... Tenor

Conducted by R. SOCKLING.

* First peal in six methods 'inside.' † 25th peal. A birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

LLANFRECHFA, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

GEORGE JOHN Treble	REV. G. J. RICHARDS ... 4
MISS GWYNETH M. SMITH ... 2	LESLIE BAINHAM ... 5
WILLIAM POWELL 3	ROBERT SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SMITH.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the Royal visit to Newport.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERPILERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5-6
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 3-4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7-8
JACK BRAY 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 153).

Conducted by J. BRAY.

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher's 300th peal.

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PEAL NOTES.

PERFORMANCES AND PERSONALITIES.

There were great rejoicings in Wales on the occasion of their Majesties' tour of the Principality last week. Two peals were rung in connection with the visit. One was Grandsire Caters at Cardiff, which not only celebrated the Royal visit, but also the King and Queen's Coronation, in honour of which latter event a previous attempt failed.

The Rev. G. J. Richards, Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, was one of the band who took part in a peal of Minor at Llanfrechfa, Mon., on July 14th, when the King and Queen visited Newport. Four of the ringers had helped earlier to ring the bells at All Saints' Church, Newport, at the coming of their Majesties to the borough.

Members of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham have rung the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal in the county of Shropshire, at Coalbrookdale. The Guild has made quite an interesting 'collection' of 'firsts' in the past. Some that we can recall are the first Surprise peal rung out of England (at Bray, Ireland), the first Surprise peal in Wales, the first true peal of Treble Ten in Ireland, the first twelve-bell peal in Devon (at Exeter), and the first peal on the sea (crossing from Dublin to Holyhead).

A half-muffled memorial peal to the miners who lost their lives in the pit disaster at Brymbo Colliery, Chesterton, Staffs, has been rung at Longton.

Mr. James T. Stevens, a member of the band at St. John the Baptist's Church, Erith, was married on Saturday to Miss Irene Eva Medhurst and a peal of Stedman Triples was rung in honour of the event. The bride and bridegroom kindly entertained the band to tea after the peal, and a toast to their future health and happiness, coupled with good wishes, was drunk.

Mr. John W. Carter, no relation, by the way, to the inventor of the ringing machine, but an enthusiastic member of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, is leaving the district, much to the regret of his many friends. A farewell peal of Minor (Mr. Carter's first of Treble Bob) was rung at Seale, to which church he has been attached. Mr. Carter is going to Coleman's Hatch, Sussex.

Sussex will gain another ringer by the removal to Horsham of Mr. Sydney Taylor, who is shortly leaving Chelmsford. On July 7th a farewell peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Boreham, Essex.

At Crayford, Kent, the first peal of Painswick College Bob Major (No. 44 in the C.C. Collection) was rung on July 16th. There are many interesting plain methods in this collection and we would like to see more of them rung. By the way, Crayford has often been the tower for 'first peals,' and E. A. Barnett is following in Grandpa's footsteps in calling new things.

What is believed to be the first peal in seven Surprise methods in the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild rung by branch members was scored at Benington on July 10th. Two ladies took part and it was the first peal in seven Surprise methods by all the band.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Great Baddow, Essex, on July 17th, was specially arranged for Miss Sylvia R. E. Bowyer, one of the brilliant young lady ringers of St. Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston recently overhauled the bells at Llanfihangel Rhydythor, Radnorshire, and added a new treble to make a ring of six. The first peal was rung on them on Sunday, July 11th. The method was Grandsire Doubles.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Aberavon on July 16th was arranged for Mr. Howard Howell, who was on a visit to South Wales from Walsall, Staffs. It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. F. E. Stone.

The Norwich Diocesan Association has peals in a great variety of methods in its records, but it was not until last week that a peal of Oxford Bob Major was added. It was rung at Wymondham and was the first peal in the method by all the band.

The peal of Bob Major at Mayfield, Sussex, on July 10th, was rung after an attempt, lasting 20 minutes, for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

REDEDICATION OF CRICKLADE BELLS.

ROPES AMONG THE CHOIR STALLS.

The bells of St. Sampson's Church, Cricklade, Wilts, have been recently restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and were rededicated by the Bishop of Bristol on July 5th. The bells, a 'left-handed' ring of five, with a tenor of about 15 cwt., have been rehung on ball bearings with all new fittings, and the 4th, which was badly cracked, has been recast and the other bells tuned.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. W. L. Richards), the lessons being read by Sir Percy Laurie. Immediately after the Bishop's prayer of rededication, the bells were chimed in rounds for a few minutes, it being impossible to ring owing to the ropes falling among the choir stalls. After the service the bells were raised in peal, and the opening touch, three courses of Bob Singles and 120 of Grandsire Doubles, was rung by C. J. Gardner 1, E. J. Berry 2, W. H. Trueman 3, H. W. Bishop 4, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 5. Other ringers from Cirencester and district afterwards had a pull, and the general opinion was that the bellhangers had done their work in an excellent manner, the bells being rung very easily despite the very long draught of over 90ft. of rope. Cricklade now possesses an easy going, pleasing little ring, which were reopened practically free from debt, only £6 being required.

FOR BEGINNERS.

GRANDSIRE IN THREE-LEAD COURSES.

Some of the earliest peals of Grandsire Triples were composed on what is known as the three-lead course plan, that is a plan by which the observation bell comes back to its plain course position every third lead. Such peals are not now much in favour, principally on the ground, we believe, that the observation bell never does the whole of the work included in a plain course.

There are only three positions in which it can fall, and these are Wrong (7-6 down), Middle (4-5 up) and Before (3rd's place). The observation bell never goes into the hunt or dodges in 5-4 down or 6-7 up, and many people, therefore, look upon such peals as lacking in interest.

Nevertheless, this short-course plan provides excellent music for touches, for it is possible for instance by this means to get the full extent of 6-7 together at course-ends in a touch of only 1,008 changes.

Peals on these lines have usually the 6th as the observation bell, but the 5th or 3rd is sometimes used. If you want to keep the 6-7 together throughout your touch you must keep both these bells fixed and you do it by calling a Single at the first lead (bringing the 6th into 4-5 up and the 7th to make the long 3rd's). A three-lead course also necessitates a call to bring 6-7 together behind—it is that, indeed, which makes the three-lead course.

It is easy to call from any bell. Note the course-end, call a Single the next lead; have a plain lead when the 6th comes Before (unless your composition, as it may, provides for a Bob), and call a Bob or Single next lead as required.

When written out the calls may be noted as M., B. W., or 1, 2, 3, the figures denoting the lead of the course. Thus a touch of 168 can be written in either of the following ways:—

234567	M	B	W	234567	1	2	3
345267	S	—	—	345267	S	—	—
452367	S	—	—	452367	S	—	—
523467	S	—	—	523467	S	—	—
234567	S	—	—	234567	S	—	—

This touch can be doubled in length by calling a Single for either of the Bobs, and lengthened again by calling a Single for one of the other Bobs in alternate parts.

You can make up a great variety of touches for yourself, and you can get the 1,008 to which we have referred by using the following:—

234567 1 3

435267	S	S
352467	S	—
524367	S	—
423567	S	S

Repeat this five times with a Bob for Single at the end of the third and sixth parts.

If you want a 504 with twelve 6-7's, call the four course three times exactly as set out.

A very symmetrical five-part peal on this plan was composed by Thomas Thurstans, of Birmingham, for ever famous for his Four-Part peal of Stedman Triples. It is based on these four-course blocks.

In the first block a Bob at 2 (the 6th Before) is called. The rest is like the touch of 1,008. It brings up the part-end 723465, and that is one-fifth of the peal.

TROWBRIDGE RINGERS' LONG DAY'S TRIP

The ringers of the Trowbridge Parish Church, accompanied by a few friends from Bath, had their annual outing on June 20th. Starting at 7.30 a.m., they proceeded by road to Winchester, where they were met by the Cathedral ringers, who pointed out many interesting and historical features in the ancient pile. The Trowbridge men had been granted permission to ring for the morning service, and Stedman Cinques was rung on the very fine peal of twelve recently installed. These bells are a revelation of what can be achieved by the bell-founder with a modest weight. They can best be described in one word, 'Grand.'

The party afterwards proceeded to Portsmouth, staying at Cosham to take lunch. An enjoyable hour or two was spent on the sea front, and then, after tea, they arrived at St. Mary's, Portsea, where Messrs. Greenwood and Rogers were waiting to receive them. Here touches in various methods were rung for evening service on an excellent peal of eight. The splendid 'go' of the bells and the well-kept belfry were greatly admired by the visitors. The return journey was made via Southampton and Salisbury, Trowbridge being reached at 11.15 p.m. Everyone voted the long day a great success, thanks to the efficient organisation of Sam Hector and his able assistants. Thanks are also hereby accorded to all who contributed to the comfort of the party.

J. F. S.

ROYAL VISIT TO EDINBURGH.

In honour of the State Entry of their Majesties the King and Queen into the Scottish capital on Monday, July 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral by J. Middlemass 1, M. A. K. Simpson 2, H. Chandler (Royal Navy) 3, A. G. Collinson (first quarter-peal of Caters) 4, W. C. S. Heathcote 5, B. F. Vernon 6, J. Marshall 7, G. Marshall 8, C. R. Raine (conductor) 9, J. H. B. Pryde 10.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**A USEFUL PRACTICE MEETING AT HEDON.**

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Hedon on Saturday, July 17th. The fine peal of eight and the large, cool belfry were much appreciated by everyone, and some well-struck touches were brought round. The warm and close weather made the tea at the Queen's Head Hotel doubly welcome.

Mr. R. H. Vigor informed the members that the next meeting had been arranged for Bridlington on August 14th, and hoped that they would do their best to attend, as it was some time since a meeting was held there. He mentioned that though there was a very fine peal of eight at Bridlington, the bells had been neglected and there would be a good chance of doing some 'missionary' work by endeavouring to get them overhauled and put in order.

The meeting at Hedon was held especially for the practice of methods which members are unable to obtain locally owing to the great size of the district and the sparsity of towers, and besides the standard methods for the less advanced, many rang their first touches of Double Norwich, Little Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Ringers were present from Hull, Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Hemingbrough, Headingley, Holbeck and Barton-upon-Humber.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A SIX-BELL MEETING.**

The North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild met at Hendon on Saturday, July 10th, and for a six-bell meeting there was quite a good attendance, some 32 ringers putting in an appearance.

At the business meeting Mr. A. W. Coles (Master of the association) took the chair in the absence of Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president), who was attending a meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Sheffield!

Five new members were elected, and the arrangements for the next meeting left to the hon. secretary.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. N. R. Boyd) and to Messrs. Barnard and Martin and the local ringers for arrangements made.

A number of Central Council publications were on sale, and quite good business was done.

Members attended divine service at 6 p.m. immediately after the business meeting.

Ringing, under the guidance of Mr. T. J. Lock, continued until about 8.30 p.m., with Graudsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise, and the special method for the day, Double Stedman Slow Course!

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT NETHERTON.**

The summer meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Netherton, when about 50 members were present, including Mr. William Short, Master of the association. Ringing, which took place in the afternoon and evening, ranged from rounds to London Surprise Major. The Surprise methods, however, did not go too well. The bells are a peal of eight with tenor about 13 cwt., recently recast by John Taylor and Co. from an earlier peal. They are of excellent tone and 'go,' which, combined with a well-appointed ringing room, provide ideal ringing conditions.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. L. Warren) was away on holiday, but the Rev. Frank Carr, curate of Netherton and a member of the local band, took the service and made arrangements for an excellent tea in the adjoining schoolrooms.

A collection at tea, for the Belfry Repairs Fund, realised 12s., which result justified the departure from the usual practice of taking it in church during the service.

The Rev. Frank Carr presided over the business meeting which followed. The annual meeting of the branch will be at Bromsgrove in September, subject to permission being granted and the arrangements for the quarterly peal, to be rung at Netherton, were left in the hands of the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. T. Hemming), the chairman giving permission on behalf of the Vicar.

Two performing members, Mr. Tom Parsons and Mr. William Parsons, of Cradley, were elected ringing members, and a churchwarden, of Netherton, Mr. Jordan, an honorary member.

The branch secretary (Mr. J. S. Mason) drew attention to the annual dinner, which would be held at Worcester on the last Saturday in September. Although it was looking ahead for several months, he urged members to book the date and give their support.

Discussion arose over the question of travelling, and the branch secretary intimated that he was quite willing to arrange facilities if a sufficient number would guarantee to give their support. He pointed out that arrangements could be made if all names were handed in not later than the September meeting.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman and to all who had contributed to the success of the occasion. To this the chairman suitably replied and the members left to revisit the tower for further ringing.

His many ringing friends will be pleased to hear that Mr. Albert Prestidge, the leader of the Netherton ringers, is able to be about once more after his recent illness, and although he is not sufficiently well to take a really active part in change ringing, his interest has in no way diminished.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Will all who intend visiting the Middlesex and Hertfordshire joint meeting on Saturday next kindly note that, owing to illness at Hadley, the meeting will be held at Barnet. Particulars are given in the usual columns.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, in his 80th year, has again accepted office, at the unanimous request of the members, as Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Recently Canon Coleridge had another accident and hurt his already damaged knee. Happily it responded to treatment and his leg is now better than it has been at any time since his first mishap. Getting downstairs is his greatest trouble.

New trebles are being added to the ring of eight at Poole to celebrate the Coronation, and it has been announced that they will be dedicated on September 25th.

Reference was made at the Central Council meeting to Leicester being the only city outside London with two rings of twelve bells. But Birmingham also has two—St. Martin's and Aston—to say nothing of others in the immediate vicinity of this Midland 'village.'

We are glad to say that Mr. Oliver Sippetts, of Crawley, who recently underwent a slight operation in hospital, is home again and making excellent progress towards recovery.

The attention of members of the Ancient Order of Foresters attending the High Court at Ipswich is directed to a notice in another column with regard to ringing at St. Mary-le-Tower Church.

Once a year a bellringers' festival is held at Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, when special sermons are preached and the offertories during the day are given to the bellringers' fund. This year's festival is fixed for Sunday next.

A party who visited Devon last week on a ringing holiday attempted one peal only each day. They rang five peals and lost one.

After ringing three hours and with only eight courses to go, an attempt on Saturday for the first peal of Stedman Cinques on the new bells at Manchester Town Hall was stopped in a peremptory manner by Lord Mayor O'Toole in person. We understand that the reason given was that a priest in a neighbouring Roman Catholic Church was unable to hear confessions, owing to the bells.

'CHANGE RINGING WITHOUT BELLS.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I enclose an advertisement from the 'Church Times' which may well put ringers on their guard.

I doubt the veracity of the statement: 'A single operator can achieve elaborate change ringing without previous knowledge of campanology.' Nevertheless, many of the clergy reading this and not understanding ringing may think—

- (a) The instrument a cheap way out;
- (b) The instrument a thing of superior musical charm to badly rung bells;
- (c) The instrument capable of achieving change ringing in a perfect way.

It, therefore, behoves all campanologists to 'pull up their socks.'

Melton Mowbray.

VERNON TAYLOR.

The advertisement referred to describes the instrument as 'a carillon without bells.' It claims as its merits that it requires but a few cubic feet of space, it imposes no strain on the fabric and its cost is only a fraction of the expense entailed by a set of bells.

The statement that 'a single operator can achieve elaborate change ringing without previous knowledge of campanology' is, however, obviously absurd.

LADIES' GUILD.

MEMBERSHIP NOW THREE HUNDRED.

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at Handsforth, Sheffield, on Saturday, July 10th. There were 27 members present, representing all the districts with one exception.

Ringing took place in the afternoon and evening at the Parish Church, and a short service was conducted by the Rector, Canon Baker. Mrs. Baker presided at the organ.

Tea and the business meeting followed, at which the president, Miss E. Steel, took the chair. The accounts were presented and showed an excess of income over expenditure of 2s. 6d., and the hon. treasurer pointed out that if subscriptions had all been paid up to date the excess would have been considerably larger.

Miss Steel was re-elected president and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher hon. secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Deal was appointed auditor.

As the membership of the Guild had now reached 300, it was decided to send a third representative to the Central Council, and Miss Steel was unanimously elected.

A lengthy discussion then took place on the working of the districts with a view to a possible rearrangement of the areas covered, to ensure that the whole country was adequately served. A scheme was suggested by the hon. secretary, and it was agreed that details of this scheme be sent to all district secretaries for further consideration under working conditions. If found satisfactory, the slight alteration necessary to the rules will be considered at the next annual meeting, which it was decided should be held in London.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped to make the meeting such a success.

NEW BELLS AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL.

DIOCESAN GUILD'S JUBILEE GIFT.

Dedication at Festival Service.

The jubilee festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held in the ancient Cathedral on Saturday, July 17th. The festival service took place in the nave, and a large congregation of ringers, citizens and visitors was present to witness a ceremony which was unique in the long history of this beautiful House of God.

The office hymn, 'Swing them gently in our towers,' was followed by the 148th and 150th Psalms, and the lessons were read by the Dean (the Very Rev. F. S. M. Bennett, D.D.) and Canon A. E. Simpson, B.D. Purcell's delightful anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway,' was sung previous to an inspiring sermon by the Lord Bishop.

Following the concluding prayers, the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' was begun, and after the fourth verse a pause was made while the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. W. Milner) presented to the

ringers. They were Messrs. H. A. Heywood, J. Morgan, A. Smith, E. Breeze, S. Morton and I. Wood.

Mr. W. Wilcox, another original member, much regretted his inability to be present.

The business meeting followed, with the Master in the chair. The accounts were adopted. The hon. secretary's report showed that the membership of the Guild remained practically the same as in the previous year, 40 honorary members and 637 ringing members, but pointed out that several towers were still not in union. Peals numbered 77, with 163 members taking part, 18 ringing a peal for the first time. Congratulations were offered to the multi-method Minor band on their outstanding performances, and the same band was later congratulated by the meeting on their recent success, in which 73 methods were rung in a peal.

It was resolved that the first peal on the ten bells at the Cathedral should be attempted by a band representing all branches of the Guild.



CHESTER'S ANCIENT CATHEDRAL.

In the Tower of which two additional bells have been placed to celebrate the Diocesan Guild's jubilee.

Dean ropes attached to the two new trebles. Holding the ropes in his hand, the Dean said that it gave him great pleasure on behalf of the Cathedral to accept the new bells as a gift from the Diocesan Guild. In monastic times a Dean was a person who had charge of ten men, and as a modern Dean he was glad to feel that he was now in charge of ten bells.

It was an impressive moment when, as the Dean and the Master walked back from beneath the tower to their seats, the ten bells rang out from above. Rounds were rung for two minutes, beautifully effective in the stillness of the Cathedral, and as the ringing ceased the notes of the great organ took the place of the bells and the hymn was concluded. The Bishop pronounced the Blessing before the kneeling congregation, and the Sevenfold Amen brought to a close a service which will remain long in the memory of those who were privileged to be present.

A cheerful gathering, 120 strong, sat down to tea in the Refectory, the Lord Bishop presiding, and a happy diversion was created when the Dean was asked to accept a silver inkstand, suitably inscribed, with the good wishes of the Chester Branch of the Guild and as a token of deep affection.

The Dean, who retires in a few weeks' time, has been chairman of the Chester Branch for 17 years, during which time his unfailing cheerfulness, sympathy and interest in the work of the branch has endeared him to the hearts of all its members. He takes with him to Taunton, in his native county of Somerset, the good wishes not only of the Chester Branch, but of the whole Guild.

In a charming reply, the Dean said that he could not promise to write to everyone present, but the inkstand, which would have a place on his study table, would serve to remind him—if any reminder were needed—of his associations with ringers in Chester.

It is interesting to record that six of the members present were also present at the Refectory on November 12th, 1887, when the Guild was formed following a resolution of the Diocesan Conference, 'That it is desirable to form a Diocesan Guild or Association of Church Bell-

It was decided to hold a jubilee dinner in November as near the foundation date (November 12th) as possible.

Several towers were open for ringing during the evening, but the main attraction naturally was the augmented ring at the Cathedral. An excellent splice has been made by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and Mr. A. A. Hughes, representing the firm, was congratulated on all sides. The Cathedral, without doubt, now possesses a fine ring of ten bells, and the Guild feels that it has celebrated its jubilee in a manner worthy of the occasion.

The inscriptions of the new bells are:—

Treble.—Think and Thank. F. S. M. Bennett, Dean. Cast to celebrate the jubilee of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. 1887-1937.

2nd.—Benedictus Benedict. Cast in the year of the Coronation of H.M. King George VI., 1937. God save the King.

On Tuesday evening there was a special broadcast of the bells in the Northern Regional programme, with a brief and well-planned talk by Mr. J. W. Clarke on ringing and bells in general, and Chester Cathedral bells in particular. The bells formed a background to the talk and were then opened up so that listeners heard the last lead of a course of Grandsire Caters and rounds and the Queen's change.

DEATH OF A BEENHAM RINGER.

The death occurred on Monday, July 5th, of Mr. Andrew James Churchill, who for about 40 years had been a member of the old Beenham band of bellringers and an ardent churchgoer. He was one who could always be relied upon to be in attendance at all Sunday services, until about eight years ago, when his health prevented him from attending.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, July 7th, after which a half-muffled 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the local band.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

PRESENTATION TO CLERICAL HON. SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 10th, when upwards of 70 members and friends put in an appearance. The bells of St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) were available during the afternoon and evening, but the members were not permitted to ring at the Cathedral this year. A sumptuous tea was prepared in the Wade Street Hall and was followed by the general meeting, at which the Venerable R. L. Hodson, Archdeacon of Stafford, presided. Apologies for absence were read from Mr. H. Boswell (retiring Ringing Master), Messrs. T. J. Elton and H. Butler.

The committee's report and the accounts were adopted, the latter showing a credit balance of £26 13s. 9d.

The joint hon. secretaries, auditor and committee (under Rule 6) were re-elected.

The names of two members were put up for Ringing Master—Messrs. B. Horton and B. G. Key—and on a show of hands Mr. Key was declared elected.

The following places were selected for meetings to be held during the coming year: Aldridge, September; Coseley, January; Wednesbury, April; and the annual meeting at Lichfield in June. Also bi-quarterly meetings for practice: All Saints', West Bromwich; Penkridge and Trysull, notice of which will be printed in 'The Ringing World.'



REV. C. H. BARKER,
Clerical Secretary of the
Society.

A suggestion that a memorial to the late Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury, in the form of a brass or bell-metal tablet, to be placed in the belfry at Wednesbury, was favourably received, and a committee of three (Messrs. A. J. Hubble, A. Hingley and H. Smith, of the Wednesbury band) were elected to proceed with the project.

To mark the completion of 21 years' service as honorary clerical secretary and treasurer to the society, the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., was the recipient of a fountain pen.

Mr. H. Knight (lay secretary), in making the presentation, spoke of the valuable service Mr. Barker had rendered to the society during that long period, and asked him to accept the small gift as a token of esteem in which he was held by the members.

Mr. Barker, in thanking the members for their kind thought and action, said the work had been a labour of love.

The President said he, too, would like to thank Mr. Barker for the good work he was doing amongst ringers in the Archdeaconry. Continuing, he said he was pleased to see present so many youngsters, to whom they had to look for the future welfare of the society. He added that he had read the book, 'The Nine Tailors,' and was very much struck with it. He suggested that a copy should be added to the library in every tower.

PRESIDENT OBJECTS TO 'GRAMOPHONE' BELLS.

The President, in conclusion, said he had a strong objection to the use of the loud speaker for gramophone records of bells, and advised all ringers to take every opportunity to check it.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

The committee, in their report, said meetings were held during the past year at Lichfield, Codsall, Tipton and Sedgley. All were moderately attended except the one at Tipton, where, owing to severe wintry weather, the attendance was not as good as might otherwise have been expected. In addition, two bi-quarterly meetings, for practice, were held at Shreshill and Wednesbury, the latter being well attended.

Since the last annual meeting, four bell restorations had been completed, viz., Coseley, King's Bromley, Longdon and Willenhall, with very satisfactory results.

The number of peals rung during the year was 27, as against 37 for the previous year. There was not much variety in the methods rung, but one peal was worth mentioning, viz., the peal of Staffordshire Surprise Major—the first in the method for the society and first in the county of Stafford—which gave a lead which the younger members might emulate. A peal of Doubles rung in five methods, at Patshull, was also noteworthy. Only one Coronation peal was accomplished, and that was one of Stedman Cinques at Walsall; other attempts were made, but were not successful. A peal of Stedman Caters at Wolverhampton was rung as a farewell to Bishop Kempthorne, who had

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PAULERSPURY BELLS.

YOUNG RINGERS' APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL TREBLE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the report, published some weeks ago, in 'The Ringing World' of a quarter-peal rung by the Paulerspury band, you incorrectly stated, 'E. Smart, conductor, 5, P. Foster 6.' It should have read, 'E. Smart 5, and P. Foster conducted.' We are all learners in our belfry and it is beyond our scope to ring and conduct more than one or two 120's yet.

We have been congratulated by friends on the quarter-peal and also upon the 6th bell, which, however, we have not yet got. But it has awakened a desire to try for a 6th, or, rather, a new treble bell, for which a space is prepared in the new steel frame, which was put in last year at a cost of about £300.

Our Rector (Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne) has given us permission to start a fund for this purpose, on condition that we do nothing to take money away from other urgent church repairs, such as a new heating apparatus, renewing beams and lead in the roof of the chapel and also repairs to the top of the tower—all very expensive items. We have already been promised £8, and, of course, should welcome any outside help which would ease the burden on the village people, who have done so well in the past and of whom so much is expected in the future.

B. L. SMART, Hon. Sec. of the Fund.

ANOTHER EIGHT FOR DEVON. NEW TREBLES AT SILVERTON.

St. Mary's Church, Silverton, Devon, now possesses a ring of eight bells, two new trebles having been dedicated by the Bishop of Exeter on July 9th.

For many years the church has had a ring of six, and the octave has now been secured through the addition of bells commemorating the late Rev. G. E. F. Molineux and Commander K. E. Poyntz-Stewart, former parishioners. The bells have been hung in a new frame, and repairs have been carried out to the tower, the whole scheme costing about £500.

The church was crowded for the blessing ceremony, many former parishioners being among the congregation. The Bishop was accompanied by the Rev. L. G. Ketchley (Rector of Hemmock and Rural Dean) as his chaplain, and among the robed clergy present, in addition to the Rector (Preb. T. C. Walters), were the Revs. E. V. Cox (Brampford Speke, president of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers), who read the lesson, and F. Carter (Witchleigh, chairman of the North-Eastern Branch of the Devon Guild). The Bishop and clergy were accompanied to the ringing chamber by the churchwardens, Messrs. W. Ackland and C. Medland, and the eight bells were rung following the blessing.

In his sermon the Bishop said he had been in the diocese long enough to realise that Devon had the largest number of bells and the largest number of bellringers, and he was sure that Devon people loved their bells and were ready to give most generously when they needed attention. Although he had not a great knowledge of bells as yet, he judged that at Silverton they had a very beautiful peal.

Going on to remark that bells often uttered messages which could not be expressed in words, the Bishop said that on Sundays they announced the invitation, 'Come, for all things are now ready.' One of the truths which this generation needed to remember most of all was that men missed the very good things of life not because they were wicked, but because they were too busy thinking about other things.

'This is not a wicked generation,' said the Bishop. 'Far from it. But it is a very busy one. There are so many wonderful things to do, so many wonderful gifts of science—the wireless, motor-cars and cinemas—and the world has become such an interesting place that there are fewer to-day responding to the appeal of the bells.' He hoped the bells would say to those who were always intending to go to church, 'Do it now; time is passing.'

After the service the bells were rung by visitors from Exeter, Plymouth, Sidmouth, Broadclyst, Thorverton, Brampford Speke, Bampton, Bradninch, Rewe, Washfield and Cullumpton.

The restoration of the peal, which has included the provision of modern fittings throughout and the supplying of the two new bells, has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The tenor of the augmented peal weighs 16 cwt. 11 lb.

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retired from the See of Lichfield. The conducting of the several peals was shared by ten members. The peals were: Doubles (two methods) 4, Doubles (five methods) 1, Grandsire Doubles 2, Grandsire Triples 5, Stedman Triples 1, Stedman Caters 4, Stedman Cinques 4, Bob Minor 1, Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Minor 2, Kent Treble Bob Royal 1, Staffordshire Surprise Major 1, total 27.

Judging by the report of the Peals Analysis Committee, there were more twelve-bell peals rung during 1936 by this society than for any other in the country.

Regret was expressed at the loss, through death, of the following members: The Rev. E. H. Rogers, Vicar of Tamworth; the Rev. A. H. F. Roughey, of Cambridge; Mr. Alfred Butler, of Tettenhall; Mr. H. Williams, of Tipton; and Mr. George Hughes, of Wednesbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.

ALTERATIONS OF RULES.

Oxford still favoured as Meeting Place.

Once again the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild have in no uncertain way declared that they desire to hold their annual festival in Oxford itself. Nearly every year this practice is challenged, but it is a long time since the meeting has been held elsewhere. At the annual meeting on Saturday a majority recommendation of the committee that next year Reading should be chosen was defeated, and once again Oxford carried the day.

The meeting was attended by members from most parts of the diocese, which covers the three counties of Oxford, Berks and Bucks, and they first met in Christ Church Cathedral for their festival service, at which the preacher was Bishop G. B. Allen, the Archdeacon of Oxford, whose text was 'Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob' (Psalm 81, v. 1). The text, said the Bishop, described exactly what the bells did, and they did it in accordance with the natural human instinct, consecrated to the service of God. Having referred to the use of bells in distant ages, the preacher reviewed the subject of ringing as part of divine service. What a difference, he said, bells made, not only to our worship, but to the very life of town and country, and how painful and poignant was the contrast in countries where there were no bells. Bells were a true and integral part of English life. Although the bells of Christ Church were at present out of use, owing to repairs, no one in that city could ever forget the solemn and joyful functions of these ministers of God. Wolsey's great bell still tolled nightly over that House and city. Oxford was a city of bells, but not only the city, but the towns and villages of the diocese were gladdened and, he believed, inspired by this gracious ministry. Bells were something between the silent and the articulate spokesman. They conveyed their message through the ear and their sound was heard where the living voice of the preacher could not penetrate. The work of the ringers was an honourable ministry, and in so far as they were ministers of God, consecrated to Him, bellringers should be communicants and all ringers should attend the services for which they rang. As he went about to the country churches he could not help noticing where ringers went when the bells were rung down. He was glad to be able to say, as far as his observation went, during his nine months' happy work in the diocese, that as a rule the ringers went the right way, showing that they highly valued their office. Every time the bells sounded from tower or steeple throughout the land they bore their far-reaching message to the truth of the eternal God and the truth that the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are unseen are eternal.

The collection for the Restoration Fund amounted to £2 9s. 9d.

MASTER DEPLORES WEAKENING OF BRADFIELD BRANCH.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter House, the Master (Canon G. F. Coleridge) presiding over a gathering of about a hundred, supported by the Deputy Master (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker).

The reports of the officers were first adopted. That of the Master referred to the meeting at Theale, in the Bradfield Deanery Branch, the outcome of which was the transfer of three towers to neighbouring branches. 'I deeply deplore this, as it results in the weakening of a branch, small already in towers and membership. The old proverb, "Unity is strength," holds true, everywhere and at every time—the strong helping the weak should be the rule throughout the Guild.'

The report continued: I am glad to know that advice I have given to various incumbents on bell restoration has in each case been followed with very satisfactory results. It is a great satisfaction to me that our general secretary, Mr. R. T. Hibbert, still holds office and that our finances are in the very capable hands of Mr. A. D. Barker, elected at the annual meeting in place of Mr. A. J. Wright, whose long term of office was ended by failing energies. Judging by the keenness of the General Committee, there is strong hope that the Guild will continue to prosper.

The Deputy Master, in his report, said: The year 1936 has been one of steady progress, both in new methods practised and in the conscientious carrying out of routine work; service ringing and the training of beginners. I am convinced that it is upon this latter part of its work that the Guild must concentrate increasingly. In an age when the attention of young men and women is so easily distracted from religious duties, any effort made to interest them in a specific piece of work for the Church is of great value. I have been present at meetings of all the branches during the past year, including one held at Thame by the South Oxon and Mid-Bucks Branch, which was of especial interest, as being the first public meeting held by this branch for several years. It has been a source of encouragement to me to notice the good attendances including a large proportion of the younger members at these meetings.

In the course of his report, the secretary said the Guild made steady progress during the year, the number of towers affiliated increasing by eight. The number of hon. members stood the same, 219. Ringing members, including non-resident life members, showed an increase of 64. The figures were: Towers 258, hon. members 219, ringing members 2,445. The number of peals rung showed a slight falling off, but several young ringers rang first peals, and first in method, and one or two names appeared as conductor for the first time.

At a special meeting of the Bradfield Deanery Branch, three towers made application to go to other branches. Aldermaston and Beenham to Newbury Branch, and Burghfield to Reading Branch. After discussion the Master regretfully gave his permission, hoping it would be to the benefit of all.

The secretary said he had made inspections and given advice at Tilehurst, Ufton Nervet and Stoke Poges, and had passed work as well done at Newton Longueville, Strentley, Tetsworth and East-hampstead. At the annual meetings of all the branches he found the spirit of brotherhood very much alive, and although the branch secretaries had their difficulties, they tackled them with an indomitable spirit and kept things going in a very fine manner. If all did their best during 1937 he saw no reason to be downhearted about the future of the Guild.

The hon. treasurer reported that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £275 2s. 2d., of which £84 1s. 7d. was in the Restoration Fund. As no percentage of hon. members' subscriptions had been transferred to the Restoration Fund since 1929, a recommendation from the General Committee was desirable. Branches failing to send their contributions to the hon. treasurer by December 28th would be too late for inclusion in the current year's accounts in future.

CANON COLERIDGE RE-ELECTED MASTER.

The Master said when he undertook office, at the time the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn died, and there seemed really to be no one else capable of undertaking the Mastership, he felt he was getting old, and he was older still now. The services of the Deputy Master had been invaluable and of enormous help to him in every possible way. When he (the Deputy Master) was appointed, he was what was called an 'assistant curate' and not his own master, so he could not very well undertake the duties of Master of the Guild. Now they could congratulate Mr. Wigg on having become Vicar of a Buckinghamshire parish and he was able to get about as he wished. If the Guild desired to elect Mr. Wigg as Master he (Canon Coleridge) would be perfectly ready to make way for him.

Mr. T. Trollope proposed that Canon Coleridge should remain as Master for another year. If, he added, he then wishes to get out, perhaps we will listen to him (laughter).—Mr. A. D. Barker seconded the motion, which was carried with applause.

Canon Coleridge, in acknowledging his election, said he was willing to serve the Guild to the best of his ability, but, as he had told them before, his parochial duties often prevented him from attending meetings on a Saturday. He was always at their disposal if they wanted his advice or help (applause).

The Rev. C. E. Wigg was unanimously re-elected Deputy Master, Mr. A. D. Barker was reappointed hon. treasurer, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert secretary, both of them unanimously.

The twelve elected members of the committee were re-elected en bloc, viz.: Miss V. Robinson, Miss S. Davis, Messrs. J. Evans, G. Caudwell, G. Holfield, W. Hibbert, sen., G. Martin, R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear, J. W. Wilkins and W. F. Judge.

On behalf of a committee appointed to revise the Guild service book, the Master said it was decided to await the appearance of the Hereford Diocesan Guild's new service book. That book had recently come into his hands and had been considered by the committee, who at once realised that it did not meet the needs of the Oxford Guild, although it contained certain features well worthy of their consideration. The committee, therefore, decided to proceed with a new service book on liturgical lines, embodying parts of the old form used by the Guild, with the addition of new prayers, hymns and so forth. They decided to include a dozen hymns, but the selection gave them considerable difficulty for what some members thought were good and suitable hymns others disliked.

After a short discussion, in the course of which the suggestion that a draft of the service should be submitted to the branches for consideration was rejected, the committee were empowered to proceed with the preparation and printing of the service books, Canon Coleridge remarking that any suggestions sent to him would be considered by the committee.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

Three alterations of rules came up for consideration. Rule 3 for Local Branches was altered to read as follows: 'The secretary of the branch shall collect and forward to the hon. treasurer on or before December 21st, in each year, the subscriptions of the members of the branch, retaining not more than one half for local needs. He shall also send a statement of the branch accounts to the hon. treasurer, and a correct list of members to the general secretary, with the provisional date of the annual meeting of the branch, to enable dates to be arranged to prevent two branch annual meetings coinciding. The list of dates to be printed in annual report.'

The most important effect of this is to ensure that the subscriptions shall be forwarded to the hon. treasurer on or before December 21st, instead of on or before the annual festival, and the Master asked for the co-operation of the members in this, to assist the officials.

The following alteration to Rule 10 stood in the name of Mr. T. Trollope:—

'The annual festival and general meeting shall be held in July at Oxford.'

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COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION DEFEATED. OXFORD GUILD ANNUAL MEETING IN OXFORD NEXT YEAR. (Continued from previous page.)

'An additional ringing meeting shall be held in the autumn, at some other place to be selected by the members at the annual festival. Arrangements for both meetings to be left in the hands of the committee.'

At the suggestion of the Master, Mr. Trollope divided the motion into two parts and moved the first paragraph, which the Rev. St. George Edwards seconded. There was no discussion, and, on being put to the meeting, the Master declared it carried.

When Mr. Trollope moved the second part of the motion, several members raised objection to treating the motion as two independent resolutions, as, it was argued, one was dependent on the other. Mr. D. Boreham remarked that it robbed them of their fight every year to change the place of meeting from Oxford.

The Master agreed to the motion being treated as a whole, and an animated discussion turned on whether there should be an autumn meeting.

The Secretary said if the majority of the members attended as many branch annual meetings as he did, they would realise another Guild meeting was not necessary. If the idea was carried out, the hard-worked secretary would advertise the meeting in 'The Ringing World' and leave the officers of the branch in which it was to be held to do the work (laughter).

The view was expressed that a Guild meeting was of different standing to a district meeting, and Mr. W. J. Paice (Sonning branch secretary) suggested they might try joint branch meetings. What they wanted to do, he said, was to get rid of the feeling, which he thought some members had, that they were not welcome at the meetings of other branches.

The Rev. St. George Edwards said every year there was opposition to holding the annual meeting always in Oxford; this motion would meet this objection, by providing Guild meetings in other parts of the diocese.

There was some confusion when the voting took place, but the Master declared the motion lost.

The committee (by a majority of four votes) had recommended that the next annual meeting be held at Reading, and this was proposed by Mr. A. D. Barker and seconded by Mr. D. Boreham.

Mr. A. D. Cullam proposed Oxford as an amendment, and Mr. W. Hibbert, jun., seconded. On being put to the meeting Oxford was chosen by a large majority.

THE RESTORATION FUND.

The hon. treasurer moved that Rule 17 be altered as follows:—
'The Restoration Fund shall be augmented by (1) a collection taken during the service at the annual festival. (2) 25 per cent. of subscriptions received by the hon. treasurer from honorary members. (3) Interest on War Loan or such other investments as may be held by the Guild.'

Mr. Barker said the old rule was obsolete, no one understood exactly what it meant, and it had not been acted upon. What was proposed in the motion was what was actually done in practice.—The motion was carried unanimously.

The following grants, duplicating the amounts voted from the branches, were made for bell restoration funds: Tilehurst, £5 5s.; Stoke Poges, £5 5s.; Wroxton, £2 2s., or, if a more comprehensive scheme is undertaken, £5 5s.; and Beenham, £3 3s.

Mr. R. Post presented a report on the Central Council meeting, at which he was one of the representatives of the Oxford Guild.

Mr. W. Hibbert, jun., said a detailed report had already been published in 'The Ringing World,' and he thought these reports by a member were a waste of time. At the suggestion of the Deputy Master, Mr. Post's report was taken as read, and he was thanked for its preparation.

Mr. Trollope asked if copies of 'The Ringing World' were available if there were any members who had not read the report.

The Master said, as he had often remarked, he considered it the bounden duty of every ringer to be a weekly subscriber to 'The Ringing World.'

The meeting confirmed the election of 174 members elected since the last annual meeting, and Bishop Allen, Archdeacon of Oxford, who was an ex-officio vice-president under the rules, was also elected a member.

In view of the possibility of a difficulty during the year with regard to audit, it was agreed that if the present auditor resigned the Master and hon. treasurer be authorised to appoint an auditor.

The Master read a letter from the editor of the 'Oxford Times' offering, with a view to increasing local interest in the work of the Guild, to publish photographs of ringing teams, either present or past. The Master said he was very much gratified at receiving the letter and asked ringers who wished photographs of their teams published to communicate with the 'Oxford Times.'

LUNCH IN CHRIST CHURCH HALL.

This terminated the business meeting and a large company then took lunch in the magnificent dining hall of Christ Church. Canon Coleridge presided, and after the toast of 'Church and King' had been honoured, proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to all concerned in the day's arrangements. He specially thanked the Dean and Chapter, the governing body of Christ Church, the organist and Bishop

Allen. He said it was a very liberal thing indeed for the governing body of Christ Church to give them the use of that hall. There was not a guild or society in the country that would not rather come there than anywhere else for such an occasion, full, as it was, of historic interest. They thanked Bishop Allen most warmly for preaching to them and for the interest he was taking in the Guild. It was with great thankfulness they found Bishop Allen taking the place of Bishop Shaw. Canon Coleridge added that when he was an undergraduate in 1876 and they used to practise on Christ Church bells, the belfry door was opened for them by a man whom he, even then, looked upon as 'old.' He was the man who carried the 'holy poker' before the Dean in the Cathedral (laughter). He referred to Mr. Francis, who always took the greatest interest in the Guild. Mr. Francis was 97 that day (applause). He (the Master) suggested that the secretary should send him a line of congratulation and good wishes (applause).

Bishop Allen responded to the vote of thanks and extended a welcome to the Guild on behalf of all his colleagues. Mr. Francis, said the Bishop, had told him that morning that he was 'very well inside, but not so good about the legs' (laughter). Mr. Francis still went to church more often than most people, said the Bishop, and went to the 'flicks' three times a week (laughter and applause).

Canon Parham proposed 'Success to the Oxford Diocesan Guild.' The Guild, he said, showed what could be done by fellowship in church work. What the Guild owed to their chairman only ringers knew. There was not a belfry in England where the name of Canon Coleridge was not known, and there was no gathering of ringers where he would not be an honoured guest (applause). In honouring the Guild they were honouring their Master, and they wished him long years of continuance in his office (applause).

Canon Coleridge, in reply, said as long as he could be of help to the Guild he was at their service. He recalled an early festival at Abingdon when the Guild gave a free dinner. Something like 300 ringers turned up and the Guild nearly went bankrupt. He hoped the Guild would continue to flourish and that the healthful state of their funds would enable them to reduce the price of the dinner from 2s. to 1s. 6d. (laughter). They had had a happy year in the past and he hoped they would all try to do their best in the future both in the interests of change ringing and of the Church. He commended to the notice of the younger members the recent performance of a peal in 73 Minor methods rung in Cheshire. This was an example to them all, and although they might not all reach that standard, he urged them not to remain content merely with ringing Bob Minor.

Mr. W. Collett took the opportunity of urging on members the importance to the Exercise of supporting 'The Ringing World.' If they did not do so there might be grave danger of their being left without a paper. He hoped the day was far distant when the present Editor would relinquish his work, but if he did so the Exercise might be faced with a serious position. The solution lay in every ringer buying the paper, and in considering the cost he asked them to realise that it was equivalent to only one packet of cigarettes a month. They must agree, he thought, that ringing, which took such a great place in their life and interest, was certainly worth that amount of sacrifice. The way to pay for it was to place a weekly standing order with their newsagent. They would not then notice the amount when they paid their weekly bill. He asked them to act before it was too late.

The Rev. C. E. Wigg said he had another suggestion to make. He did not believe there was a single person in that room who did not take a copy of the paper weekly, and Mr. Collett was 'preaching to the converted.' He suggested, therefore, that each of them, during the year, should see to it that someone else bought a copy of 'The Ringing World' and that when they met in that hall next year they should have a show of hands to see how many had succeeded (applause).

At the close of the proceedings in the dining hall, the members dispersed to the many towers in the city, where ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening.

MOONRAKERS VISIT DEVONSHIRE.

The Swindon Parish Church Guild held their annual outing on June 19th. On reaching Torquay by excursion train, the company were soon howling along for Buckfastleigh, where Mr. A. L. Bennett met the party and two short touches were enjoyed on this handy little ring. An excellent lunch was served at the King's Arms Hotel, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Bennett for his assistance in arranging the outing.

Permission had been secured to ring at Buckfast Abbey, and all were loud in their praises of this excellent peal, and some Stedman Caters was rung on the back ten, but only rounds was attempted on the twelve. Messrs. Charles and James Lilley joined the party here, also Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Loughborough. The next call was Ashburton, general disappointment being expressed both as to the tone and 'go' of the bells, Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major being rung. The last tower of the day was Wolborough, and was a fitting climax—good bells and no hard work for sore hands. After saying good-bye to our Devonshire friends, a return was made to Torquay. The return journey was started at 9.15 p.m. and was helped along by a little handbell ringing, Swindon being reached at 12.50 a.m., after a most enjoyable outing. Thanks are extended to all who helped towards such a successful day. W. B. K.

NOTICES.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District) and **SURREY ASSOCIATION** (N.W. District).—A joint meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m.—A. H. Smith, F. Woodiss, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea (by kind invitation of churchwardens) and business meeting to follow. Half fares will be paid to members attending this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dagenham on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Monken Hadley, near Barnet, on Saturday, July 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, 21, Vincent Road, E.4, W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, Dis. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at Tunstall. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea, by kind invitation, and business meeting.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at Woburn. This fine peal will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All welcome.—F. J. Plummer, Hon. Dis. Sec., Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, July 24th, at which Cleveland and North Yorkshire members are especially invited to be present. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. A hearty invitation to all.—Edward Hudson, 4, Keldale Terrace, Sharow, Ripon.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Moreton Corbet on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—R. R. Pole, Hon. Sec., Craigmere, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at Edenham (Billingborough bells not available). Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lines.

CHURCH LAW FORD, RUGBY.—The new ring of 6 bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Coventry on Saturday, July 24th, at 4 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Chesterfield District.—A meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, July 24th. Will all requiring tea please notify Mr. House Smith, The Yews, Eckington, Sheffield?—J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, July 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next district meeting will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, taken by the Rector, at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5 p.m. The Rector extends a hearty invitation to ringers to attend this meeting. Names, please, to Mr. E. A. Hall, Peckleton, near Leicester.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Amersham (6 bells) on Saturday, July 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting will be held at Barnet (St. John-the-Baptist) on Saturday, July 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Frequent trains from King's Cross (L.N.E.) to High Barnet. All ringers welcomed. This meeting is in lieu of that arranged for Hadley.—C. T. Coles, W. Nash, Hon. Dis. Secs.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—The quarterly meeting fixed provisionally for July 24th at Froyle, will not take place until the end of August.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for evensong on July 25th at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. The usual monthly practice has been cancelled owing to its proximity to the Bank Holiday week-end.—N. Summerhayes, Act. Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—The practice night at S. Nicholas' will be Wednesday on and after July 28th till end of September. Sunday ringing 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Gorleston-on-Sea, Monday, 7.30 p.m., practice. All visiting ringers welcome.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec. (St. Nicholas'), 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Stapleton on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advice for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Westbourne on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.15. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., allowed to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

ANCIENT ORDER OF FORESTERS, High Court at Ipswich.—St. Mary-le-Tower (12 bells) will be available for a peal at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 31st. Service ringing on Sunday, Aug. 1st, commences at 9 a.m. for 10.30 Matins, also 5.30 p.m. Visitors, wishing to attempt the peal, kindly mention method to G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, July 31st, a meeting will be held at King's Walden. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements are being made, but please realise that I must know by Wednesday, 28th inst., if you require tea. Book the date, and don't be late.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moorhead Close, Hitchin, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook and Sydney Forshaw, Secs.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 28th.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, nr. Doncaster.

DORCHESTER, ST. PETER'S.—Re-opening of the bells, Sunday, August 1st. Services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. A ring of eight rehung by John Taylor and Co.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, Aug. 2nd, at Rotherham Parish Church. Bells (10) ready at 1 p.m. For tea, café close by church. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Sunderland on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 2nd. Meet at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, at 3 p.m. Tea will be served in St. Ignatius Institute, Burlington Road, at 5 p.m., to those informing Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, by Friday, July 30th.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church, St. Mary's (12 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends to come along and support us.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale, Lancs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, Aug. 7th. The bells, which have recently been overhauled by Taylor and Co., avail-

able from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous.—T. E. Newman, The Cross, Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

CLAY CROSS, near Chesterfield.—The bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield on Sunday, Aug. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. A ring of six recast and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A souvenir invitation to the 300th dinner on November 6th has been prepared. Copies of this will be sent in due course, together with an admission ticket, to members who apply with remittances (10s. for members, 12s. 6d. for non-members) to any of the following:—Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. 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. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young. Members are reminded that seating accommodation at the Cannon Street Hotel is limited to 400.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. W. G. Turner is now 9, Holland Road, London, N.W. 10. Intending visitors to Llanduduo should communicate with Mr. S. Brown, 24, Queen's Road, Llanduduo, for details of ringing at Holy Trinity Church.

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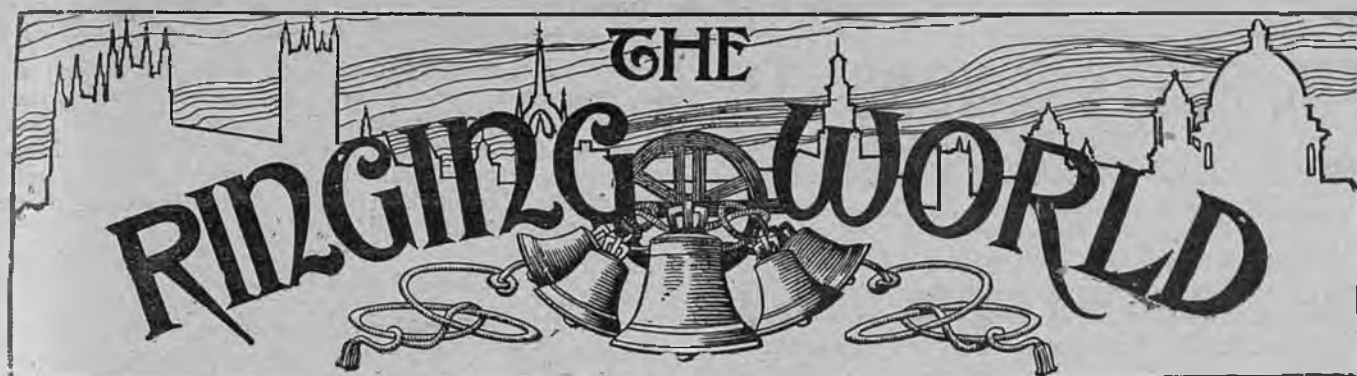
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A note concerning a peal of London Surprise rung at Royston, Herts, is a reminder of how modern is the general practice of Surprise ringing. In these times the methods of London, Cambridge and Superlative are in everyday use and are rung by hundreds of ringers. Last year the peals in these methods exceeded those of Stedman Triples and were nearly as many as Grandsire Triples—which shows, quite apart from the rest of the Surprise peals, over a hundred in number in more than thirty other methods, how far and how rapidly method ringing has advanced. Our note recalls that Mr. Frederick Dench, whose name was more prominently before the Exercise a generation ago both as a ringer and composer than it is to-day, rang his first peal of London Surprise in 1895, as a member of a celebrated band at Crawley, Sussex. Up to that time only twenty-six peals of London Surprise had ever been rung! And, apart from three early peals, rung up to the year 1870, and regarded almost as freak performances, the bands concerned could be numbered on the fingers of one hand, while even in the whole twenty-five years, to the end of the nineteenth century, during which period Surprise ringing was being popularised, the conductors of London Surprise peals numbered a bare twenty, while, perhaps, only five of those could really be regarded as frequent conductors of these methods.

Surprise ringing in those days was practically limited to London, Cambridge and Superlative, and the men who rang them not unjustifiably regarded their performances as the 'top of the tree.' It was the band at Burton-on-Trent, of which William Wakley was the leader, that really showed Surprise ringing to be something more than the 'crank' stuff it was often previously, and even afterwards, termed. They laid the foundations of its popularity and demonstrated that competent bands could practise it with success. Oxford Guild ringers, with J. W. Washbrook and the Rev. F. E. Robinson, followed the lead of the Burton men, and soon the society at St. Peter's, Brighton, took up the example set, until, in the early nineties the interest which Surprise ringing provided over what were known as 'standard' methods, was beginning to be widely recognised. Nevertheless, peals were by no means 'cheap.' The men who rang them earned their success, and they deserve all the credit which is theirs for raising ringing from the rut of the previous century, and laying the foundation of the aspirations of the majority of ringers to-day. A peal of London, Cambridge or Superlative raises little comment now; but fifty years ago it was a thing to stir the interest of every change ringer with an outlook not con-

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finned by the four walls of his own tower. It is just as well, perhaps, in these times when Surprise ringing has reached a stage undreamt of a generation ago, that ringers should be reminded of the pioneer days and of the men, some, happily, still living, whose enterprise and perseverance brought Surprise ringing within the realm of "practical politics."

TEN BELL PEAL.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

IN THE CAMPANILE OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D flat.

JAMES SPALDING Treble	*STANLEY W. GALL 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	GODFREY G. WALPOLE 7
MISS K. M. LEWIS 3	*DONALD A. LONG 8
*STANLEY FENN 4	EDWIN R. GOATE 9
MISS D. R. CONSTANCE 5	CHARLES F. SAYER Tenor

Arranged by E. R. GOATE.

Conducted by C. F. SAYER.

* First peal of Treble Ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR MULVEY Treble	KENNETH MAYER 5
PERCY HOLMES 2	HERBERT T. ROOKE 6
*FRANK VERNON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 7
HAROLD DENMAN 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Composed by W. AYRE.

Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.

* 25th peal. First peal in the method by all the band and for the association.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWIN A. CRACKNELL Treble	SHELFORD SPARROW 5
HARRY D. LISTER 2	FRANK L. FISHER 6
ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
FREDERICK J. SMITH 4	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALWYN TAYLOR Treble	FRANK LAWTON 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	HAROLD HAMER 6
JOHN MEADOWCROFT 3	JAMES H. BASTOW 7
OGDEN, MOORES 4	IVAN KAY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

*HARRY CHEESMAN Treble	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN 5
ALBERT J. ADAMS 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
EDWARD G. TALBOT 3	ROYDON DAVIES 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

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

* First peal of Major and aged 13.

ELVEDON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER, ATTACHED TO THE PARISH CHURCH.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

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

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5888 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

CHARLES LOOME Treble	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS 5
ALFRED SMITH 2	ROBERT D. GUNTON 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	FREDERICK ROOPE 7
FREDERICK G. GUNTON 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of the Rev. R. H. Stacey,
Rector of Pulham Market.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S FIVE-PART, No. 93. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MADRICE SWINFELD Treble	SIDNEY F. PALMER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	BENJAMIN GREATORIX 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	GEORGE L. RODEN Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

First peal on the bells since rehanging by John Taylor and Co.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

VIOLET SHORTER Treble	BERRY WAYMAN 5
KITTY WILLERS 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 6
ALFRED E. PITSTOW 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	LEONARD PITSTOW Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. DENCH.

First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

LONGTON, STAFFS.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 16 cwt.

*W. J. CARTER Treble	*H. CARTER 5
E. STEELE 2	A. D. STEEL 6
N. R. HOLLAND 3	H. ROSE 7
†G. A. MOORE 4	W. H. BLOOR Tenor

Conducted by A. D. STEEL.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Eric Holland, youngest member of the tower (age 13) and brother of the 3rd ringer.

SURFLEET, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*SIDNEY APPLEBY Treble	JOHN R. KEMP 5
GEORGE R. BURRELL 2	†WILLIAM WILKINSON 6
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 7
JOHN R. YOUNG 4	ALBERT E. FLATTERS Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

* First peal, 16 years of age. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'
First peal of Treble Bob by all the band except ringers of 6 and 7.
First peal of Treble Bob in the branch by all branch members.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED BOB MAJOR AND KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
STELLA DAVIS 2	GEOFFREY E. FOWLER 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
RUBY M. HAZELL 4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal rung with these two methods spliced.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STAFFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*ALAN D. STEEL Treble	*KENNETH LEWIS 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL 2	WILFRED STEVENSON 6
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	*JAMES A. MILNER 7
THOMAS HURD 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by K. LEWIS.

* First peal in the method. J. Worth's 200th peal. The first peal in the method by the association within its own territory.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	*FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS 5
LEONARD E. LAST 2	WILLIAM J. FLATT 6
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
FREDERICK C. GUNTON 4	CHARLES W. LOOME Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 24, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM FLETCHER Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
HARRY LEWIS 2	PERCY SWINDLEY 6
JOHN HAYES 3	HARRY PYE 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4	EDWARD PRICE Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Florence Lilian Minus and Mr. Eric Hopkinson on the occasion of their marriage which took place earlier in the day at Chester Cathedral. All the above ringers are regular Sunday service ringers.

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SIX BELL PEALS.

EAST BUCKLAND, NORTH DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 7½ cwt. in A.

EDWARD V. WESTCOY ... Treble	AMBROSE H. HAYWARD ... 4
PETER R. DALE ... 2	THOMAS YEO ... 5
REV. J. H. B. ANDREWS ... 3	FREDERICK P. W. BRAY ... Tenor

Conducted by AMBROSE H. HAYWARD.

First peal on the bells and first peal by all except the conductor. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and tenor are members of the West Buckland School Guild. Ringers of 4th and 5th hail from Combe Martin.

MATCHING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

D. BARKAWAY ... Treble	H. SAMS ... 4
D. JENNINGS ... 2	D. JENNINGS ... 5
H. E. TOWNSEND ... 3	R. SOCKLING ... Tenor

Conducted by R. SOCKLING.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 4
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 2	EDWARD GREENACRE ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GORDON CHAMBERS ... Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY ... 4
ERNEST S. NAYLOR ... 2	FRED R. WILBY ... 5
*ROBERT C. BUNNING ... 3	ERNEST V. BLAKE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

* First peal.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	*WILLIAM J. RANDALL ... 4
EDWIN JENNINGS ... 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
*HORACE L. WAITE ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor. Arranged for Mr. A. Tomlinson, of Blackburn.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven true extents: (1) Hereward and Double Bob; (2) College Bob and London Bob; (3) Wavertree College and Lytham; (4) Childwall and Thelwall; (5) Plain Bob and Oxford Bob; (6) St. Clement's and Double Oxford; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4
NOLAN GOLDEN ... 2	HERBERT C. READ ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	GEORGE BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal in 14 methods by all and on the bells. First peal in 14 methods contained in seven true extents by the association. A birthday peal for David Bailey, son of the tenor ringer.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of College, Childwall, Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

RICHARD M. HARVEY ... Treble	THOMAS VESSEY ... 4
JACK VESSEY ... 2	FRANK VERNON ... 5
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

First peal in seven plain methods by all the band.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, July 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and Canterbury, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE LINES ... Treble	HERBERT G. JILLINGS ... 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	*GORDON WRIGHT ... 5
C. JACK GIBSON ... 3	*SAMUEL EKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth. Also to celebrate the birth of a son for the ringer of the fourth.

GARVESTONE, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, July 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY TOOKE ... Treble	*THOMAS SPIGHT ... 4
R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 2	*JOHN A. GODFREY ... 5
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. TOOKE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in the method. First peal of Minor as conductor.

DRAYCOTT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores with ten callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

KENNETH SHELLEY ... Treble	JOHN G. CARTLEDGE ... 4
THOMAS TAYLOR ... 2	ANDREW THOMPSON ... 5
SIDNEY THOMPSON ... 3	ARTHUR T. ALLMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW THOMPSON.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor size 14½ in C sharp

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	JACK BRAY ... 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4	MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 7-8

Conducted by J. BRAY.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

IN THE OLD PARISH ROOM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*F. G. GROOMBRIDGE ... 1-2	DEREK M. SEARP ... 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal in the method with a working bell.

A DEVON TOUR.

The following five peals were rung in six attempts under the auspices of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

TOTNES, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, July 12, 1937, in three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

HARRY W. SIMMONS Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	*THOMAS G. MYERS 6
WALTER CLAYDON 3	DANIEL D. COOPER 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON

Conducted by F. E. COLLINS.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 13, 1937, in three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. in C sharp.

ROBERT COLLINS Treble	WALTER CLAYDON 6
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ... 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 3	*THOMAS G. MYERS 8
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 4	DANIEL D. COOPER 9
C. ERNEST SMITH 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal in the county of Devon and for the Guild.

BUCKFASTLEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, July 15, 1937, in two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

DANIEL D. COOPER Treble	HARRY W. SIMMONS 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
AUBREY L. BENNETT 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
ROBERT COLLINS 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

MORETONHAMPESTEAD, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, July 6, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER Treble	HARRY W. SIMMONS 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
*ROBERT COLLINS 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 4	DANIEL D. COOPER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by D. D. COOPER.

* First Surprise peal. + 300th peal. First Surprise peal on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT COLLINS Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
*MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN ... 2	DANIEL D. COOPER 6
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 3	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 7
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

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

PEAL NOTES.

PERFORMANCES AND PERSONALITIES.

Mr. Fred Dench, of Saffron Walden, who began his ringing career with the Crawley, Sussex, band in the days when Mr. James Parker was the leading spirit in that tower, conducted a peal of London Surprise at Royston, Herts, on July 22nd. It is 42 years since he rang his first peal in the method, at a time when London Surprise was a limit which very few ringers had reached.

When Mr. Dench rang his first peal of London, fewer than 30 peals had been rung in the method, and, of those who had conducted them, only Messrs. Joseph Griffin, George Williams, John Evans and James Parker are among us to-day.

A peal of Double Norwich Major, rung at Redenhall, Norfolk, on July 24th, was arranged to enable Messrs. E. F. Poppy and F. W. Munnings to ring a peal together. The last time they rang together was when they lost a peal of Treble Bob a few changes from the end on the same bells as long ago as the year 1899!

'Completing the circle,' which is ringing each bell in a tower to a peal, is a fairly frequent occurrence in these days. Mr. Charles Loane has now done this at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Pulham, by ringing the treble to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on July 21st. The peal was in honour of the 70th birthday of the Rector of Pulham Market (the Rev. R. H. Stacey).

The first peal on the bells at Garvestone, Norfolk, since October 7th, 1909, was rung on July 24th. It was seven 720's of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The first peal on the bells at East Buckland, Devon, which were rehung last September, was rung on July 17th. The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews (chaplain) and three of the boys of West Buckland School took part, and it was the first peal by all except the conductor.

After the bells had been restored, a School Guild of ringers was formed at West Buckland, and the boys have made excellent progress, as this peal testifies. They ring regularly for Sunday service at East Buckland.

The other two ringers in the peal belong to Combe Martin. Mr. Ambrose Hayward was the conductor, and Mr. Yeo, who also scored his first, learned to ring at East Buckland when there were but four bells there. Two trebles were added in 1906.

A 'Coronation' peal at Wissett, Suffolk, was rung on July 22nd, when 5,040 in four methods of Doubles was rung. An attempt for the peal was made some weeks ago, but was lost after two and a quarter hours through one of the ringers missing the sally.

Harry Cheesman, of Banstead, Surrey, rang his first peal of Major on July 17th. He is only 13 years of age and he rang the treble to a peal of Double Norwich—not the easiest thing in change ringing by any means.

The enterprise of some of the young ringers in Nottinghamshire is a promising feature in the north of the county. Clifford Vessey and his band have now scored their first peal of Gainsborough Little Bob, and another company, with the same conductor, have rung their first peal in seven plain Minor methods.

They have rung other peals of Minor, but this was the first in which extents of Treble Bob were not rung. Four members of the Vessey family took part in this.

The Gainsborough Little Bob was rung at Worksop Priory Church and was Frank Vernon's 25th peal. All of them have been rung with Clifford Vessey.

The first peal by the Norwich Diocesan Association in 14 Minor methods in seven true extents was rung at Wroxham on July 22nd.

The first peal of Treble Bob entirely by members of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was rung at Surfleet on July 24th. Sidney Appleby, aged 16, rang his first peal, five others (including the conductor) rang their first peal of Treble Bob and one his first peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' Rupert was not on the remaining bell. Puzzle: Where was he?

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

LEATHERHEAD DISTRICT AT NEWDIGATE.

Over 30 ringers from Capel, Cobham, Dorking, Epsom, Leatherhead, Ockley and the local band, with visitors from Billingshurst, Cranleigh, Haslemere, Kingston and the secretary of the Chertsey District, attended the Leatherhead district meeting at Newdigate. A good variety was introduced into the ringing and the service was conducted by the Rev. A. Stone.

Tea was served in the Six Bells. At the business meeting the elections previous to peals of H. E. Good, of Ewell, and E. W. Bugden, of Leatherhead, were ratified, and a sub-committee was formed to make arrangements for the summer festival.

The secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith) mentioned that the two books, 'Bells Thro' the Ages' and 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' were now available in a 7s. 6d. edition. The meeting closed with hearty thanks to all who had helped in making such a successful and pleasant meeting.

Mr. James and his band gave a few of their handbell selections before going back to the tower, where everyone's requirements were successfully attempted—from rounds to London Minor. It was lucky that an old edition of Standard Methods was available when 'Violet' Treble Bob was asked for, as some of the 'experts' had to swot that and College Exercise up. The bells were finally lowered in peal at 9 o'clock.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT PETERSFIELD.

Satisfactory Financial Position.

A fine summer day favoured the annual gathering of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Petersfield, and some 70 members and friends attended from Alton, Basingstoke (All Saints' and St. Michael's), Bishopstoke, Blackmoor, Buriton, Deane, Froyle, Gosport, Hawkley, Kingsworthy, North Stoneham, Newport (I.O.W.), Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Privett, Petersfield, Steep, Soberton, Upham, Wickham, Winchester and West Meon. There were many visiting ringers from Brighton, Guildford, London, Sandhurst, Shoreham-by-Sea and Leatherhead.

The Guild service was held in St. Peter's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. O. A. Kent), who also gave a very interesting and helpful address. Tea and business meeting followed in the Church Hall, the Vicar expressing his pleasure in welcoming the Guild and apologising for not being able to remain during the meeting. The latter was presided over by the Master (Mr. G. Williams), who gave a warm welcome, on behalf of the Guild, to the many visitors present. The annual report was presented to the members.

VOLUNTARY SPADEWORK.

The report of the Master and hon. general secretary said that a very useful and successful year had been enjoyed. From subscriptions paid into the districts, however, there appeared to be a slight decrease in membership—175 honorary and 698 full, as compared with 180 and 728 respectively in 1935. This small difference might be due to the fact that some members might not have paid their subscriptions rather than lapsed membership. A definite increase in the next report was hoped for. The financial position of the Guild remained sound, upon which district secretaries and all contributors were sincerely congratulated.

Whilst no large sums appear to have been spent in instruction, continued the report, we should like to point out that this very important spadework is still being undertaken by quite a number of our members in a voluntary spirit. We should like to thank them especially for their efforts to teach beginners the art of change ringing, and trust they will bear fruit.

Perhaps not since the Armistice and peace celebrations of 1918 and 1919 have our bells been used to mark the occasion of national feelings as in 1936. To our deepest sorrows our bells rang out their muffled notes to mark the passing of our beloved King George V. Then the joyous pealing to herald the Accession of the new King, and before the close of the year to acclaim his successor, our present King, George VI.

We hope that more conductors and members will be found in the columns of the coming year's peals records. We should like to draw attention to the fact that still a number of members fail to send in their quarter-peals and 720's to the recorder of peals for publication in the report. Generally speaking, this shows a truer indication of the standard of ringing amongst the towers, as very often, for numerous reasons, peals are sometimes out of the question.

We regret to say that a few towers have for various reasons withdrawn from the Guild. Whilst deplored these losses and trusting that in the near future we may welcome them once more in our ranks, we have on the other hand to record that new towers have become affiliated during the year.

We had the opportunity to congratulate one of our presidents, formerly first Bishop of Portsmouth, on his preferment to our neighbours in the diocese of Salisbury, to which he sent a very courteous acknowledgment. We should like to express our warmest welcome and thanks to the present Bishop of Portsmouth (Dr. Frank Partridge), who so readily consented to fill the vacancy thus caused.

CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT IN BELL RESTORATION.

Numerous reports of bell restorations in the diocese show that our towers are making real efforts to restore their bells where necessary. Perhaps the crowning achievement of all is the complete restoration of the ring of 12 at Winchester Cathedral. A magnificent peal now replaces what was generally regarded as an indifferent lot, and our sincere thanks and appreciation are due to our generous benefactors, the Emma Barron Bell Trust, and also the Friends of the Cathedral. We hope that where appeals are made for restoration work our members will not be lacking in their support.

The hon. treasurer's balance sheet showed receipts of £50 5s. 10d. from the districts. The expenses were £38 4s. 11d., leaving a balance in hand of £103 18s. 6½d., compared with £91 17s. 7½d. in the previous year. In addition there is a balance of £47 14s. 6d. in the general purposes fund, from which a grant of £2 2s. was made to Longparish Bell Fund.

The districts have an aggregate balance in hand of £87 16s. 7½d., compared with £71 12s. 7d. in the previous year.

The Recorder of Peals (Mr. R. C. H. Connolly), in his report, said: One cannot belie the fact that 1936 did not prove so satisfactory a year from the point of view of peal ringing as its predecessor. The numbers are down in all departments except the number of conductors. Only 32 (45) peals were rung, in which 112 (122) ringers participated, and of these 11 (23) scored their first peal and in addition 24 (21) ascended higher the ladder of achievement by doing something in

advance of their previous best. The figures in brackets denote the corresponding numbers for 1935. The upper half of the table showing the methods rung in 1936 does not show much change except for a peal of Cinques, and the falling in numbers is chiefly at the more elementary end of the list. This is probably due to the younger ringers (in the sense of years of ringing) attempting higher methods without quite the success they attained in simpler ones. There is no doubt that many attempts have failed in more advanced methods; but excellent practice may be obtained though the actual peal be lost, and, as one great object of peal ringing is improvement in striking, it is hoped that Sunday service ringing has benefited in quality. There are, however, some bright spots in the gloom. The peals at Blackmoor and Hawkley must have given great satisfaction to both bands. H. P. Reed called his first peal before he was 15 years of age, and the band included one ringer of 13 (first peal) and one 'first inside.' We hope others will follow suit and that this is only the beginning of brilliant careers. At the other end of the scale Mr. Woodley shows that it is never too late to start. Our Ringing Master has crowned his remarkable career by calling 1,000 peals on tower bells, being forestalled only by that ringing marvel, the late William Pyc. He also collected a star at Christchurch where Mr. Preston conducted a peal of Grandsire Cinques with nine 'stars' in the band. The peals were rung in 24 towers and there were 16 conductors.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Master, in the absence of the hon. treasurer, congratulated the Guild on its finances and remarked that it was the first time that the balances in the hands of the districts had reached over £200, thanks to the hard work put in by the district secretaries.

The officers, except for a change of peals recorder, necessitated by the departure of Mr. R. C. H. Connolly to Watford, were re-elected, viz., Mr. G. Williams, Master; Mr. F. W. Rogers, hon. secretary; Rev. Evan Jones, hon. treasurer. Mr. R. A. Reed was appointed peals recorder.

It was unanimously agreed to elect as an additional vice-president the Rev. N. C. Woods (Winchester) as an appreciation of his valuable services to the Guild.

New members elected were Messrs. J. Forder, A. Swatton, E. Barrett (Privett), C. A. Snell (Blackmoor), E. Glaspool, H. Nash (Froyle) and Mr. W. J. Parker, of Sandhurst, a compounding member.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Winchester on July 2nd, 1938.

After the routine business had been disposed of, Mr. G. Bullinger gave a comprehensive report of the recent Central Council meeting, emphasising many of the points under discussion which were of particular interest to the Guild. The other representatives present confirmed what had been reported to the members.

Grants of five guineas each were made towards the restoration of the bells at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Soberton and Bishop's Waltham. Votes of thanks were accorded the incumbents of the various churches whose bells were placed at the disposal of the members, also to the organist and caterers.

During the afternoon and evening ringing took place at Petersfield, Privett, East Meon, Buriton and Steep, the methods ranging from Doubles to Spliced Surprise Major.

MIDDLESEX AND HERTFORD ASSOCIATIONS.

JOINT MEETING AT BARNET.

Originally arranged to be held on Saturday last at Monken Hadley, a joint meeting of the Middlesex and Hertford Associations took place at Barnet, by the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. P. C. Dean), as serious illness at the former place prevented ringing for any length of time.

The attendance was by no means anything to boast about, albeit some 30 ringers attended, including some welcome visitors in Mr. C. Raine (Edinburgh), and Messrs. G. Fearn (Birmingham) and M. Melville (Coventry), who, with a ringing friend, were on their way to a London twelve-bell tower for a peal attempt.

The two associations participating were officially represented by Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president), Mr. A. W. Coles (Master) and Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Middlesex Association; and Mr. W. Nash (district secretary), Hertford Association.

Tea, served at 5 o'clock, was quite an 'easy going' meal. There was no official business to transact, but there was, of course, the very necessary vote of thanks. This was duly proposed and seconded by the two secretaries, Mr. Coles expressing the gratitude of the company to the Rev. P. C. Dean, Rector of Barnet, for coming to the rescue at short notice when it was found that ringing could not take place at Monken Hadley. Mr. Coles also thanked Messrs. Arbin and Eldred for taking the matter in hand during the previous week-end, when the change was found to be necessary.

Congratulations and good wishes were sent to Mr. J. Sumpster in anticipation of his 86th birthday (July 26th).

The ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the able guidance of Mr. A. W. Coles, and included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Spliced Surprise Major (four methods). A feature of the afternoon was a touch of Stedman Triples by eight 'Georges,' conducted by George Pyc. There was nearly a touch of 'rounds' for Mrs. George Fletcher, but only nearly. Perhaps she will try next time!

CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AT PINNER.**SMALL ATTENDANCE AT SUMMER MEETING.**

The summer meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at St. John the Baptist, Pinner, on Saturday, July 17th. Very few 'Youths' attended, chiefly, it is supposed, owing to holidays and other attractions. The excellent peal of eight (tenor 19 cwt.) were got going somewhere in the region of 4.15 p.m., and Plain Bob, Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung with varying success.

The service, unfortunately, had to be cancelled, owing to the fact that the Vicar had to be present at a local children's fête. A halt for tea was called at 5 o'clock, and the small gathering sat down to an excellent repast in the hall of the adjacent Conservative Club. After tea touches were rung on the beautiful peal of handbells kindly brought along by Mr. C. W. Taylor, of Watford.

A short business meeting was held, Mr. W. Bottrill presiding in the absence of the Master, Mr. George Cross, who was away on holidays. Reference was made to the passing of Mr. G. A. Card, late hon. secretary of the society. Letters of sympathy from the Middlesex Association and the Ancient Society of College Youths were read, and those present stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute of respect.

It was announced that the autumn meeting would be held at St. George the Martyr's Church, Southwark, on a date to be fixed later.

The business concluded with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Harding for having made such excellent arrangements.

After further handbell ringing a return was made to the tower, where ringing included Treble Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and Cambridge Surprise. The meeting was brought to a close at 8.15 by lowering the bells in peal, the hope being expressed that the autumn meeting would be attended by a record number of 'Youths.'

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL ON BITTON BELLS.

The first quarter-peal on the bells at Bitton, Glos., since their augmentation from six to eight by Messrs. John Taylor at the beginning of the year was rung on July 1st. The founders are to be commended on their excellent work. The 'splice' is as nearly perfect as possible and the 'go' all that can be desired. The method rung was Grandsire Triples, and it was specially arranged for Mr. F. Beer, the leader of the Bitton ringers. It was his first quarter-peal in the method and on eight bells: Miss Norah G. Williams 1, Miss Nesta Gardiner 2, Frank Beer 3, Frank Skidmore (conductor) 4, Alfred Maggs 5, Joseph T. Dyke 6, Bertram G. Worsdell 7, John G. Jefferies 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**STOCKPORT BRANCH AT POYNTON.**

A meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Poynton on Saturday, July 10th, when about 35 members and friends were present from all parts of the branch and neighbouring branches. The weather was exceedingly hot and this caused the ringing to be confined to rather shorter touches than usual on the recently rehung six bells, but, nevertheless, a variety of methods was rung before the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. K. B. Somerville), who gave the members a hearty welcome to Poynton. In his address he laid special emphasis on the duties of ringers both within and without the tower.

Tea followed in a nearby cafe where a substantial meal was soon disposed of.

The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. S. Hough, in the unavoidable absence of the branch chairman. He said how much the visits to Poynton were always enjoyed, and extended the congratulations of the branch to the band which had just recently rung the record Minor peal.

Details of the annual festival, to be held at Chester on July 17th, were announced, and the meeting was asked to elect, subject to the proposal to be submitted to the Guild general meeting by the Grappenhall Branch being accepted, a representative to take part in the first peal attempt on the ten bells at Chester Cathedral. Mr. A. Barnes was unanimously elected.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, organist, the ladies who served tea and the local ringers for their efforts on behalf of the members.

Those were replied to by the local secretary, Mr. G. Turner, who said he was always pleased to welcome any ringers to Poynton, as were also his colleagues, one of whom was prevented from being with them that day by sickness.

The meeting decided to send a message expressing their regret at his absence and best wishes for his speedy recovery.

A return was then made to the tower, where the ringing ranged from Bob Minor to Spliced Minor in various methods.

DEATH OF A DARESBURY RINGER

The death occurred on Wednesday, July 21st, of Mr. Joseph Littler at the age of 41 years. He had been a member of the Daresbury tower attached to the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild for a number of years, and was an able ringer and conductor.

The funeral took place on Saturday, when all the towers of the branch were represented. The local ringers rang a short course of Bob Minor with the bells fully muffled.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The distance covered on the South Devon tour was close on a thousand miles, counting the outward and the return journey.

Only one peal of Cambridge Surprise Major has ever been rung by eight brothers and that was by the famous Bailey family of Leiston, Suffolk. That peal was rung 15 years ago last Saturday.

The name of Mr. S. Moston was inadvertently given as Morton in the report of the annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Mr. Moston is one of the few survivors who attended the first meeting of the Guild in 1837.

Longton, Staffs, has lost the youngest member of the tower—Eric Holland, aged 13. A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in his memory on July 22nd.

BROADCASTING.

FALLING OFF IN QUALITY OF RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—After the plain and salutary remarks of the president and the strong comments made by others at last year's meeting of the Central Council there was a distinct improvement in the quality of the ringing broadcast from various churches, but the effect seems most regrettably to have since worn off. Ringing, broadcast on two or three recent Sundays, has been anything but a credit to the Exercise.

Where a local band cannot undertake to ring half-pull changes with faultless accuracy, it is incomparably better to be content with well-struck rounds—and in some cases further practice is needed even to do that.

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

PROPOSED RESTORATION FUND.

The proposed launching of a restoration fund came up for discussion again at the quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Southam on July 17th. The Chairman (the Rev. Canon O. M. Jones, Rector of Southam) said such a fund would be an excellent idea. Authorities at many churches where the bells were in a bad state, he continued, would receive encouragement to proceed with their repair if they were to get a grant from a body like the Guild. He mentioned instances of rings of bells in his rural deanery which might soon be put in order if the Guild were to set the ball rolling by giving the first subscription.

Several methods of building up such a fund were put forward at the meeting, among them being that a collection be made at the quarterly services, or at the tea table; that a certain percentage of the Guild's income should be set aside annually and credited to the fund.

The latter idea was thought to be preferable, as it gave everyone in the Guild an opportunity of subscribing, whereas collections at the meetings would always come upon the same faithful few who regularly attended the meetings.

A resolution was passed, proposed by Mr. Stone and seconded by Mr. Burt, that the annual meeting be asked to consider the setting aside of a certain proportion of the Guild's income annually in order to build up a restoration fund.

Earlier in the afternoon ringing had taken place on the five ring of eight bells until 4.45 p.m., and a short service held, conducted by the Rev. Canon O. M. Jones, the Rural Dean.

At the business meeting the following towers were represented: Allesley, Exhall, Bulkington, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Lillington, Rugby, Stratford, Leamington Hastings and members of the local band.

Meeting places for the next three months were arranged as follows: August, Arley; September, Church Lawford; October, Stratford-on-Avon.

The following new members from Leamington Hastings were elected: Messrs. F. J. Briscoe, K. Gardener, F. Gurney, C. Goode and E. Hopkins. The election previous to peal attempts of Messrs. William Thorpe and James Upton, of Wolvey, and Mr. E. H. Johnson, of Stoke, was also ratified.

The bells were again put to good use, and a well-attended and thoroughly successful meeting came to an end at 8.30 p.m.

ROUND THE EMPIRE. CELEBRATING THE CORONATION IN THE DOMINIONS.

Ringling News from Canada, Australia and Tasmania.

News of ringing in distant parts of the Empire has reached us, and will be read with interest by ringers of the homeland.

The Coronation was celebrated with ringing in Vancouver, and Victoria in Canada, in Australia and Tasmania.

On the new ring of bells, with tenor of 34 cwt., recently installed at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, ringing began on Coronation Day at 7.30 a.m. Pacific Standard time, and was broadcast over the British Broadcasting Corporation, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation Network and the American stations, coming on the air immediately after the Empire Coronation broadcast. The bells were heard in England for three minutes. The ringing for the broadcast consisted of rounds, Queen's and the Plain Hunt well struck. The original programme of ten minutes was cut short on account of the additional time taken by the procession.



ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MELBOURNE.

The Bells (13 in number) hang in the right-hand tower.

After the ringing the ringers had breakfast with the Rt. Rev. Bishop Sexton and Mrs. Sexton.

The bells were rung again, starting at 11.45 a.m., and at midday were fired 21 times for the 'Royal Salute,' the ringing finishing with Grandsire Triples.

In Hobart, Tasmania, the new bells at St. David's Cathedral were rung prior to a special service at 8 p.m. on Coronation Day (corresponding with 10 a.m. in England). Some of the newly-formed band, augmented by ringers from Holy Trinity Church, and the Rev. A. A. Bennett (Vicar of St. George's, formerly of Gloucester), took part.

On the previous evening Holy Trinity bells were rung to Doubles and Minor and the bells were also 'fired.' The tower was very effectively floodlit, with electric light totalling 5,000 candle power. The interior of the belfry was decorated, the flag presented by Mr. W. H. Fussell, on the occasion of the English ringers' visit in 1934, being included. At the close of the ringing the National Anthem was sung.

On Coronation morning the Union Jack was flying from the tower and the bells were broadcast over the Australian national network from 9.20 to 10.35 a.m. The ringing included six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and courses of Bob Minor. The striking was good and the Hobart ringers are justly proud of their performance.

Holy Trinity ringers also helped to celebrate the birthday of the Governor of Tasmania (Sir Ernest Clark), who has shown his interest in the society by various kindly acts. The bells were rung on April 13th in honour of the occasion, and afterwards the hon. secretary (Mr. A. R. Wilson) received a letter from the Governor, in which he said, 'Please convey my very sincere thanks to the Holy Trinity bell-ringers for their most kindly thought in ringing a peal on my birthday. Our mutual goodwill and regard has been a great pleasure to me during my stay in Hobart.'

Special ringing took place at Holy Trinity in connection with the patronal festival of the church, which was observed by a week of celebrations from May 23rd to 30th.

Some slight overhaul has been given to Holy Trinity bells, and the 7th has been placed on ball bearings.

In May the Rev. A. A. Bennett visited Melbourne, where he formerly resided for a time and used to ring at St. Paul's Cathedral. The Cathedral Society gave him a specially warm welcome, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes) was rung in 56 minutes: Miss Frey Shimmis 1, F. Broughton 2, J. Murray 3, W. Waghorn 4, Rev. A. A. Bennett 5, J. P. Trotter 6, H. J. Ross 7, A. A. Savage 8, J. W. Spencer (conductor) 9, E. B. Nott 10. It is interesting to note that this band included all the six Australian ringers who took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques on Armistice Day, 1934, and that Mr. Bennett was the only Tasmanian resident to take part in a peal during the English visit to Hobart.

The King's birthday was celebrated on June 9th in Victoria, British Columbia, by a 'royal salute' of 21 'shots,' fired on the bells of the Cathedral, followed by Grandsire Triples. The ringing was broadcast, those taking part being E. W. Izard, A. C. Meluish, R. Lane, W. P. Jaime, Com. C. H. Brown, T. Quest, R. Carrier, E. Lake, H. Lingham, E. J. Merrett, O. A. Gill and J. Beckerleg.

On Sunday, June 27th, seven members of the Vancouver Guild visited Victoria and shared in some excellent ringing. The visitors were A. C. Limpus, A. King, R. Pitman, F. Hird and Mrs. Hird, W. Sampson, A. Lomas and W. Watts.

The visitors left Vancouver by the midnight boat, and, seemingly little more than drifting across the intervening 83 miles of water, arrived at 7 a.m.

One course of Stedman Triples, two touches of 168 Grandsire, our touch of 476 Grandsire, one of 252 and another 266 Grandsire Triples, conducted by A. Lomas, were rung for morning service. Several plain courses of Grandsire Triples were accomplished by the Victoria ringers, some of whom also took part with the Vancouver ringers on inside bells in two of the above touches.

The visitors spent part of the morning exploring the beautiful surroundings of the city, and in the afternoon, with several of the Victoria Guild, had tea in Mr. and Mrs. Izard's garden overlooking the water at Portage Inlet. After tea they rang several touches on the handbells. It was a fine clear afternoon, and the bells sounded very beautiful over the water, being heard nearly a mile away. They also rang for evening service at the Cathedral, scoring a course of Stedman Triples and 476 of Grandsire, and later they rang the congregation out of church with further touches.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH VISITS ISOLATED TOWER.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, July 17th, at Whiston, quite a small village and rather difficult to get to, unless by one's own means. The church is situated on the top of a hill overlooking the Nene Valley and is well worth a visit. A short service was held during the afternoon, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. J. Smale), and the organ was played by his sister. Ringers were present from Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Brayfield, Yardley Hastings, Stanwick, Eton, Cogenhoe, Earls Barton, Grendon and Whiston, and 25 sat down to an excellent tea.

The Rector presided over the business meeting which followed. The branch president (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw) and Lord Northampton were among those who sent apologies for absence.

Wilby was chosen for the October meeting, and Mr. A. E. Johnson, of Eton, was elected a new ringing member.

The branch secretary reminded the members of the Guild's decision to hold the next general annual meeting at Wellingborough and hoped they would do their best to make it a success.

He also read the telegram sent to H.M. King George from the last annual meeting and the reply since received.

Thanks were offered to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and arranging for the tea, also to the organist and the ladies who served the tea.—The Rector suitably replied.

The meeting closed with selections of tunes and change ringing on handbells by the Irthlingborough party and Mr. Martin, of Higham Ferrers.

There are five bells in the tower of fine tone, and these were kept going during the afternoon and evening. Although it was the smallest meeting of the branch for some years, nevertheless it was a very pleasant one.

ANOTHER MEMORIAL TO WILLIAM PYE.

TABLET ERECTED AT FAMOUS CITY CHURCH.

As announced in 'The Ringing World' of February 12th last, when the balance sheet of the William Pye Memorial was published, the committee had decided to use the surplus of £8 in the fund to record one of the late Mr. Pye's greatest ringing performances, the 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, with an appropriate footnote, as a further memorial to that great ringer.

This decision has been given effect to, and on Tuesday, July 20th, the peal tablet was dedicated in the presence of a representative gathering of ringers and friends, including three brothers and the son of William Pye, nearly all the surviving members of the band that rang the peal, and Messrs. G. W. Fletcher and J. A. Trollope (vice-presidents) and W. Oram (treasurer) of the Middlesex Association.

After the peal board had been unveiled by Mr. C. T. Coles, the Rector (the Rev. S. Gordon Ponsonby) dedicated the record with the following prayer: 'To the glory of God, we dedicate this tablet recording the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung in the steeple of this church, in memory of William Pye and as an example to those that come after him. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

Then followed appropriate prayers and collects, and an address by the Rector, who referred to the work of Mr. Pye and ringers generally, for which they of the Church were grateful.

Mr. J. A. Trollope referred to the Memorial Committee's decision to erect this tablet as one which, he felt sure, would commend itself to all subscribers to the fund raised last year. He went on to speak of the late Mr. Pye's great abilities as a ringer and conductor, and of his long ringing career, during which his determination enabled him to perform many great things, including the ringing of this long peal on a tenor of over 50 cwt.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher thanked the Rev. S. G. Ponsonby for giving his permission for the erection of the tablet, and for his services that evening; and Mr. E. S. Underwood, surveyor, for his great assistance.

The Rector, in reply, expressed his own thanks to the Exercise for the board.

The peal board, which is made of oak, in fluted frame with gilded bosses, is written in gold on black enamel background. It records the peal of 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung on December 19th, 1925, in 5 hours and 38 minutes, with the following footnote:—

'This tablet is erected by the Ringing Exercise to the memory of the conductor, William Pye, who died on March 8th, 1935.'

After the service the bells were rung to Grand sire and Stedman Cinques, the ringing ending with six leads of Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the eleven surviving members of the peal band, assisted by Mr. E. Barnett.

The cost of the tablet was wholly met by the balance of the memorial fund, which is now entirely disposed of and closed.

The main memorial to the late Mr. Pye is at St. John the Baptist's Church, Leytonstone, where two treble bells were installed to increase the ring to eight, and a recording tablet placed in the church porch.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES BATTERS.

VICE-CAPTAIN AND CONDUCTOR AT MERSTHAM.

The ringers of St. Katherine's, Merstham, have sustained a very deep loss in the death of Mr. James Batters at the early age of 31 years. The deceased first learnt to handle a bell on leaving school and the choir, at about 14 years of age, and throughout the whole of the intervening 17 years of his life remained a regular and punctual member of the Merstham band. He had held for a time the office of secretary, but, owing to business reasons, he relinquished this office. He was, however, persuaded to become vice-captain, an office he well and truly fulfilled until his untimely death.

Business claims gave him but little opportunity for peal ringing, and he had in fact, only rung a few, but he was a good ringer and able to ring practically any method. He early took to conducting and became the 'genial conductor' at his own tower. Very popular with his fellow-ringers, his smile and kindly nature will be greatly missed by his fellow-ringers.

The interment took place at Merstham on Wednesday, July 7th, when a large number of villagers as well as ringers were present. Among those who attended were Mr. D. K. C. Birt (Master of the Surrey Association), Mr. Walter Claydon (secretary, Southern District), Messrs. Sanders and Robinson (Ruckland), Mr. R. Fuller (Master, Southern District) and all the Merstham ringers.

Among the many beautiful wreaths was a white floral bell from his fellow-ringers and a wreath from the Surrey Association.



THE LATE MR. WILLIAM PYE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEDDING GIFT TO DORCHESTER DISTRICT RINGING MASTER.

The summer quarterly meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Wyke Regis on July 10th and was attended by over 100 ringers and friends. A short but beautiful service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. de B. Thurston.

The Rector, in his address, spoke of the bells of Wyke Regis Church and their particular associations with the parish. Originally, he said, there were only four bells, which were later removed, supposedly by order of the King (but of that there was no proof), and later a peal of seven bells was hung and these in their turn were restored in 1891. They were not now bells in the strict sense of the word, but the old metal had been melted down and new material added, and so they had new bells, but made from the old metal.

An excellent tea, served in the Memorial Hall, was provided by the wives and friends of the Wyke Regis ringers and was greatly enjoyed. In the absence of the chairman (the Rev. A. W. Markby), the Rev. R. P. Farrow presided over the business meeting and was supported by Mr. C. H. Jennings (secretary), the Rev. E. de B. Thurston, the Rev. K. E. Alexander, Capt. G. Wheeler (churchwarden) and the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards, general secretary of the Guild. There were also present representatives of the following towers: Abbotsbury, Bere Regis, Bradford Peverell, Buckland Newton, Dorchester, Frampton, Preston, Sydling, Upwey, West and East Lulworth, Wool, Wyke Regis, Bourneouth, Lytchett Matravers, Lytchett Minster, Poole, Swanage, Wareham, Wimborne, Ferndown, Andover, Bovington Camp, Swindon and Thornford. Other distinguished visitors included Mr. C. H. Kippin, of Beddington, assistant secretary of the Surrey Association, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville, formerly of Guildford and now of Winchester, and Mr. D. Cooper, of Croydon Parish Church, and other ringers from Surrey.

When it was announced that the next meeting would not be held at Frampton as previously decided on, the Chairman said, 'Frampton is one of those places where they want a Vicar, but cannot afford to pay him, and, of course, even the clergy have to live. If there is anybody here who knows of a person who would be willing to take on the job, Bishop Joscelyne would be very pleased to hear of him.'

It was decided unanimously to hold the meeting instead at Maiden Newton, on the first Saturday in September.

The Chairman then extended a warm welcome to the visitors and new members, especially the visitors, remarking that he never attended more sociable and jolly meetings than in Dorset. He announced that the dedication of the two new bells to make a peal of ten at Poole, hung to commemorate the Coronation, would take place on Saturday, September 25th.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Memorial Hall, and the Chairman further thanked the organist (Mrs. Howard), the organ blower (Mr. J. Rose) and the local ringers for preparing the meeting.

In responding the Rector expressed his pleasure at the meeting, and added: 'There is one regret this afternoon, namely, that Mr. Alfred Rose, a member of Wyke Regis Guild for 40 years and lately our captain, is no longer with us.' He asked the company to stand for a few seconds in silent tribute.

The Chairman further expressed thanks to Mr. C. H. Jennings, who was directly responsible for the organisation of the whole meeting. The Rev. F. L. Edwards said he would like to associate himself with this vote of thanks and he paid a high tribute to the work Mr. Jennings did on behalf of the Guild. In reply, Mr. Jennings said he was always ready and willing to do anything for the dear old Church, and in these days when people were so indifferent it was up to every body to 'do their bit' (applause). Mr. Jennings, continuing, said the meeting was a unique one, for there was to be a presentation in recognition of his work for bellringing in Dorset to their Ringing Master, Mr. E. T. Paul Field, who was to be married in a fortnight's time. The gift was a peal of handbells in the key of C. He hoped every time this peal was brought out for practice, or ringing a peal, it would bring back happy memories of times spent among bellringers in Dorset, and particularly the Dorchester Branch, by Mr. Field and his bride.

The Rev. Llewellyn Edwards, in making the presentation, said Mr. Field had always been a very valuable officer to the Guild. He was marrying a Dorset woman who was herself a ringer, and was to settle down and live in Dorset. Mr. Field was a pupil of Mr. William Shuttle—who he was glad to see present—and had often given help and instruction to other members and to other guilds (applause).

The Chairman joined in the congratulations to Mr. Field and wished him and his bride every happiness.

Mr. Field, whose fiancée was also present, in reply, said that he was very grateful to the Guild for giving him such a beautiful present, and assured them that it would always remain one of his most treasured possessions.

Afterwards a trio of Poole ringers, conducted by the chairman, demonstrated the beautiful tone of the handbells, and a course of Grand sire Triples was also rung on them.

The meeting concluded with a resolution to hold a by-meeting at Hilton. Everybody agreed they had spent a very pleasant afternoon. In the evening the Wyke bells worked overtime and could be heard until a late hour. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major.

FOR BEGINNERS.

CALLING THE BELL ROUND IN GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

While on the subject of calling touches of Grandsire Triples, it will not be out of place to give the beginner a few hints on the way to call the bells round. Perhaps, when ringing, something goes wrong; there may be a 'change course,' or it may be that some error is made in the calling of the pre-selected touch. If it is merely something rung for practice, there is no harm in the conductor going on and bringing the bells round, even if it turns out afterwards that the touch was false.

It is of no use to go on calling bobs or singles haphazard to do this, the bells might never come home, but with a little knowledge of how to proceed it can always be done within a reasonable length.

A first essential qualification for the bob caller is to be able to 'read' the coursing order of the bells. In a recent article we dwelt upon this part of the conductor's training, and we will assume that the necessary powers of observation have been acquired.

The simplest way to call the bells round in Grandsire Triples is first to get 6-7 into their proper coursing order, if they are not already there.

Get one or other into the hunt as quickly as possible, and then, if it is the 7th, call the 6th Before; if it is the 6th, make the call the lead after the 7th comes Before. This will put them together in the right order.

If it happens that there is only one bell coursing between 6 and 7 you can bring them together, and sometimes more quickly, by simply calling the 7th Before, thus sending the intervening bell into the hunt.

The next bell to concern yourself with is the 5th. If 6 and 7 are coursing, there are only four positions which the 5th can occupy; one is its right place—coursing the 7th. Another is in the hunt. If the 5th is in the hunt you put it in proper coursing order behind 6 and 7 by calling the 7th 'Before with a double'—a term which means calling the 7th Before and a bob at the next lead.

A third position in which the 5th may be found is immediately in front of the 6th: that is, 5, 6 and 7 are coursing in that order. The 5th can be placed behind the 7th by calling the 6th Before and then the 7th Before, the 5th being in the hunt between the two bobs.

The only other position is when there is one other bell coursing between 7 and 5. You get rid of the intervening bell (into the hunt) by calling the 5th Before.

When you have got 5-6-7 into position, the bells may be in the plain course. If they are not, make a call to bring 5-6-7 Home, that will be the lead after the 6th comes Before. Use either a Bob or Single as required. If this call brings the 4th out of the hunt (in other words, if the 4th went into the hunt at the previous call), use Bob or Single, whichever will bring the 2nd into the Hunt. If 3 comes out of the Hunt 4 must be brought in; if 2 comes out, 3 must be brought in. If 2 goes in rounds are produced; if 4 goes in rounds are got by another bob Home; if 3 goes in call the 5th Before with a double.

Sometimes it is quicker to bring the bells round at the handstroke lead of the treble, particularly if 7-6-4 are coursing in that order, or even, merely, if 6 is after 7. You then treat the 4th as if it were the 5th, and 3-2-5 to correspond with 2-3-4 respectively. Do not, however, overlook the fact that if you bring the bells round with a Single your touch is inevitably false, for you have reversed the first lead.

In this matter of calling the bells round, a little preliminary study with pencil and paper is well worth while. Put down a few lead-ends at random and apply the rules which are set out above. It will not only enable you to see how they work, but will also probably reveal how from certain combinations there may be quicker cuts to rounds.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP OF ELY WITH THE RINGERS.

The summer festival of Ely Diocesan Association was held at Soham on Saturday. The Vicar, the Rev. P. F. Boughey, conducted service and the Rev. J. Cook read the lesson. An inspiring address was given by the Bishop of Ely, who spoke of the importance of corporate worship. He sounded a note of encouragement in saying we need not feel dismayed by times of unhappiness in our own lives, for God is sure to answer in some way our prayers for help. The evil in the world around should not discourage, because it will be finally overcome, and 'Jesus shall reign.'

A generous tea was provided by Mrs. Boughey and helpers in the Church Hall. A short business meeting followed, and it was a very great honour to have the president, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Heywood, in the chair.

It is hoped to hold the 1938 summer festival at Wisbech.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. R. Copeman for his handsome gift of the book, 'Legends of the bells,' by Ernest Morris.

The Rev. P. F. Boughey was elected an honorary member of the association. The Rev. J. Cook and Messrs. R. E. Cavey, C. E. Cavey, J. Edwards, V. Johnson, L. Long, R. Palmer and F. Pluck were elected ringing members, and Mr. Wright, of Mildenhall, a non-resident life member.

Proceedings concluded with votes of thanks to the Lord Bishop, the Vicar and to the ladies who prepared tea.

The Vicarage gardens were thrown open to the visitors by the kindness of the Rev. and Mrs. Boughey.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY'S SIX-BELL CONTEST.

BOLSOVER WON FOR THIRD SUCCESSIVE YEAR.

The six-bell ringing contest for the Sheffield and District Society's silver cup took place at Dronfield Church on Saturday, July 17th. The bells, a splendid ring, recently rehung, are all that can be desired for such an event.

The cup was won by the Bolsover Parish Church company, this being their third successive achievement in holding the cup, which is competed for annually.

The judges (Messrs. George Lewis and S. F. Palmer) presented a most interesting and instructive report on the contest. The errors of each band were pointed out, with an explanation why and how the faults mounted up against the competitors.

The Vicar of Dronfield arrived just as tea was over and gave the society a very hearty welcome. He also conducted a short service in the choir stalls.

Ringling was continued until 9 p.m., the tower being open to all after the contest. Every one departed with the satisfaction of having spent the day well.

TYNEMOUTH BELLS.

SCHEME FOR RESTORATION.

The parishioners of Christ Church, North Shields, the Parish Church of Tynemouth, are making an effort to get their bells tuned and rehung. Saturday, July 10th, was observed as a 'gift day,' when the clergy sat at the church door to receive contributions. Collecting envelopes had been previously distributed. The bells were rung at various times, in which the Whitley Bay ringers assisted, and also a few touches on handbells.

The result of the appeal was that 237 envelopes were returned containing an aggregate of £73, which brought the fund up to a total of £103. The appeal is for £400. This is a large sum for the parish to raise, but a great effort is being made to get it, and assistance from any ringer friends would be gratefully appreciated. Contributions may be sent either to the Vicar (Canon C. Milner) or the captain of the ringers, Mr. J. E. Scott, 74, Hollywell Road, North Shields.

The condition of the bells, which are a pair of ten, has been a cause of trouble and anxiety for some years. Six of them were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1769. In 1874 two were added to complete the octave, and in 1879 two others were hung to make the ten. Having been cast in three instalments they are not accurately in tune, and now they are heavily corroded, which reduces their resonance. To make the ring perfectly satisfactory it is necessary to dismantle the ten bells and send them to a foundry to be cleaned by sand-blast process and correct their notes and harmonic tones; fit new clapper staples and clappers; provide new headstocks for the ten bells; and rehang the bells with new steel gudgeons and self-aligning ball bearings fitted in dust-proof housings. The timbers of the bell frame appear to be sound and no work in respect of the frame or its supports is necessary.

In their appeal for the sum of £400 the Vicar and churchwardens say: 'Christ Church bells have been ringing for 166 years. We feel it is our duty to ensure their continuance and at the same time improve their tone. We have a band of ringers who are devoted to the old English art of change ringing, and we believe that the music of the bells is appreciated by everyone who hears it.'

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

INVITATION FROM BARNSELY SOCIETY.

The July meeting of the Leeds and District Society was brought forward a week in order to allow those ringers to attend who will be affected by the Leeds holidays, which start to-morrow.

Ringling, slightly delayed at the outset owing to a funeral, continued from 3.30 until 9 p.m., except for the breaks when tea and the meeting intervened. The latter was held in the tower. Mr. H. Davison (vice-president) was in the chair, and members were present from Armley, Batley, Burley, Birstall, Bradford Cathedral, Brighouse, Felkirk, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Idle, Holbeck, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell and the local company, also friends from Aston-under-Lyne, Rotherham and Ulverston.

One new member was elected, Mr. V. Bairstow, of Denholme.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. L. W. G. Morris and seconded by Mr. A. Armitage.—Miss Mary Stilson replied for the Drighlington ringers.

The next meeting is due to be held at Shipley on Saturday, August 28th, but an invitation to hold a joint meeting with the Barnsley and District Society at Horbury on August 14th was received. After discussion it was decided that owing to the holidays and short notice it would not be possible to hold a joint meeting on that date, but hope was expressed that as many of the Leeds members who could get to Horbury on that date would do so.

Methods rung during the day were Plain Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Superlative, Stedman Triples, College Exercise, Cambridge and Oxford Minor.

A VILLAGE CALAMITY.

ATTRIBUTED TO ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER, RINGERS.

St. Margaret's Society, Westminster, visited Kent and Sussex for their annual outing. Leaving Kennington Church just after 8 o'clock, a couple of hours of beautiful travel through Kentish lanes at their best brought them to St. Mary's Church, Lenham. Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise were successfully accomplished, and it would have been better for the Double Norwich if 'non-intervention' had prevailed. In the middle of it a farrier in the village burst into the belfry in a frenzied state and shouted to the ringers, in an almost incoherent voice, to stop 'pulling the bells' because his horse had stumbled and refused to get up. The Double Norwich was, however, finished in spite of such a village calamity.

Afterwards the journey was continued to Wye. Here upon a very nice peal the first touch of Spliced Surprise Major of the day was attempted, but at the ninth and last lead it went where so many more have gone before. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung for the representative of the local company, who afterwards joined the party at dinner and welcomed the visitors to Wye on behalf of the Vicar.

At Ashford the ringing was curtailed owing to a funeral, and a course each of Treble Bob and Superlative were all that could be managed at this very beautiful church. Over the border, in Sussex, the ringers reached Salehurst in time to ring before tea. London Surprise and Grandsire Triples were rung on this lovely peal. After a very excellent tea thoroughly enjoyed, the journey was continued to Fairwarp. Here upon a new and very handy little peal a course of Bristol was rung as the opening touch, followed by Stedman Triples. Two youths of the local company who came to welcome the party said they could not hunt the treble to Grandsire, so the day's ringing concluded with some call changes with which the Fairwarp ringers were very pleased. This was a rather unusual method for the Westminster band. A couple of stops on the way home and Kennington was reached about 10.30 p.m. with repeated thanks to Mr. W. H. Hewitt for all his excellent arrangements. G. M. K.

LYME REGIS RINGERS' TRIP.

A LONG DAY IN WILTS AND SOMERSET.

Lyme Regis ringers made Trowbridge their objective for their annual outing on Saturday, July 10th. A 7.30 a.m. start brought them to Blandford by 9.15, where they found a well-lighted ringing chamber and a grand ring of eight, all recently rehung and tuned. Some well-struck Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Major were thoroughly enjoyed, ringing finishing with a good fall in peal. The organist keeps a little tea parlour here, and showed the visitors a unique apple tree in his garden, the trunk being quite hollow, while the branches are laden with fruit. From Blandford the road took the excursionists via many alarming corners into Shaftesbury, eventually broadening out over fine Wiltshire Down country, which provided some splendid panoramic views. Nearing Westbury three magpies took flight from a fence—poetic precursors of a wedding—and, sure enough, the wedding was met on the approach to Westbury Church! Here the visitors were welcomed by the Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Turner, and some of the local band. Heavy metal had to be encountered, but good going bells, and a touch of Bob Major was somewhat indifferently struck. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, however, went along quite respectably.

Trowbridge was reached a little late, but luncheon was none the less acceptable. After a leisurely meal, Messrs. S. Hector and C. Raison welcomed the party at the tower, with its graceful, lofty spire. It is recorded that handbells have been rung here by ringers sitting on the weathercock! Ringing was limited owing to illness near the church. While it is true to say that Grandsire and Stedman Caters were attempted, it would be better to speak of the Kent Major and a course of Double Norwich as rung, finishing up with a touch of Stedman Triples. An hour or so was left for shopping, and after tea the road was taken again to Beckington. Here a long draught of rope interfered sadly with the 'rise,' but, once up, the bells responded well to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, though wandering sallies provided occasional acrobatics. From there, through Frome, a very pleasant run brought the ringers to Stourton, one of the 'show' places of Wiltshire. Some hours could well have been spent here exploring the lovely park and gardens of which the visitors had to be content with only a corner, but that of real beauty. The little church nestling under a hill had a nice ring of six, which by some mistake had been left half-muffled. As a parish party from Weymouth was waiting to hold a service ringing was cut down to a short touch each of Kent Minor and Stedman Doubles.

The final tower of the day was Templecombe, reached punctually to programme. Here Mr. Stuckey and another member of the local band welcomed the ringers, the Rector, Preb. Windsor, arriving a little later. The good going ring of six were kept on the move for some time in Boh Minor, Kent, Cambridge and London. Thence, after some delay for such refreshment as could be found at that hour of the evening, the car made steadily homewards, landing the party in Lyme at 10.40 p.m.

The thanks of all are given to the incumbents who granted, in every case, most willing permission to ring; also to all who either left everything in readiness for the party or met them in the towers. With kindly weather, bells worth ringing and beautiful scenery en route, a happy and interesting day was spent. C. C. C.

AMONG EAST SUFFOLK TOWERS.

A SIX-BELL EXCURSION.

The ringers attached to St. Matthew's Church, Ipswich, had their first outing on Saturday, July 10th. It took the form of an afternoon and evening tour by coach to some East Suffolk towers. They were joined by the five lady members. Travelling via Bromswell and Eyke and over several miles of heathlands, the first stop was at Tunstall (6), where they were met by the Rector and his wife, who were interested, as they had not met lady ringers before. Leaving here a short run brought the party to Blaxhall (6). The bells here hang left-handed and caused some trouble at first to the less experienced. The next stop was at the fine old church at Aldeburgh (6). Here the ladies took part in some Cambridge Surprise and other Treble Bob methods. Tea was well served at the East Suffolk Hotel. After looking round the town and a walk on the sea front, a move was made to Little Glemham (5), a church difficult to find. It stands in a fine park and is only reached after some rough riding. However, after a ring and a group photo had been taken by one of the party, the homeward journey was begun. On the way a stop for a short ring was made at Wickham Market (6), and the last stop was at Pettistree (6), where, owing to late arrival, it was necessary to search the church for a lamp. Here a good course of Cambridge Surprise brought the ringing for the day to a close. A run of 12 miles brought the band home by 10.30 after a most successful trip. During the day the band, assisted by the ladies, rang Oxford, Kent, Plain Bob, Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise. They wish to thank all who met them or had the bells ready for them.

TOLD IN VERSE.

ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN, RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July the 3rd—a warm and sunny day—
To Reading Town from Paddington we made our early way.
Some thirty in the party—and all of us were males—
We very soon had started, and were speeding o'er the rails.
Some members of the Guild we missed, no Norton and no Hughes,
But they had reasons good, the invitation to refuse.
Our leader was J. Hawkins, who his father brought along,
And many more—too many to be named in this, my song.
But our photographer was there, his young son by his side,
And camera, which, through the day, he diligently plied.
Arrived at Reading, there we found our coach and took our place,
And drove along the country roads at quite a gentle pace.
To Londoners it was a treat to note each country scene;
The trim and flowery gardens, and the fields and hedgerows green.
At times the trees which bordered the roads down which we passed,
Their spreading branches, full of leaf, a welcome shadow cast:
Haymakers, here, were seen at work; there, fruit pickers as well,
But it would take too long of all the pleasant sights to tell.
Cows many—mostly black and white—and chickens by the score,
Beehives in cottage gardens, or a child beside the door.
At last we stop—Great Milton—we get down and leave the coach,
And to the Parish Church, close by, we one and all approach.
While some go up to ring the bells, the others saunter round,
And view the church and village, while the chimies melodious sound.
Then on again to Woodstock, a most pleasant country town,
Where Blenheim Park and palace tell of Marlborough's renown.
'Twas here we lunched at the hotel—the sign before the door
Showed 'Bear' and dog at deadly grips—such sights were seen of yore.
The sun was hot, the wind was fresh, and clouds of dust did greet
Those of us who, to see the place, had wandered down the street.
There was a 'ring' here, too, and then, with all aboard,
The coach drove on to Gloucestershire, and dropped us at Fairford.
Here, as before, the ringers rang, but not in belfry hid,
But, standing on the church's floor, their skilful task they did!
And many stood to watch them, while the others walked about
To see the famous windows, English work without a doubt.
There, drawn and highly coloured, one traced the fall of man,
Our Saviour's birth and death, and how Redemption it began,
There was the Resurrection, the stone just rolled away,
The Lord's return to heaven, and the future judgment day!
The time passed all too quickly, for there was so much to see,
And we were due at Wantage, where we planned to have our tea.
But, first, to work, some climbed the tower, and rang round after
round,
And passers-by stayed on their way to hear that cheerful sound.
The Red and White Refreshment Room meanwhile set out its best,
And those who rang required more cups of tea than all the rest!
But 'ere the meal was ended, and the journey back begun,
A pleasant little ceremony waited to be done.
A short address was read aloud, expressing their regret
That they must lose their Rector soon, though he was with them yet.
Their feelings there they showed in song familiar, and meanwhile
Their president had hid his face—but looked up with a smile,
To take their gift—a case of pipes—and, as if not enough,
A tin of choice tobacco, too, was given him to puff!
The company applauded as, his thanks the Rector spake,
But one thing more remained before their homeward way they take:
A cordial vote of thanks to him who had arranged the treat.
(Our secretary's organising powers there's very few can beat.)
Now wasn't that a birthday to be stored in memory?
A happy day for all who went—but most for E. C. B.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH.**

A very successful meeting of the South Norfolk Branch took place at Kenninghall on Saturday, July 10th. The Rev. W. M. Harper Mitchell, Rector of Quidenham, conducted the service and gave an excellent address.

Afterwards over 30 members and friends attended the tea and meeting. Mr. W. L. Duffield presided, supported by Mr. A. L. Coleman (vice-president), Mr. P. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary) and members from Alburgh, Diss, Garboldisham, Palgrave, Pulham, Redenhall, Saxlingham, Shelfanger and Winfarthing. Other branches were represented by members from Buxton, Dersingham, Norwich and North Walsham, while Suffolk towers represented were Debenham, Stoke Ash, Redgrave and Newmarket. Mr. F. Hurry, of Cambridge, was also present.

Rounds for beginners and methods up to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise were rung at both Kenninghall and Quidenham.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bergh Apton on October 9th. The methods chosen for practice on that occasion are London Surprise and Oxford Bob Minor.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT VISIT CHISWICK.**

For the first time since 1922, the London County Association on Saturday, July 17th, visited Chiswick. It was hoped, especially as it was a fine afternoon, to get a better attendance than usual, but the 20 members and friends who did avail themselves of the opportunity thoroughly enjoyed themselves. A short service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. Fellowes-Brown, and an excellent tea was served in the Parish Hall.

The business meeting followed, with Mr. H. Mance in the chair.

Mr. E. R. Bowman, of Hammersmith, was elected a member, and Kingston proposed for the next meeting, on September 18th, subject to permission being granted.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. E. R. Rich) for his kindness in granting permission for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service, to Mr. N. Manning for his valuable assistance in obtaining the necessary sanction to ring, and to the caterers for the tea.

After the business meeting, handbell enthusiasts demonstrated how to ring Stedman Triples. Other members returned to the tower and rang the bells going until 8.10 p.m., when they were lowered in peal.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and a good course of London Surprise Major. Members and friends attended from Barnes, Chiswick, Chelsea, Hammersmith, Isleworth, Streatham, Twickenham, Ealing, Kensington, Bishopsgate, and welcome visitors included Mr. H. H. Pearn, of King's Norton, Birmingham (back from a holiday in Paris) and the popular Northern District secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**A PROMISING YOUNG MEMBER.**

The South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association had a very successful meeting at Goldhanger on July 3rd, when 35 members and friends were present from Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Goldhanger, Maldon, Springfield, Great Totham, Little Waltham, Writtle, Blackmore, Newmarket, Sawston and Swindon.

Several of the party took advantage of travelling by the coach which had been booked for the purpose, and enjoyed a run through the country on a perfect summer day.

Ringing in the afternoon was followed by the association's form of service. The Rector of Goldhanger (the Rev. R. Gordon Roe) welcomed the ringers and gave a very interesting and helpful address. The singing of the hymns and psalms was led by the organist and choir, the lesson being read by the hon. secretary.

A very welcome and enjoyable tea was partaken of at the Chequers, and this was followed by a short and pleasant business meeting.

The Rector was elected an honorary member with the hope that he would soon be eligible as a ringing member, and Mr. J. South, of Tolleshunt D'Arcy, was elected a ringing member. One other ringing member was elected, H. Alan Shadrack, of Springfield, who on the Sunday week previous had rung his first 720 of Bob Minor for his twelfth birthday. A remark was made that if he continued as he was going he would make a better ringer than his father, who is divisional hon. secretary.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Great Waltham (where the peal of eight bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.) on the last Saturday in August, if this date should be convenient.

A vote of thanks to the Rector, the organist and choir and Mr. J. D. Buckingham was proposed by the Divisional Master, Mr. H. Mansfield, and, in reply, the Rector reiterated his welcome and said they were proud to have the association at Goldhanger. He greatly appreciated them electing him an hon. member. He apologised for the absence of the Vicar of Tolleshunt D'Arcy (the Rev. W. J. Sullivan), who was unable to be present owing to a church fete being held in his garden.—Mr. Buckingham also replied.

After handbell ringing and ringing at the tower, a general move was made to Tolleshunt D'Arcy and Tolleshunt, where the bells were available for the evening, ringing at the latter place continuing until about 9 p.m., when another enjoyable gathering came to a close.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Westbourne on Saturday, July 31st. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.15. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., allowed to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Kimpton on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — On Saturday, July 31st, a meeting will be held at King's Walden. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Book the date, and don't be late.—Don Mears, Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, July 31st. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook and Sydney Forshaw, Secs.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Saturday, July 31st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, nr. Doncaster.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will be held at St. Mark's Church, Glodwick, Oldham, on July 31st at 3 p.m.—C. Wilson, Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch. — A ringing practice will be held at Newport Pagnell. Bells (8) available from 5.30 p.m. on Saturday, July 31st. All ringers welcome. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DORCHESTER, ST. PETER'S.—Re-opening of the bells, Sunday, August 1st. Services 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. A ring of eight rehung by John Taylor and Co.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, Aug. 2nd, at Rotherham Parish Church. Bells (10) ready at 1 p.m. For tea, café close by church. All welcome. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Sunderland on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 2nd. Meet at St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, at 3 p.m. Tea will be served in St. Ignatius Institute, Burlington Road, at 5

p.m., to those informing Mr. G. S. Taylor, 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland, by Friday, July 30th. — Roland Park, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Giles', Cripplegate, on Aug. 3rd, St. Magnus' on the 5th and 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, St. Mary-le-Bow on the 31st. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Combined practices during August: Winchester Cathedral (12 bells), Wednesday, Aug. 4th, at 7 p.m.; Holy Rood, Southampton (8 bells), Fridays, Aug. 13th, 20th and 27th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Williams, Master, 1, Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church, St. Mary's (12 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends to come along and support us.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale, Lancs.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, Aug. 7th. The bells, which have recently been overhauled by Taylor and Co., available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous.—T. E. Newman, The Cross, Hinton-on-the-Green, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. —A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch. —The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Enmore on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Please let me know not later than Tuesday how many will require tea from your tower.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The monthly meeting will be held at Rowde on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —Quarterly meeting Saturday, Aug. 7th, Walesby (8 bells). Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Aug. 4th, to K. W. Mayer, Hon. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. —The branch will meet at Upwell on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

CLAY CROSS, near Chesterfield.—The bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield on Sunday, Aug. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. A ring of six recast and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. It is most essential that those intending to be present for tea should notify me by Wednesday, Aug. 11th. Ringers and friends welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Coddenham on Aug. 14th. Ringing on tower bells (8) afternoon and evening. Tea in Rectory garden, 4.30, at 9d. each.—Harold G. Herbert, Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Willesden, on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, in the Church Hall, at 5.30, 1s. each. Please advise me by Aug. 11th. All ringers welcomed. Special method: Edmonton Bob Major.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. Larkwood, 1959.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Mossley, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells ready 5 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Rev. J. F. Southworth, B.D., will officiate and extends a hearty welcome to the Bolton branch. Names to be sent to H. Pickles, 11, Seel Terrace, Leas Road, Mossley, not later than Aug. 11th.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A souvenir invitation to the 300th dinner on November 6th has been prepared. Copies of this will be sent in due course, together with an admission ticket, to members who apply with remittances (10s. for members, 12s. 6d. for non-members) to any of the following:—Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. 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. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young. Members are reminded that seating accommodation at the Cannon Street Hotel is limited to 400.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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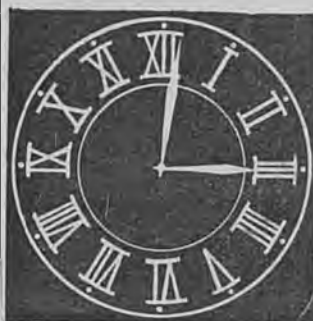
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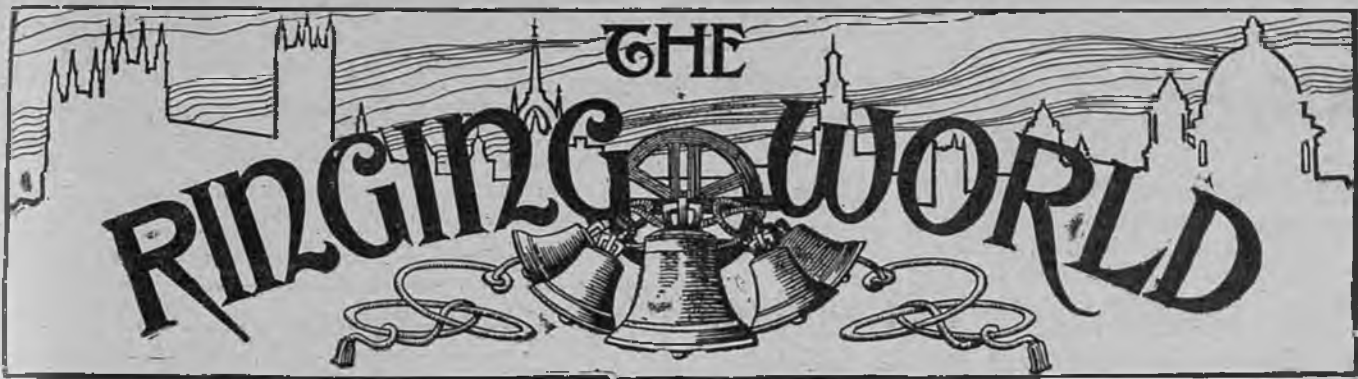
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WILLIAM HEWETT 5	REUBEN SAUNDERS 11
LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 6	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS 2	JAMES L. WRIGHT 5
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
JOHN BOOTH 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

LYMINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Eadburga,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER J. PREBBLE Treble	FREDERICK LEASON 5
GORDON WEBB 2	BENJAMIN BAKER 6
WILLIAM BIDNELL, SEN. ... 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
ALBC WEBB 4	ROBERT WEBB Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung in honour of Mr. Albert Tanton on completing 60 years as sexton of this church, and as a birthday peal for the treble ringer, who is aged 70.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

C.C.C. No. 88.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*NOAH SMITH Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
ROBERT B. HULSE 2	STANLEY HARRISON 6
*STANLEY W. BOOTH 3	CYRIL VALENTINE 7
HAROLD WORRAL 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Joseph Little, a highly respected member of the Daresbury tower.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

BERNARD COLLISON Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 2	*ERNEST J. LADD 6
FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
MRS. C. H. KIPPIN 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. This peal replaces the false one rung at Edenbridge on April 3rd by the same band.

CLAYBROOK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST W. TIPLER Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 6
WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	FRANK K. MEASURES 7
JOHN A. TIMSON 4	FRED PERRY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINSMERE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal rung in the method (Lindoff's No. 70).

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, July 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES W. PARKER Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
*OLIVER J. KIDBY 2	PERCY K. PARKER 6
JAMES BENNETT, JDN. 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 7
JOHN R. CROOKS 4	ROBERT MALSTER Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild and by all the band. A farewell peal to the Rev. F. Sutton on his retirement.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF DARTFORD LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. OXENHAM Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHESMAN 2	*DEREK M. SHARP 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	*EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 4	*HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal in the method.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part (7th observation).

Tenor 20 cwt.

LUTHER J. HONESS Treble	JOHN MEDHURST 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	BENJAMIN BAKER 6
*ALBERT HIBBIN 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
HARRY BAKER 4	WILLIAM H. DARTNALL ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WENBAN.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Robert G. Rayfield, of the local band, and Miss Victoria Louise Ford.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR Treble	FRANK DEWEY 5
GEORGE LADD 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
WILLIAM G. THORPE 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
*ALBERT E. FLATTERS 4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. G. Ladd.

THROWLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED H. POLLING Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE 5
ARTHUR S. BOAR 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6
DORIS G. DOBBIE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by G. CONYARD. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Wallace and Miss H. E. Wood, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wood, which took place on the previous day at Queenborough.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... Treble	HAROLD P. REED ... 5
*MISS EDNA BEDFORD ... 2	REGINALD W. REX ... 6
†LEONARD KNOTT ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
FREDERICK J. COLES ... 4	REGINALD A. REED ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EANSWYTH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE ... 5
DORIS G. DOBBIE ... 2	HORACE WHITEHEAD ... 6
CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a Folkestone Coronation peal. This was the 100th peal rung together by Ernest and Stanley Dobbie.

FAREHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST W. WHITEMAN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2	ANDREW J. CORRIGAN ... 6
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3	REGINALD W. REX ... 7
WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BISHOPSTEIGNTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Treble	LEONARD MENSLEY ... 4
CHARLES HOWARD ... 2	*CHARLES W. MUNDAY ... 5
JAMES E. LILLEY ... 3	†FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Messrs. Munday are from Basingstoke.

STEEP, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ALBERT E. WARREN ... Treble	*MISS ALINE ROBERTSON ... 3
MRS. GRACE M. HUNT ... 2	WILLIAM HIGGINS ... 4

CHARLES E. BASSETT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal. All are local ringers except the conductor.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM AMEY ... Treble	ARTHUR WATTS ... 4
*HARRY GAUNTLETT ... 2	WILLIAM READ ... 5
CHRISTOPHER DAY ... 3	ARTHUR NORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM READ.

* First peal. Ringers of 2 and 4 are members of the local band.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES H. TOMPKINS ... Treble	WALTER S. EVANS ... 4
JOSEPH W. DOWNES ... 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN ... 5
*AUSTIN WINGATE ... 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal of Minor at first attempt. The quarterly peal for the Hereford District of the Guild, and rung in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Mary to Hereford.

BRERETON-CUM-SWETHWICK, CHESHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of six extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, April Day and Plain Bob, eight of St. Dunstan's and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HARRY THELWELL ... Treble	FREDERIC H. CRAWLEY ... 3
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 2	*HARRY PARKER ... 4

ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Doubles in six methods. First peal in six methods on the bells. Ring in honour of the tercentenary of the society. Lord Brereton, one of the founders of the society, was buried at this church.

HENLOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	PERCY TOMPKINS ... 4
STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ... 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 5
JOHN CHURCH ... 3	*LEWIS H. BYWATERS ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* Fiftieth peal. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Friday, July 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTT, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 1-2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5-6
WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 3-4	ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES ... 7-8

Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATED.

BLIND RINGER TAKES PART.

On Thursday, July 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Holy Trinity Church, Llandudno, in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Nicholls, of Stourbridge, Worcester-shire: S. Brown 1, J. Flint 2, A. Bray 3, A. E. Pegler (conductor) 4, F. V. Nicholls 5, W. H. Lawrence 6, S. Edwards 7, T. Lowe 8.
Mr. G. Bromley, who has been totally blind from birth, rang the 6th to 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. H. Lawrence.

PEAL NOTES.

MEN AND EVENTS.

The first peal on the bells at the village of Steep, Hampshire, in which local ringers have taken part, was rung on July 22nd. It was a peal of Doubles rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Knight on reaching the age of 70 years. Mr. Knight has been a Sunday service ringer at Steep for 50 years.

At the age of 82 years, Mr. Albert Tanton still rings for Sunday service at Lyminge, Kent. In honour of his having completed 60 years as sexton at the Parish Church, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday, July 25th. It was also a birthday peal for Mr. Walter J. Prebble, who reached the age of 70, and rang the treble. The ringers wish to thank Mrs. Webb for her hospitality after the peal.

The Suffolk Guild have added another new Surprise method to their long list of first performances. Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's No. 70 has been named Minsmere.

To obtain a new peal of Cambridge Surprise Major is a distinction for any composer, and Mr. C. H. Kippin has conducted a peal composed by himself to replace one rung four months ago which afterwards turned out to be false. It is believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Major with the sixth six courses at home.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Wrotham, Kent, on Saturday, in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. G. Rayfield and Miss V. L. Ford. The bridegroom is one of the local ringers and after the peal he entertained the band to a meat tea.

The 71st birthday of Mr. George Ladd, of Pinchbeck, the genial hon. secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, was suitably celebrated by a peal of Stedman Triples at Spalding on Saturday.

In the neighbouring parish of Surfleet another peal of celebration was being rung at the same time on the lightest ring of twelve in the country. There was a 'gathering of the clans,' and 5,005 Stedman Cinques came round in honour of the birth of the conductor's third granddaughter.

It was John Holman's 300th peal and his first for exactly a year. The Sheffield veteran has rung his peals in 99 towers in 23 counties.

Half the band who rang at Surfleet on Saturday rang in another peal of Stedman Cinques on Monday at Saffron Walden, Essex, this time in honour of one of the oldest ringers, the 77th birthday of Mr. Ernest Pitstow, one of the celebrated family, of which the late Mr. Nathan Pitstow was such a distinguished member.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Surfleet on July 24th was not the first by all Eastern Branch members of the Lincoln Guild, as one was rung at Silsey on November 28th, 1929.

Old-fashioned Bob Triples is a feature among the peals of last week. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Grimsburgh, Suffolk, on his retirement, it was the first peal of Bob Triples by all the band and by the Suffolk Guild. It will probably be the last for a good long time.

The brothers Ernest and Stanley Dobbie rang their 100th peal together on Monday when they took part in Folkestone's Coronation peal. The band received a hearty welcome from the Rector and local ringers.

HAPPY MEMORIES FROM OUTINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been my pleasure for the past eight or nine years to arrange for our band the annual and other outings, and visiting the counties of Herts, Beds, Bucks, Berks and Essex.

I am very pleased to say that everywhere the local ringers and rectors too have given me help in making arrangements and a great welcome to our band, with a cheery 'Come and see us again' when we have left their tower.

If our country friends knew how much we enjoyed these excursions into the wide open spaces they would know how much we have appreciated their efforts to make our tours a success.

To them all we say 'Thank you' and hope we shall see them again some time. In the meantime, if anyone would like to visit us when passing this way I am sure they will be welcome, although I'm sorry we cannot offer the wide open spaces.

Finchley, London, N.3.

A. F. WARREN.

CLIFTON RINGERS' FIRST 720.

At Backwell, Somerset, on June 17th, 720 Bob Minor by Hedley Gregory 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, William Bonner 3, Hedley Gregory, jun. 4, Wilfred Webb 5, Stephen H. Wood (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5. The above are all Sunday service ringers at Clifton Parish Church, Bristol.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—At All Saints' Church for evensong on Sunday, July 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): H. N. Pitstow 1, S. R. L. Dearn 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, J. Hobden 4, F. G. Woodies 5, T. E. Norman 6, A. J. Adams (aged 16, conductor) 7, E. T. Wooloff 8. Rung on the 17th birthday of the ringer of the 2nd.

FOR BEGINNERS.

TREBLE BOB IS NOT REALLY DIFFICULT.

It is not really a very difficult step from Plain to Treble Bob, but, when mastered, it opens up a much wider scope for the ringer's talents.

When plain hunting, the ringer takes his bell regularly from place to place, a step at a time. After leading he moves into 2nd's, then into 3rd's, next into 4th's, and so on, until he gets behind all the rest of the bells. He turns about by having a whole pull behind, and then comes down step by step, just as he went up, until he reaches the lead, where he has a whole pull, which really is only the means of turning round to hunt in the opposite direction, just as was his whole pull behind.

If the ringer has gone any step beyond ringing the treble in a plain hunt, he will know what dodging is. It is one step back in some place, which breaks up the regularity of the forward march.

Treble Bob consists of a series of backward steps throughout the lead. It is, in fact, a dodging hunt. It is based on a dodge in every dodging position; that is 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, etc., and the treble keeps to this dodging path. The other bells cannot keep strictly to it, or no progress could be made in the production of changes, but in the simpler Treble Bob methods they keep fairly closely to it.

The work of the treble in Treble Bob consists of three steps forward and one back, allowing, of course, for the turning round in front and behind. The treble starts by making one blow in 2nd's place, and stepping back at the next blow to lead a half-pull, at backstroke. Then it hunts forward three places, bringing it into 4th's, and steps back one into 3rd's (at backstroke). Then forward again three places and back one into 5th's (at backstroke). If you are ringing Minor the whole pull behind comes next, and then, corresponding with the blow in 2nd's on the front, one blow in 5th's and a step back into 6th's (at backstroke); forward three places to 3rd's, and a step back into 4th's (at backstroke), forward three places to lead, and a step back into 2nd's (at backstroke) and then the whole pull at lead.

You will have noticed that the step back is always at backstroke. It may help you. If you are not quite sure of your position, you know for certain that the next pull, if it is a handstroke, cannot be a backward step.

For a young band who are all just tackling Treble Bob for the first time it is not bad preliminary practice for all the bells to carry out a dodging hunt on these lines. There will be repetition of changes, but it will help the ringers to get used to a continuous dodging hunt and also to pick out the dodging places.

Kent Treble Bob is probably the easiest of all Treble Bob methods to ring. In each lead one bell remains in front, alternately leading and making 2nd's place (a whole pull in each) except when dodging with the treble. This is called the 'Slow' work and results in there being no dodging in 1-2, except with the treble; while, when the treble is in 1-2, place-making is substituted for dodging in 3-4, the bells going up making 3rd's (a whole pull) and 4th's (a whole pull) and those coming down 4th's and 3rd's. These places begin at backstroke.

There are some simple rules to guide you to this place-making. When you leave the Slow work, by dodging in 1-2 with the treble, make 3rd's and 4th's places going out; make similar places the next lead, immediately after passing the treble in 2-3.

When you pass the treble in 4-5 make 4th's and 3rd's places on the way down; make similar places the next lead, after you have dodged in 5-6 with the treble.

When the places are completed and you go down to lead, you will find yourself with the treble on the front. Dodge with the treble and begin the Slow work, which, as mentioned above, consists of a whole pull at lead and a whole pull in 2nd's alternately, until the treble comes back again.

There is no other dodging on the front, but with the exceptions in 3-4, while the treble is in 1-2, every bell dodges in every dodging place, whatever the number of bells employed, be it 6, 8, 10 or 12.

We suggest that beginners should endeavour to construct a lead or two of the method.

1 2 3 4 5 6
2 1 3 4 6 5
1 2 4 3 5 6
2 1 4 3 6 5

2 4 1 6 3 5
4 2 6 1 5 3
4 2 1 6 3 5
2 4 6 1 5 3

These figures show you how to start. You repeat the work of the second section until the treble has completed its dodge in 4-3 on the way down, and then put in a section corresponding to the first. That completed, make 6th's place when the treble leads and it should give you 142635 at the new 'lead head'; that is the row in the second lead corresponding to rounds in the first. Just try it!

SAILORS' SERVICE.

The special service held in Southampton Docks for the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets on Sunday, July 18th, was preceded by ringing at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,344 changes) being rung by O. N. Curtis 1, L. Knott 2, J. W. Faithfull 3, George Williams (conductor) 4, A. J. Corrigan 5, R. Brown 6, H. Reed 7, R. Reed 8. First attempt for ringers of 1 and 2.

SOUTH DEVON TOUR.

A WEEK FULL OF INTEREST AND ENJOYMENT.

On Saturday, July 10th, a party of 18 ringers and wives left home by road for a week's ringing tour in South Devon. These included, apart from the peal ringers, Mr. and Mrs. C. Parks and Mr. C. Dean, of Croydon, Mrs. R. Collins (Sevenoaks) and Mrs. W. Melville (Winchester).

The main object being to see as much of the country as possible in the short time available, peal attempts were restricted to one each day, commencing on Monday.

Headquarters were at Newton Abbott, and ringing for Sunday morning service took place at St. Leonard's tower, where the visitors were warmly welcomed by Mr. Chris. Walker and others. The church was demolished in 1836, leaving only the tower, from which until recently curfew was rung every evening. Stedman and Cambridge were successfully brought round on the interesting light ring of eight. A stroll up the road brought the party to Wolborough, where they listened to rounds and call changes rung in the perfect Devonshire style by the local company. Sunday evening saw the tourists at Paignton, where they rang touches of Cambridge, Stedman and Grandsire for service at the Parish Church. A visit to the picturesque fishing village of Brixham concluded the day, which, although showery, had proved very enjoyable.

On Monday morning the first peal attempt was successfully concluded. This was Cambridge Major on the fine ring of eight at Totnes, one of the band being Mr. T. Myers, of Plymouth. The church is interesting for its unusual stone screen, thought to be the finest in Devon. A damp morning gave place to a fine afternoon, when the party drove to the charming village of Berry Pomeroy, and rang there a course of Superlative and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The remainder of the day was spent on Goodrington sands.

On Tuesday the company set out for the stately Church of Plympton St. Mary, where a course of Cambridge and touches of London, Stedman and Grandsire were rung on the noble peal of eight. Plymouth was the next stop, and at Charles Church, which has an excellent light ring of ten, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung. Mr. Myers ringing his first course in the latter method preparatory to starting for a peal of it in the evening. A delightful afternoon in beautiful weather was spent on the Hoe, where the party watched with great interest the movements of seaplanes and other craft in the Sound. After a false start, the peal of Cambridge Royal at St. Andrew's was successful, and Mr. Myers is to be congratulated on his splendid performance.

THE ONLY PEAL FAILURE.

The next day an early start was made for a peal of London Surprise Major at Highweek, a mile from headquarters, but this unfortunately came to grief and the bells were then set going to a course of Bristol and touches of Stedman and Grandsire. This attempt proved to be the only failure among the peals. In the afternoon a visit was paid to Kingsteignton, which stands at the beginning of the beautiful Teign valley, and here the party rang courses of Cambridge and London and touches of Stedman and Bob Major on the musical octave. A strenuous game of football on the sands at Dawlish followed, and the day ended with a drive round some of the surrounding country before turning in to headquarters.

On Thursday the tourists journeyed to Buckfastleigh, home of Mr. Aubrey Bennett, who rang in the successful peal of Stedman Triples in his home tower and to whom they were indebted for the privilege of ringing at Buckfast Abbey. Here the ladies were at first refused admission to the belfry, but after some delay consent was given. Ringing on these grand bells consisted of Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters (in which two ringers on holiday from Basingstoke took part) and Bristol Major on the back eight. After admiring the Abbey, with its wonderful golden altar, and purchasing souvenirs from the monks, the party lunched and then drove to Widecombe-in-the-Moor, scene of the famous fair. Nothing could be more beautiful than this little village, with its lofty church rising from a cluster of tiny cottages and the wide sweep of Dartmoor beyond. The nice peal of six were set going to Cambridge and Kent Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Then came a drive through the incomparable beauty of the moor to Princetown, so called in honour of the Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., because it forms part of the estates of the Duchy of Cornwall. Tea at Princetown was followed by the long drive home to Newton Abbott.

On Friday morning a peal of Cambridge Major (in which Mr. C. Walker rang the treble) was scored at Moretonhampstead, and after lunch the party went on to Bovey Tracey, where they met Dr. Taylor, of Sevenoaks, who, although the real instigator of the tour, was unable to join in it. He had just returned from Sweden and was then on his way to Cornwall. After stopping to call a touch of Stedman, he said 'Au revoir' to the party, who concluded the ringing with a course of London and a touch of Grandsire on this well-going peal of eight. The church screen, a very fine and ornate piece of workmanship, was duly admired by the visitors. The next stop was Teignmouth, where the time was occupied either by bathing or enjoying a motor boat trip along the coast. Later in the evening came a drive to the old-world village of Stoke-in-Teignhead, en route for Newton Abbott.

The last day of the tour started well by a peal of London Major being scored at Kingsteignton. Mr. Walker, who was to have rung

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DEATH OF A RAUNDS RINGER.

FORMER STEEPLEKEEPER AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

The death occurred on Monday, July 19th, of Mr. Horace Copperwheat, who, for about 40 years, had been a member of the St. Peter's Society, Raunds. Deceased had been towerkeeper for a considerable number of years, and under his care the bells and belfry were always in good condition. He was not a great peal ringer, but had rung about 20 peals in most of the standard methods from Flim Bob to Superlative Surprise Major.

A man of very quiet disposition, he regularly attended branch meetings up to about two years ago, when he ceased ringing altogether. He also gave up the position of towerkeeper at the same time, his son, Mr. W. Copperwheat, taking over the duties. Deceased had never told anyone why he had resigned, but when it was learned, a few weeks before his death, that he was suffering from cancer, it was realised that it must have been through ill-health.

The funeral took place on Thursday, July 22nd, after which touches were rung half-muffled by the local band and G. H. Roberts, Ringstead. Deceased, who was 57 years of age, leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters in bereavement.

SUMMER MEETING IN DEVON.

ENTHUSIASTIC SCHOOLBOYS.

A summer meeting (the first of its kind) of the North Devon Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at East Buckland and proved very successful. Twelve of the probationers of the West Buckland School Guild, who ring at East Buckland, were present, and the two other towers in the branch, Combe Martin and Ilfracombe, were well represented. Visitors, including the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. V. Cox) and the treasurer (Mr. T. G. Bartlett), came from Milverton, Calverleigh, Bampton, Bramford Speke, Upton Pyne, Exeter and Ide, making a total attendance of 42.

Ringing began at 2.30 and continued in the four standard methods until evensong at 4.30. After tea many of the company tried the new ring of six in the neighbouring church at Charles.

One most notable feature of the meeting was the eagerness of the more experienced ringers to help the boys of the School Guild, who took part in Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. Ringing in both towers ceased at 7.30, for the boys had to be back in school, and many of the visitors had 30 or 40 miles to go home.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH HOLDS SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT MELKSHAM.

The half-yearly meeting of Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Melksham on July 3rd. The bells, an excellent ring of eight by Taylor and Co., were made good use of throughout the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. Canon F. H. Sangster), whose address was greatly appreciated. The organ being out of commission, Mr. A. T. Weeks accompanied the singing with the piano. Tea, which had been prepared by lady members of the branch, was held in the Parish Room and 40 sat down. The Vicar, who is an hon. member of the Guild, having to leave early for another engagement, offered the members a hearty welcome.

Mr. E. F. White presided at the meeting which followed. He mentioned ringers who were present from outside the Guild area from Cirencester, Overton, Hants, and Chippenham, and hoped they would have a happy time.

Mr. K. C. Davis, of Blagdon, was elected a life ringing member of the Guild.

Rowds was decided upon for the next meeting, with Upavon (provisionally) for September and Westbury for the quarterly meeting in October.

Votes of thanks were passed to those who had contributed to the success of the meeting. Mr. Garrett (Overton, Hants) thanked all for the excellent welcome the visitors had received, and this was endorsed by Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester.

Ringing was then continued, methods being rung up to Cambridge Surprise Major. The following towers were represented: Bishop's Cannings, Bratton, Chippenham, Cirencester, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Bradford (Holy Trinity), Market Lavington, Melksham, North Bradley, Rowde, Southbroom, Trowbridge, Overton, Frome, Westbury and Warminster. Altogether about 56 members attended at the tower for ringing, and the meeting proved a most successful and enjoyable one.

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the treble to this peal, was prevented by business from doing so. In the afternoon the party split up, some going to Slapton Sands for bathing and others to Salcombe, where they paid a visit to the Herzogin Cecilie, the famous windjammer that went ashore last year and is now to be broken up.

On Sunday an early start was made for home, after a week packed full of interest and enjoyment, no small part of which was due to local gentlemen who welcomed and helped the visitors at the various stopping places. Mr. F. E. Collins, who is fully conversant with this part of the country and arranged all the ringing and excursions, must be heartily congratulated on the success which has crowned his efforts.

I. R. H.

LADIES' GUILD.**CENTRAL DISTRICT ELECT OFFICERS.**

The annual meeting of the Central District was held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, about 35 people attending. Little ringing took place during the afternoon owing to the heat, and tea was welcomed at the early hour of 4.30 at the Express Dairy.

A business meeting afterwards took place, Mrs. R. Deal presiding. Seven new members were elected, viz., Miss Hooker and Mrs. Tanner, both of Throwley, Kent; Miss B. Colgate, Miss D. Corke, Mrs. R. Collins, Miss M. Crouch and Miss O. Matthews, all of Sevenoaks, Kent.

The following officers were re-elected: Vice-president, Mrs. R. Deal; hon. secretary, Mrs. G. H. Cross; assistant hon. secretary, Miss K. Bradford.

The committee was chosen as follows: Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mrs. C. H. Kippen, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell (re-elected) and Mrs. Massey, elected to fill the vacancy left by Miss K. Bradford becoming assistant secretary.

It was announced that the arrangements had been made for a meeting to be held at Great Baddow, Essex, on September 4th, following the suggestion made at the Beddington meeting. Isleworth was proposed as the place of the November meeting, the date to be the 13th. Mrs. Fletcher (general hon. secretary) drew the attention of members to the expenses incurred through the number of notices sent out during the past year to members, and it was decided that only those members who specially requested it should have the notices sent to them.

Mrs. Fletcher said that up to the present applications for about 40 tickets for the silver jubilee dinner had been made. Early application was desirable by those who did not want to be disappointed.

After a vote of thanks had been accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. R. Geare for making all the necessary arrangements, a move was made to the belfry by all but the Dinner Committee, but great disappointment was felt when, on arrival, a request came through to the vergers that no further ringing should take place, as there was serious illness in the vicinity of the church.

PROGRESS OF NORTHERN DISTRICT.

All the officers and committee of the Northern District have been re-elected as before, and one new member, Miss Mary Richardson, of St. Mary's, Nottingham, was elected.

The secretaries' reports and accounts were read and passed and pleasure expressed at the progress made by the district during the past year in spite of the difficulties that had to be contended with.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CANTERBURY DISTRICT MEETING.**

The summer meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Ash on Saturday, July 10th, when 30 members attended, representing Canterbury (four towers), Wickhambreaux, Eythorne, Dover, Ospringe, Boughton, together with the local band.

Tea in a nearby hostelry was presided over by the Rev. Mahon, but as he was prevented from taking the chair at the subsequent business meeting his place was filled by Mr. H. Whitehead (Dover).

Two new members were elected, and Quex Park was chosen as the venue for the next meeting, the provisional date being fixed for August 28th.

After handbells in the garden a return was made to the tower and further ringing took place until 8.30 p.m., rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob being rung.

The thanks of the members were expressed to the Vicar of Ash (the Rev. C. McGraw) for the use of the bells, to the Rev. W. Mahon for conducting the service and his address, to Mr. W. E. Pitman for his services at the organ, and to Mr. W. C. E. Goldup for making the local arrangements.

A FIVE-METHOD QUARTER-PEAL.

At Watford, Herts, on Sunday, July 11th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods, viz., Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol, London and Watford (1,280 changes): W. Norris 1, W. G. Paul 2, A. W. Dix 3, H. L. Long 4, S. H. Hoare 5, R. G. Bell 6, G. E. Howchin 7, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in five methods on the bells. It was rung by the local band.

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Eleven new members had been elected during the past year, practically a new member each month, so that it was felt the district was progressing and was encouraged to go forward.

Eleven members were present at the meeting, held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, and apologies for absence, owing to distance, were received from four, while three were prevented from attendance through sickness. Mrs. Kelly (joint secretary) had to stay at home at the last minute through the illness of her husband. The members expressed regret and wished all a speedy recovery.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A useful collection of touches of Stedman Caters and Cinques, compiled from various sources by Mr. W. A. Cave, has just been printed and will be welcomed by conductors on ten and twelve bells. Mr. Cave will send a copy free on receipt of a stamped addressed envelope, forwarded to him at 29, Victoria Street, Bristol. His kindness will be appreciated.

The peal rung at Garveston (not Garvestone) on Saturday, July 24th, was rung under the auspices of the Norwich Diocesan Association, a fact which was omitted from the particulars sent to us regarding the performance.

A correspondent asks what is the best thing to use on tender hands, to keep them from blistering when ringing. Perhaps some of our readers, who have suffered in this way, can offer suggestions.

STEEL BARS FOR BELLS.

A SUBSTITUTE SUGGESTED SIXTY YEARS AGO.

'At a time when efforts are being made in different parts of the country to raise peals of church bells, a suggestion on the subject in 'The Choir' is opportune. Dr. Ferdinand Rables, of Malvern House, South Hackney, writes suggesting the use of steel bars as a substitute for cast bells. They are, he says, introduced in the United States and Germany with great success, and would form a new branch of industry should the manufacture of them be taken up in this country. There is not only a large area for them in England, but a great demand may be expected from the flourishing colonies of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and India as soon as they are known in those regions. The following outlines will explain their particular merits, combined with cheapness of production: Steel bars produce a very pure, distinct and particularly melodious sound, with many other great advantages over church bells of moderate size. The power of a clear and sonorous sound can be obtained equally well, if not superior, to that cast from bell-metal or steel. Their weight will be light in comparison to the present ponderous productions. They will not burden the steeple so much, and consequently, will give more scope for architectural design, and have the merit of far sounding. Their winding and hanging up will not be so difficult, dangerous and expensive. They are not liable to crack, as is often the occurrence with bells, and, therefore, adapted for use in any climate. By a simple and mechanical contrivance they are more easily set in motion. The cost, compared with manufactured cast bells, is so trivial that small churches and chapels, and especially mission stations abroad, will be enabled to secure a peal. Three or four steel bars, forming a peal whose weight would not exceed 100lb., could be manufactured for £11 or £12, whereas only three cast bells of the same power would at least amount to £50 or £60.'

This paragraph appeared in 'Church Bells' of July 12th, 1873, and to it was attached the following comment: We insert the above, which has been kindly sent to us as a cutting from some newspaper, for the amusement and instruction of our readers. If the only object be to make a noise for calling people to church, or for occasions of rejoicing, no doubt steel bars would answer well enough; so would a lot of old frying pans; but neither one nor the other would be bells; therefore it is vanity to talk of such substitutes.

A MEETING AT SCARBOROUGH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I had a most interesting experience recently whilst on my holidays at Scarborough. At the boarding house where I was staying the visitors are accommodated at various small tables in the dining room, and at my first meal on Saturday evening, my wife and I were introduced to our table companions, a lady and gentleman from Bletchley and two other young people from the North. We talked, as people do, of everything under the sun, and so ended Saturday.

Sunday morning came, with breakfast at 9 o'clock. I kept my eye on the time, as I intended to be in the Parish Church belfry at 9.45 a.m.

I noticed that the gentleman from Bletchley also seemed to rush breakfast and that he left the house before me, presumably for a sharp walk along the front.

Imagine my surprise when, on entering the belfry, the first man I saw was my table companion, just about to take off his coat for a ring—Mr. Sears, of Bletchley, well known in ringing circles, but until then known to me by name only. I don't know which of us was the more surprised when we faced each other in the belfry.

Needless to say, we had many interesting talks during the holiday, and they were not all about the weather.

R. D. LANGFORD.

WEDDING BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. James' Church, Devizes, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. R. T. Kemp and Miss R. L. Cannon on July 28th: R. W. Bridges 1, A. T. Weeks 2, J. S. Weeks (conductor) 3, T. Weeks 4, G. Winter 5, D. Cleverley 6. All are Sunday service ringers at this church with the exception of the ringer of the 5th.

A YORKSHIRE RINGING COMPETITION

FREIZELAND COMPANY WIN HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S SIX-BELL CONTEST.

The annual meeting and six-bell contest was held at Almondbury on Saturday. Seven teams had entered the competition to ring 600 changes with a plain course for practice. The draw for the order of ringing was as follows: 1 Holmfirth, 2 Sandal, 3 Freizeland, 4 Liversedge, 5 Meltham, 6 New Mill, 7 Shelley. All the teams rang Oxford except Meltham, who rang Kent.



THE FRIEZELAND RINGERS, WINNERS OF THE CONTEST. Left to right: Fred Gartside, Leslie Dawson, Harry Nutt, Wilfred Bennett, John E. Fielding, Joseph Bennett.

Tea was served in the Parochial Hall, to which about 50 sat down, and, after listening to some further excellent ringing, all again adjourned to the Parochial Hall for the meeting.

The balance sheet for 1936-7 was presented and adopted, and it was decided to hold the next committee meeting at Shelley on September 18th.

The officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

After the usual vote of thanks to the clergy, churchwardens and local ringers, the judge (Mr. H. H. Smith) announced his decision as follows:—

Holmfirth: 17 faults, 5 penalty, total 22.
Sandal: 107 faults, total 107.
Freizeland: 11 faults, 5 penalty, total 16.
Liversedge, 20 faults, 5 penalty, total 20.
Meltham: 45 faults, total 45.
New Mill: 52 faults, 5 penalty, total 57.
Shelley: 137 faults, total 137.

Freizeland company were, therefore, declared winners and each ringer received a clock. Holmfirth ringers, who were second, each received a pair of 'Nell Gwyn' candlesticks.

The following new members were elected: Mr. R. Armitage, Mr. S. Manchester and Miss M. Byrom. Miss Byrom is believed to be the first lady member of the Halifax Association.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Curdridge on Saturday, July 24th, members attending from Alversloke, Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, North Stoneham, Hedge End, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Swanmore and Wickham.

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar of Curdridge (the Rev. A. H. Starey). An excellent tea was served in the Reading Room, after which the Master of the association (Mr. G. Williams) presided over the business meeting in the absence of the Vicar.

Messrs. E. F. Hancock and R. Burnett, of the Cathedral and St. Mary's, Portsmouth, respectively, were elected members of the Guild. The election of Mr. E. J. Charman, prior to a peal attempt, was also confirmed.

Bishop's Waltham and Hambledon were both proposed for the next meeting, the former being selected, the date to be October 16th.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for officiating at the service. Votes of thanks were also accorded to the organist (Mr. H. V. Harris) and the lady who provided the excellent tea.

The sum of 12s. 6d. was collected for the Soberton Bell Fund, and the members returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

ANOTHER RING OF SIX FOR WARWICKSHIRE.

NEW BELLS ADDED AT CHURCH LAWFORD.

The Church of St. Peter, Church Lawford, Warwickshire, until recently possessed only four bells. By the generosity of a friend of the Rector, these have been rehung in a new iron frame with all new fittings, the old treble recast and two new trebles added, making a very musical ring of six in the key of B flat, with a tenor of 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

The bells were dedicated on Saturday, July 24th, by the Bishop of Coventry, who was accompanied by the Rev. W. H. Trickett (Rector), the Rev. T. N. R. Prentice, Vicar of Newbold-on-Avon, and Canon Ashton. The dedication took place in the tower, and, following the blessing, the bells were rung by six members of the Warwickshire Guild and also again immediately after the service. Tea was then partaken of at the Parish Room, a bountiful spread having been generously provided by the ladies of the Church Council, to whom the best thanks of the ringers are due.

A large number of ringers were present, including Mr. R. F. Deal, of London, and the methods rung during the evening ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

On the following day for morning service, 720 of Bob Minor was rung: W. Vann 1, B. Beebee 2, C. Rayson 3, J. B. Fenton 4, C. H. Webb 5, J. H. White (conductor) 6.

The restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and is another excellent example of their work. Mr. J. P. Fidler represented the firm.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' TERCENTENARY.

SOCIETY'S INTERESTING MEMENTO.

Over 300 tickets for the tercentenary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on November 6th next have been bespoken. As the company is limited by the available accommodation to 400, those who wish to be present and have not already applied for tickets should do so at once.

A souvenir of the event is being issued by the society to all those who purchase tickets. It is a colotype reproduction of the original ornate invitation issued by the society to their guests in the early eighteenth century. Bow, St. Bride's and St. Saviour's (now Southwark Cathedral) churches are illustrated upon it.

The only alteration made has been to adapt the original wording to the present occasion, and the souvenir forms a very interesting memento of the auspicious event.

Only two copies of the original invitation are known to exist, one in the British Museum and the other in the Guildhall Library, London.

Lord Brereton, one of the founders of the College Youths and first Master, died and was buried at Brereton in Cheshire. Last Saturday in honour of the tercentenary a peal of Doubles was rung there by Cheshire members of the society through the kindness of the Rector (Canon H. H. Pitts), who generously provided refreshments for the ringers after the peal.

RINGING AND CRICKET AT TUNSTALL.

ENJOYABLE KENT MEETING.

The members of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, as usual for the summer meeting, arranged a visit to the country and a very successful gathering took place at Tunstall on Saturday, July 24th. Representatives were present from Northfleet, Frindsbury, Rochester, Hoo, Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham, Bobbing, Queenborough and Sittingbourne, together with visitors from the Canterbury district and the local company in full force.

A cricket match was arranged in conjunction with the ringing, and this turned out to be a very 'Spicy' affair, although the 'Luck' appeared to be against the home side. The arrival of the district secretary to strengthen the batting of the home team was anxiously awaited, but when the time came, as a chip basket was not available for protection, the secretary deemed it wise not to rely on pads only and refused to be slaughtered. The smoking of pipes on such occasions should be debarred, and it is rumoured that a further sub-committee is foreshadowed to deal with this point with regard to the association's rules. It is also considered that the local cricket captain should be reprimanded by his belfry captain for allowing the visitors to bat first and so handicap the home side owing to the quick growth of the grass.

The association's Guild service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. A. Midwinter, an honorary member of the association, and the collection for the Benevolent Fund of the association amounted to £1.

The ringers with their wives and friends after the service adjourned to the Parish Hall, where they were right royally entertained to tea by the generosity of the Rector, Mr. Churchwarden Wills, also an honorary member, being present to support the Rector and encourage the ringers. A very special assortment of 'cherries from heaven' arrived, as is usual, at Tunstall.

The business meeting was quite formal, the only important item being the venue of the annual district meeting, which it was decided to hold at Rochester.

Very hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for taking the service and for his kind generosity, to Mr. Wills for his support, Mrs. Spice for her help at the organ, and all the ladies who so graciously waited upon the ringers.

RINGERS TOUR THE COUNTRYSIDE. MANY EXCURSIONS DESCRIBED.

Excursions in these days take ringers farther and farther afield, and on these 'busmen's holidays' the countryside is scoured for likely and unlikely places to ring. A large number of outings have taken place in recent weeks and here are a few reports sent in to us by correspondents who have participated in the trips.

CONTRASTS IN ESSEX.

HOW KELVEDON RINGERS WERE RECEIVED.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Kelvedon, had a thoroughly enjoyable half-day's outing on Saturday, July 17th. The first call was at Nayland, and then on to Stoke-by-Nayland. After ringing this heavy peal with some success, the company adjourned to the local inn for tea, and subsequently proceeded through the beautiful Constable country to Elgham and Stratford St. Mary. A successful day's ringing was brought to a close at the picturesque little church at Langham.

Touques were rung on all the peals mentioned, and the thanks of the company are extended to the incumbents of the churches concerned, and to those gentlemen who were kind enough to meet the visitors at the churches and who helped to make the trip so successful.

The outing was in no way marred by the ultra modern young housewife, who burst into one of the churches, hatless and stockingless, and informed the company that they had awakened her baby, that she couldn't hear the wireless for the bells and she was really very tired of bellringers. Rather was the outing made more enjoyable by the lady who met the company as they emerged from the same church, and who was really delighted that the bells had been rung by a visiting company. There certainly are extremes among the womenfolk, even in rural Essex, but luckily for bellringers the latter type prevails.

DISS RINGERS IN THE 'SHIRES' AGIAN.

A 221 MILES' TRIP.

Leaving Diss at 6.30 a.m. on Saturday, July 17th, in ideal weather, the St. Mary the Virgin Society set out for their annual outing. At Cambridge Mr. Tom Chevery (well known in the Diss District) joined the party and was of great assistance as guide for the rest of the day. On arrival at St. Neot's, touches of various methods were rung on the fine peal at the Parish Church. Then on to Finedon, where Mr. Tom Hensler was waiting to welcome the party, who, after ringing on the bells of the Parish Church, went to 'Tom's' hotel, the Prince of Wales, and partook of an excellent lunch. The next call was at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton. On the homeward journey the ten-bell tower of St. Paul's Church, Bedford, was visited, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung. After tea in Bedford, the party made for Cambridge and rang touches of Stedman Caters on the back ten at Great St. Mary's Church. A social hour was then spent at the Ringers' College, where good-bye was said to Tom Chevery. At Bury St. Edmunds, at 11 p.m., 'Sam' smelt fish and chips and demanded that the bus should be stopped. After a good supper 'Sam' returned to his back seat, where he had been guarding certain 'luggage' during the day. Diss was reached at midnight after a journey of 221 miles in 17½ hours. The ringers would like, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all incumbents for the use of the bells and the ringers who assisted them, especially Mr. Tom Chevery.

A. G. H.

NORTH WEALD RINGERS GROW AMBITIOUS.

AND GO ON A RINGING TOUR.

The St. Andrew's North Weald, Guild had their first ringing tour on July 10th. Hitherto they have had a seaside outing with little or no ringing. It should be explained that the Guild is young as yet and only struggling with method ringing, but, having mastered Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles and Bob Minor, they grew ambitious. The towers of Bedford, Cambridge and Huntingdon were chosen for the excursion, and the selection of suitable six-bell towers and other details of the tour were settled after consultation with Miss Kitty Willers. The Guild are very grateful for her advice. As a consequence a very enjoyable and interesting tour was arranged, i.e., Elston (Bedford), Eynesbury, Hemmingford Grey, Swavesey, Histon, St. Benedict's, Cambridge, and Trumpington. Elston, reached at 10.30 a.m., has a very nice old church and tower. The bells went well, and John Bunyan himself did not manage his bell better than those who rang it. Eynesbury came next, but of this place a sad tale is to be told. There is a fine church and tower, but the bells are very awkward. Three ropes are close together in the doorway, and they run the wrong way round! This caught the boys guessing and only Grandsire Doubles was rung successfully. Very little time was spent here. The ringers retreated in haste and made their way to Hemmingford Grey, where everything went well. Swavesey was reached just an hour behind schedule, but here the Guild would have liked to stay the rest of the day. A lovely church with lovely bells. The three 120's Grandsire Doubles and Bob Doubles and 360 Bob Minor were perfect. At Histon a fete in the grounds adjoining the church curtailed the ringing, but the two handbell ringers of the

party went into the grounds and gave a few tunes. Then came Cambridge and St. Benedict's. All were anxious to visit Stedman's church, but whether it was nerves, because the church was half full with sightseers, or because it had been impressed upon them that here must be good ringing, no one knows, but, alas! the only 720 (Bob Minor) arranged for the day failed. A touch of 120 was, however, brought round.

A stay of ¾ hours was made in Cambridge, where a splendid meal tea was enjoyed. The last tower, at 7.40 p.m., was Trumpington, where Miss Willers was present to meet the visitors, but the ringers did not show to advantage. By this time they were tired. The party reached home at 11 p.m., having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

ANOTHER BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY.

AN ADVENTURE AT PERSHORE.

On Saturday afternoon, July 17th, the ringers of St. Ambrose's, Bristol, and Mangotsfield combined for their annual outing, when they made an excursion into Worcestershire. They journeyed by train to Cheltenham, where two luxurious motor-coaches were waiting to convey them to Evesham (via Cleve Hill, Winchcomb and Broadway). The view from the Cotswold Hills en route was greatly admired.

On arrival at Evesham the party were met by Mr. Jack Thomas and his wife, and all thoroughly enjoyed tea at the Avon Hotel. Ringing was indulged in at the bell tower, Grandsire and Stedman Caters being thoroughly enjoyed, and there was also round ringing for the learners.

Saying 'good-bye' to Evesham at 7.15 p.m., the party went on to Pershore, where at the Abbey they climbed up to the ringing chamber, which is a square cage, supported on arched timbers and surrounded by iron railings and wire netting, about 100ft. above the west end of the nave. It is approached by an ordinary stairway at the end of the south transept, thence over the top of the transept into two galleries which surround the inside of the tower. These are connected by short stairways, and one has to confine oneself into as small a space as possible to get round the galleries. From here the ringing cage is reached by a small spiral metal stairway, and you say 'thank you' when you get there. Ringing here is a 'a man's job,' but the ladies were not to be deterred.

One of the party on coming down lost himself in one of the galleries, which he kept going round, failing to find the exit door. It caused much amusement to the remainder of the party to hear him calling out repeatedly, 'Mother, where are you?' meaning, of course, his wife, who was in the other gallery.

The return to Cheltenham was made in time to catch a train at 10.20 p.m. Supper was served on the train and Mangotsfield was reached about 11.30 p.m. A motor-coach awaited the St. Ambrose party at Mangotsfield to complete the journey, and everyone was put down at their own homes by midnight after a very enjoyable half-day's outing, said to be 'the best yet.' Thanks are accorded to the incumbents for the use of their bells and the local ringers for having everything in readiness. Special thanks are due to the L.M. and S. Railway Co. for the excellent facilities afforded to the party. F. S.

A LONG DAY FROM GREAT TEY.

A beautiful day favoured the ringers of St. Barnabas' Church, Great Tey, Essex, when they had their annual outing on July 14th. The Vicar and two churchwardens accompanied them. The party, numbering 32, left the village at 7.30 a.m., their first halt being at St. Mary's, Woodford, where they were met by Mr. Marss. The next stop was at Christ Church, Ealing, where they were received by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and afterwards they went to St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, where they were met by Miss Bedford. At each place they enjoyed some very nice ringing. After lunch they visited Windsor Castle, and also rang at St. John's Church, where they were met by Mr. Smith. On the way home they called at St. Andrew's, Hornchurch, but had to leave out St. Margaret's, Barking, as time would not permit stopping, much to the disappointment of the ringers. At Hornchurch they were met by Mr. Dale. Home was reached at 11.15 p.m. after a most enjoyable day. The ringing included Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major. The ringers, through 'The Ringing World,' thank all steepkeepers or those in charge, whose kindness greatly added to the day's enjoyment.

AN OUTING IN SUSSEX.

Christ Church, Southgate, band visited Sussex for their annual outing. Leaving about 8 a.m. and travelling by coach, they went first to Cuckfield, where, at Holy Trinity Church, they rang Stedman Triples, London Surprise and Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative. The journey was continued to St. Nicholas', Brighton, where they were met by Mr. F. Bennett and their old friend Mr. W. Pickworth. Stedman Triples and Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung on this good going peal of ten.

After dinner the rest of the afternoon was spent by various members in and on the sea. At 4.30 they rejoined the coach and travelled through Lewes and Uckfield to Fairwarp, where they had tea, and, on the new peal of bells, rang some excellent Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise and Spliced Surprise, also a course of Grandsire Triples with one of the local band on the treble. A very pretty ride through Ashdown Forest and on through Godstone and the Caterham Valley eventually brought the party back to Southgate about 10.45, after a most enjoyable day. S. W.

INTERESTING CHURCHES.

WANSTEAD RINGERS IN KENT AND SUSSEX.

A tour in Kent and Sussex on Saturday, July 10th, constituted the outing of the Wanstead ringers, augmented by ringing friends from Woodford, Leytonstone, Hornchurch and Witham, and they visited some of the most interesting parts of these two counties.

The first halt was made at Charing, a charming and compact village situated on the chalky slope of the North Downs. The party was met at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul by the veteran ringer, Mr. Good, and touches of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung on a tuneful six, tenor 13½ cwt. The present church, dating back to the 13th century, stands on the ground given by King Ethelred to St. Augustine, who, tradition has it, erected a mission church on the site. Much of the interior of the original 13th century building was destroyed by fire in August, 1590, through, it is said, the careless act of a local farmer, whose shot at a pigeon perched on the roof fired the belfry timbers, causing an outburst during the night. The original bells melted away, and until 1878 only one bell, recast from the molten metal, summoned the people to worship. The windows, several of which depict biblical incidents in skilful colouring, reveal in form fine Plantagenet workmanship. A wooden sundial above the south porch bears the following inscription: 'Life's but a shadow. Redeem the Time. Tempus fugit.'

Just before noon Hythe was reached and a happy 45 minutes was spent in the Parish Church of St. Leonard. Here Mr. Fright welcomed the ringers, and well-struck touches of Kent, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major were rung on a splendid peal of eight, tenor 19 cwt. The outstanding feature of a very interesting edifice is the magnificent Gothic chancel, raised high above the nave level, giving it a cathedral-like appearance. The parvise over the 13th century south porch served as the Council Chamber up to 1794. The ancient church registers, dating back to 1566, are kept in an ancient iron chest, said to have been taken from one of the Spanish Armada vessels. The crypt contains a great number of human thigh bones and skulls, remains of inhabitants who lived between 1200 and 1450 A.D.

A run across Romney Marsh brought the ringers to St. Nicholas', New Romney, where Mr. Humphrey greeted the party. Touches of Kent, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on a well-sounding eight, tenor 18 cwt., which grace a very interesting late Norman tower divided into five distinct stages of architecture, surmounted with four turrets between which may be seen the base of a one-time spire. More excellent work is seen in the nave pillars, whilst the spacious chancel belongs to the 14th century. Squints are in the walls which separate the side chapels from the high altar. A large monument, 'The Stappenny Tomb,' in the south chapel, is associated with local government, for it was the place where the Mayor and councillors of the old Cinque Port held their elections and meetings.

A WOODEN BELFREY.

Lunch was well served at Pope's Hotel overlooking the sea. Then followed a visit to St. Augustine's, Brookland, a most attractive church built in the 15th century, famous for its wooden belfry detached from the church. Various legends are told of this strange erection, octagonal in shape, resembling a mighty extinguisher, divided into three sections. Much to the joy of the villagers the bells were set going, and with the aid of candles a course of Bob Doubles was rung. The 3rd bell was cast by Henry Jordan (1442-1468), the others being the work of John Hodson, 1685.

Battle was the next objective and was reached via Rye and Hastings. Picturesque scenes were plentiful, with the South Downs making a charming background. Messrs. W. Franks and J. Sinden gave a genial welcome to the party at St. Mary's, where touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung on a tuneful eight, tenor 23½ cwt. No little skill was needed to keep the tenor going! Time was too limited to view the many interesting features of a beautiful building with fine Norman and Early English work, especially the Norman font.

The last stopping place was Chiddingfold, reached after an intensive survey of signposts. A refreshing tea at the Six Bells was thoroughly enjoyed, and before rising Messrs. H. Barratt and J. Chalk, on behalf of non-ringers and ringers respectively, thanked Mr. J. Crampion for organising such a delightful tour. Messrs. W. Butler (Witham) and R. Smith (Leytonstone) expressed their gratitude at having been included in the party. Owing to the critical condition of the proprietor, the bells of the church close by were not rung. The Rector, the Rev. H. Overs, kindly conducted the party round the church, one that does not bear a name. Much of the work dates back to the 13th and 14th centuries. An imposing alabaster monument, 18ft. by 12ft., stands to the memory of Sir John Jefferay, Chancellor to Queen Elizabeth. Two chairs of Charles II.'s reign stand near the altar. The 15th century tower has a stone spire 150ft. high, one of four such spires in the county.

At eight o'clock the homeward journey began via Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks. All will hold dear the memories of such a joyous day! Sincere thanks are offered to the incumbents for the use of the bells and to the ringers who extended such genial welcomes to the party.

WEDDING BELLS AT STOCKPORT.

At St. George's Church, Stockport, on Saturday, June 5th, for the wedding of Mr. J. J. Battersby's daughter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Harris 1, G. L. Burgess 2, F. Twigg 3, E. Jackson 4, H. Meakin 5, A. F. Bailey 6, H. Ashton (conductor) 7, P. Laffin 8.

A VISIT TO LONDON TOWERS.

BRAINTREE RINGERS TRY CITY BELLS.

On July 10th members of St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, with a few friends, held their annual outing and made a trip to London. The journey through the fine scenery of Epping Forest brought the party to the first stop, Loughton, where Mr. Rann had made the arrangements, then on to Chigwell Row, which, at the last moment, through the courtesy of Canon Thomson, was substituted for Woodford, where the Vicar had suffered a great bereavement. The next stop was at Leytonstone to ring on the William Pye memorial bells, and Mr. E. W. Pye welcomed the visitors. After lunch they went on to St. James', Clerkenwell, where Mr. A. W. Coles and Mr. J. Bennett were waiting, and afterwards to St. Andrew's, Holborn, where Mr. J. Hawkins had everything in readiness and Mr. Potheary also welcomed the party. The tower won here. At St. Lawrence Jewry, Mr. A. A. Hughes welcomed the Guild, and Mr. G. Debenham, with Mr. W. Martin, from the county of broad acres, joined in the ringing. After tea St. Mary's, Lambeth, was visited, Mr. Hardy being in charge, and a good day's ringing was concluded with courses of Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and London. After an hour's run in the city the party left about 9 o'clock and reached Braintree about midnight.

The Guild took this opportunity of thanking the respective incumbents for the use of their bells and also the friends mentioned and others who assisted in an enjoyable and successful outing.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGERS' EXCURSION.

RIVER TRIP INCLUDED IN TOUR.

Irthlingborough ringers and their friends are once more very indebted to their brother ringers and the clergy for a very successful outing, held on July 10th, when four good peals of bells were sampled and glorious scenery enjoyed. Bicester was first visited, and Mr. T. Clifton conducted the party to the ringing chamber of the fine Parish Church. After enjoying some good ringing, a move was made to Henley-on-Thames, via Oxford. Luncheon was partaken of at the Armistice Cafe, and afterwards Mr. W. Appleby met the party. After looking round the church, a lovely view of the Thames was obtained from the tower. The fine peal of bells (tenor approximately 21 cwt.) were set going to Superlative, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob.

The tit-bit of the day was the journey by river steamer from Henley to Great Marlow. The trees and riverside gardens were at their best, and ringers are recommended to make a note of this for some future outing. The use of Marlow bells could not be obtained, but tea was enjoyed at the Bridge Restaurant. Taking to the road again, a short ride brought the party to High Wycombe, just in time to get the bells up and ring one course of Stedman Triples for six o'clock service. After service Stedman Caters were rung with the help of Mr. R. Coles and members of the local band. The tenor is about 31 cwt. and the music of the ten bells was very much enjoyed by all.

On resuming the journey, the British Film Studios were passed, and a view of some 'Indian' scenes, etc., showed how easily the public are deluded by the pictures made. Rickmansworth was the last call for ringing, and the visitors were met by Mr. F. W. Elliott. Stedman Caters, Superlative and rounds were rung, after which the bells were lowered in peal. The ringers wish to thank all those friends who kindly helped in any way to make the day so very enjoyable. A. B.

A DAY IN WORCESTERSHIRE.

A VISIT TO THE TWELVES AND TENS.

The ringers of St. Laurence's, Reading, had their 'busman's holiday' in Worcestershire. Meeting at the tower at 6.30 a.m., a good run was made to Evesham, where the fine ten were rung for a short hour. Then to Pershore Abbey, where one or two of the band thought the floor unsafe and suffered from something like mal-de-mer. All Saints', Worcester, where more Stedman Caters were rung, brought dinner time, and a good meal was much enjoyed. Then the fine peal of 12 at the Cathedral was sampled, Grandsire Cinques and Stedman being brought home. Kidderminster twelve was the next item, and the weight and 'go' suited the visitors very nicely, for it was very like ringing at home. Bromsgrove, with its old peal of ten and old-world streets, was much enjoyed, as was also a good tea. A 20 miles run to Banbury took the party back into their own diocese, and the fine little ten there were much enjoyed by all, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal going well. A social hour with the Banbury friends brought starting time, and Reading was safely reached at 10.30 p.m., everyone having had a most happy day. Will all those who did so much in making arrangements and who met and welcomed the visitors at all the places accept the heartfelt thanks of the St. Laurence's ringers? R. T. H.

LAVENHAM RINGERS IN ESSEX.

The Lavenham Society held their annual outing on Saturday, July 24th, when, travelling by motor-coach, they visited the following churches: St. Andrew's, Halstead; St. Andrew's, Earls Colne; St. Peter's, Colchester; All Saints', Feering; St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Coggeshall; and St. Barnabas', Great Tey. Luncheon was served at the Cherry Tree Inn, Brightlingsea, and this was followed by tunes and changes on the handbells.

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The chief toast was 'Arthur Symonds, the G.O.M. of the society,' who suitably responded.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents of the various churches, the friends who met them, and all who helped to make the outing a big success.

IN NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND.

PENHAM RINGERS' TREK.

Holiday influences were largely responsible for the ringers of SS. James and Basil, Penham, Northumberland, deserting their own church and accepting the invitation of the Vicar of Embleton to ring for services at his church on Sunday, July 11th. Reaching this small seaside village shortly after 9.30 a.m., the five ringers, who travelled by car, were met by Mr. D. Reay, who was camping nearby.

Soon the light(?) peal of six (11 cwt.) were re-echoing through the village, and several visitors were tempted into the belfry to investigate the mysteries of change ringing and the ringers themselves turning into grease spots. In this way a touch of 860 changes of Minor, consisting of 240 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Plain Bob was brought round.

The afternoon saw a further trek north to Bamburgh, where permission to ring the fine peal of eight (14 cwt.) was given. Double Court, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were the methods rung in this beautifully kept belfry.

In the evening a return was made to Embleton, and courses of Double Court, Double Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung for evening service.

Then the long drive back was taken, but only with much regret, after such a perfect day. The Vicar of Embleton's most enthusiastic invitation to return is not likely to go begging. Those taking part in the day's ringing were T. W. Crowe, N. Paiman, C. E. Lawson, J. Roach, D. Reay and K. Arthur.

BOYNE HILL RINGERS' OUTING.

BABY CAR'S ROAD DIAGRAMS.

The Boyne Hill ringers, accompanied by a few friends, held their annual outing in Hertfordshire. Rickmansworth was the first call, where good use was made of the splendid ring of ten bells by

Taylor, of Loughborough. Next they made for Hertford, stopping en route for a wayside picnic lunch. At Hertford they were met by one of the local band, and after a look round the beautiful church the bells were set going to Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The bells are a lovely ring of ten by Mears and Stainbank, and have needed no adjustment since they were placed in the tower about 35 years ago—a year or so after the church was rebuilt following a disastrous fire. Some of the bell metal which was recovered from the debris was used in making these lovely bells, the tenor of which is about 25 cwt.

The return journey was made via Watford, where an excellent tea was served at the King's Head Hotel. The party then visited the tower, where there is a very musical ring of eight by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. Here the visitors were joined by some of the 'locals,' and methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major were splendidly struck. The tenor bell in this tower is about 24 cwt. in the key of E flat.

The al fresco supper, the songs and the handbells enjoyed at a half-way house, opposite a village smithy which really does stand under a spreading chestnut tree, was a good finish to a very enjoyable day. Maidenhead was reached at 10.30 after a rather exciting run from Slough behind a cheeky 'baby' car, whose front 'legs' were either banded or crossed. Probably the occupiers had been (or were going) to the 'dogs.' The diagram made by that car would make some of our standard methods look like straight lines.

The ringing and the arrangements throughout the day were of the highest standard, and those who made up the party will look forward to next year's outing with all the keenness they possess. T. J. F.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD IN SUSSEX.

St. Mary Abbot's Guild (Kensington) held their annual outing on Saturday, July 24th. The party of 30 included Messrs. A. B. Bennett and W. H. Hollier. Visits were made to East Grinstead, Coleman's Hatch and Turner's Hill, Sussex. The Vicar of St. Mary Abbot's, Preb. A. E. Smith, met the party at East Grinstead and took tea with the Guild. After the tea a short touch of Stedman Caters was rung on the handbells. The bells of the three churches visited were rung to a variety of methods, including Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise. At Turner's Hill the party were met by Mr. O. Sippetts, to whom the Guild is indebted for making the arrangements, for what was unanimously agreed to have been a very enjoyable outing.



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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SERVICE RINGING IN BANBURY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Banbury Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at Adderbury, about 60 being present. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., after which service was held, conducted by the president of the branch, the Rev. A. L. E. Williams, Vicar of Banbury and Rural Dean. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Guild.

The business meeting followed the tea. In his report, the hon. secretary (Mr. E. Pearson) referred to the fact that several honorary members had not paid their subscriptions, and that he had, therefore, only been able to forward £5 18s. to the general treasurer. The statement of accounts showed a balance of £25 in hand. The secretary also regretted that service ringing and practice was not so well maintained in some towers and appealed for support.

Mr. L. J. Malings, commenting on this, said he was glad Mr. Pearson had not shirked the question. One way suggested to counteract this falling off was to have plenty of recruits, but he believed this was only partly true. It was not altogether quantity but quality that was wanted. He urged ringers to hold out the high ideals of fellowship and service in the tower, branch or guild, to young ringers, since he believed youth was ready to follow ideals if they were high enough.

The officers were all re-elected for the coming year, with the chairman as trustee (a new post). There were two honorary members and two ringing members elected.

Swalcliffe was chosen as the place of the next meeting, the date being left to the secretary.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, general secretary of the Guild, and the Rev. C. E. Wigg contributed 'the usual few words' expected of them at these annual meetings, and held out encouragement towards continued progress.

Following a comprehensive vote of thanks, ringing was resumed at Adderbury, while others went on to King's Sutton and Deddington.

Eleven branch towers were represented, and there were a large number of visitors, including one who arrived on a cycle from Tewkesbury at 6.30 p.m., left King's Sutton tower at half-past eight to mend a puncture and commence the journey back home! One felt this was an object lesson in keenness which might be taken to heart by all who feel their inability to attend when a meeting is held at the other side of their branch's district. Other visitors were present from Coventry, Exhall, Twyford, Oxford, Abingdon, Leicester and Cammorr.

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HARLOW COMMON—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene on July 25th before Holy Eucharist, a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung in honour of the marriage of the Vicar (the Rev. J. O. White) and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. L. Cordell: *J. Wood 1, W. Aley 2, B. Copping 3, *B. Laird 4, V. Tipton 5, S. Clark 6, L. Cordell 7, E. Rochester (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church, St. Mary's (12 bells) on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends to come along and support us.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale, Lancs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. —A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5.30 p.m. Meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —Quarterly meeting Saturday, Aug. 7th, Walesby (8 bells). — K. W. Mayer, Hon. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. —The branch will meet at Upwell on Saturday, Aug. 7th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

CLAY CROSS, near Chesterfield.—The bells will be dedicated by the Archdeacon of Chesterfield on Sunday, Aug. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. A ring of six recast and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —Ringing for evening service on Sunday, Aug. 8th, at 5.15 p.m., at St. Olaves, Hart Street, E.C.3. On Sunday, Aug. 22nd, at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, at 5.15 p.m. The usual monthly practice will take place at Shoreditch on Thursday, Aug. 26th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. H. Cross, Master.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Peterfield District.—There will be an evening meeting for practice, at Blackmoor on Wednesday, Aug. 11th. Bells (6) available from 6 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 St. Magnus' on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, St. Mary-le-Bow on the 31st. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. It is most essential that those intending to be present for tea should notify me by Wednesday, Aug. 11th. Ringers and friends welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Coddenham on Aug. 14th. Ringing on tower bells (8) afternoon and evening. Tea in Rectory garden, 4.30, at 9d. each.—Harold G. Herbert, Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Willesden, on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, in the Church Hall, at 5.30, 1s. each. Please advise me by Aug. 11th. All ringers welcomed. Special method: Edmonton Bob Major.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. Larkswood, 1959.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch will hold summer meeting at Bradfield on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, and tea at 5 (9d.). Ringing during the evening. Please notify T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 128, Halls Road, Tilchurst.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Pickles, 9, Co-operative Street, Horbury, near Wakefield, by Aug. 11th? Ossett bells (10) are also available, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. A hearty welcome to all.—Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, Aug. 14th. The fine heavy peal of 8 (tenor 26 cwt.) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to come please notify Mr. R. H. Vigor, Sherburn-in-Elmet?—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends will be welcome. Please come and let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Buxted (St. Margaret's, in Buxted Park) on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea, free, 5 p.m. Everybody welcome, but

please notify for tea, if possible.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Latton and Cricklade on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Both five bell towers. Latton available 3.30 to 5 p.m. Cricklade 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at Cricklade about 5.15. Please advise if possible. On railway and Bristol bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Preston and Fylde Branches will be held at Preston Parish Church on Aug. 21st. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m.—A. Blogg and C. Sharples, Branch Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Mossley, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Rev. J. F. Southworth, B.D., will officiate and extends a hearty welcome to the Bolton branch. Names to be sent to H. Pickles, 11, Seel Terrace, Leas Road, Mossley, not later than Aug. 11th.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

A JOINT MEETING of the Guildford and Oxford Diocesan Guilds and the Middlesex and Surrey Associations will be held at Staines, Egham and Wraysbury on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Full particulars later. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Middlesex County Association (S. and W. District).

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—A souvenir invitation to the 300th dinner on November 6th has been prepared. Copies of this will be sent in due course, together with an admission ticket, to members who apply with remittances (10s. for members, 12s. 6d. for non-members) to any of the following:—Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. 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. B. Porter, W. Roughton, A. Walker, J. A. Waugh, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young. Members are reminded that seating accommodation at the Cannon Street Hotel is limited to 400.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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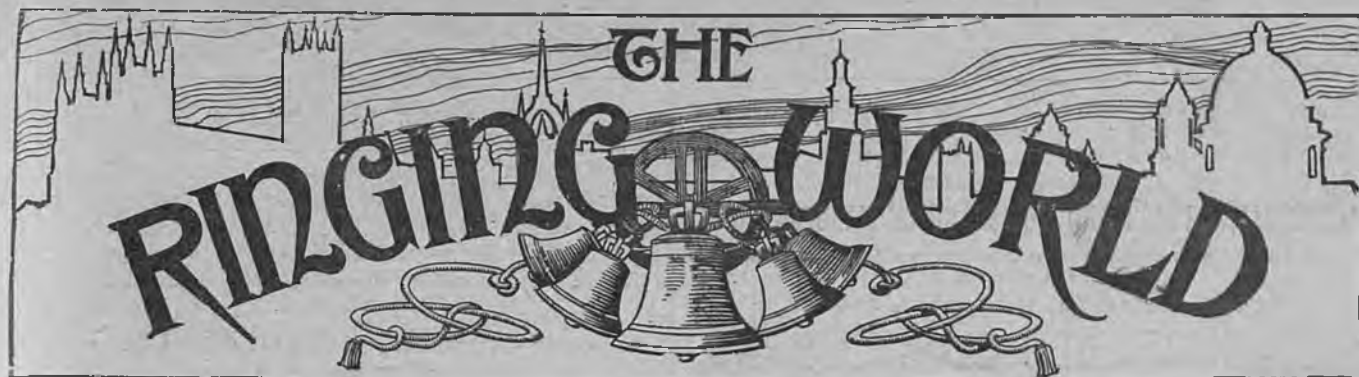
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SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	WILLIAM LEWIS 9
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HARRY F. HOLDING 5	RICHARD D. LANGFORD Tenor

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Tenor 21½ cwt.

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FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 2	ERNEST BRETT 7
KENNETH SNELLING 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 8
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 9
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GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	REGINALD W. RIX 8
FREDERICK GREENWOOD 4	FREDERICK G. COLE 9
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HARRY HOSKINS 2	FRANK E. DARBY 7
MRS. CHAS. H. KIPPIN 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 8
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HERBERT C. EDWARDS Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
FRANK J. GREEN 2	JOHN A. GREEN 6
WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 7
A. NUNNELEY WOOD 4	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. FLATT Treble	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS 5
STANLEY W. COPLING 2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	CHARLES W. LOOME 7
*BARNABAS G. KEY 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

MISS DOROTHY CONSTANCE Treble	WILLIAM C. PORTER 5
GEORGE LEE 2	RICHARD W. R. COATES 6
R. WILLIAM BARBER 3	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 7
GODFREY G. WALPOLE 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

CHARLES W. LOOME Treble	STANLEY W. COPLING 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON 3	WILLIAM J. FLATT 7
*BARNABAS G. KEY 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHARLES W. LOOME.

* First peal of Kent Major.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5688 CHANGES

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

GEORGE MAYERS Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
ALBERT G. WARNES 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
WALLACE W. COUSINS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS 7
JOHN A. GODFREY 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B.

JACK N. A. PUMPHREY Treble	ALBERT G. WARNES 5
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
HANBURY F. CARTER 4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROLAND PARK Treble	FRANCIS E. DAWE 5
JAMES BENNETT 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 7
HERBERT E. ADDSLEV 4	ERNEST H. OXENHAM Tenor

Conducted by JOHN J. L. GILBERT.

First peal in the method as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. E. H. Oxenham.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES YOUNG Treble	* WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 5
ERNEST WILSON 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 6
EDWARD MAUND 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
* VICTOR G. H. HEMUS 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal in the method.

CODSALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, August 4, 1937, 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).

* ALBERT G. RICHARDS Treble	DOUGLAS TURNER 5
NORMAN G. LEECH 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 6
CHARLES R. COLLINS 3	HAROLD SMITH 7
HOWARD HOWELL 4	† CYRIL TABERNER Tenor

Conducted by H. SMITH.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on eight bells.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

ROBERT H. VIGOR Treble	FRED TERRY 5
EDWARD BRADLEY 2	DANIEL SMITH 6
HORACE S. MORLEY 3	THOMAS W. ROBBINS 7
FRANK ATKINSON 4	HAROLD CHANT Tenor

Composed by G. LEWIS.

Conducted by HAROLD CHANT.

First peal of Oxford by all except ringers of 3rd and 6th. First peal in the method on the bells.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER SPARROW Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 5
JAMES CHINERY 2	ARTHUR E. BALLAM 6
SHELFORD SPARROW 3	HORACE W. FOULGER 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

Birthday compliment to Mr. S. Sparrow, secretary of the local band.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

* NATHANIEL W. LUCAS Treble	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD 2	BERT RIDGWAY 6
GEORGE THOMPSON 3	FRANK K. MEASURES 7
CYRIL H. ISON 4	ALFRED JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal and first attempt. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. G. Thompson.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

* LEONARD KNOTT Treble	REGINALD W. REX 5
* HAROLD P. REED 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT 7
FREDERICK BARNETT 4	REGINALD A. REED Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THRUMPTON, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD MALBY Treble	* CHARLES TOWERS 3
WILLIAM DAKIN 2	SIDNEY ADAMS 4
JOHN W. BOOTH Tenor	

Conducted by J. W. BOOTH.

* First peal. Rung after the wedding of Mr. R. Du Cane and Miss E. Bridge. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three 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 of Plain Bob with different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

* RONALD W. STEWARD Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT 4
EDWARD E. DAVEY 2	HORACE A. WRIGHT 5
JAMES W. JENNINGS 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On July 31st, after a peal attempt had failed, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major: H. Wingrove 1, P. Newton (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, Miss D. Fletcher 3, R. Biggs 4, W. H. Fussell 5, C. C. Mayne 6, G. Martin (conductor) 7, W. Henley 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, July 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes): V. Shorter 1, S. Goodwin 2, T. Chinery 3, R. Knights 4, P. Taylor 5, C. Smith 6, R. Lathbury 7, J. Quinney (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

HODNET, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Oxford Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 24 lb.

THOMAS LEECH Treble	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 4
WALTER LYCETT 2	FREDERICK PRICE 5
THOMAS PRICE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in four methods by all the band.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leodegarius,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Sandal and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

MISS KATH BURCHNALL ... Treble	FRANK VERNON 4
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2	RICHARD M. HARVEY 5
HAROLD DENMAN 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

BROCKWORTH, GLOS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

MELVILLE JORDAN Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS 4
REGINALD DANIELS 2	HARRY WORFALL 5
TOM WORRALL 3	CHARLES HODGES Tenor

Conducted by TOM WORRALL.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents Kent Treble Bob and three extents Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*G. CHAMBERS Treble	G. T. BUNNING 4
E. S. NAYLOR 2	J. A. GODFREY 5
F. R. WILLEY 3	A. J. E. SMALLS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS.

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

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

DOUGLAS WAYSON, JUN. ... Treble	JAMES BLAIR 4
*LESTER L. GRAY 2	*RALPH G. EDWARDS 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by F. VARTY.

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

ST. IPPOELITTS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Hippolytus,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM SYMONDS Treble	*EDGAR WINTERS 4
LEWIS H. BYWATERS 2	PERCY TOMPKINS 5
ALBERT SYMONDS 3	FRANCIS S. BEADMONT Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS S. BEADMONT.

* First peal at first attempt. Rung on the occasion of H.M. the Queen's birthday.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HUGH HARDING Treble	*C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 4
*C. HENRY HARDING 2	*REGINALD HOUGHTON 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of London.

COPDOCK, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, August 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	CHARLES A. ANDREWS 4
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
JAMES W. JENNINGS 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

JOHN A. GODFREY Treble	WALLACE COUSINS 4
GEORGE MAYERS 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

MARCH, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wendreda,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

JOHN A. GODFREY Treble	WALLACE COUSINS 4
GEORGE MAYERS 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 5
WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells since returning and rehanging by John Taylor and Co.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At 95, SINCIL BANK,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 15 in B.

*MICHAEL FREEMAN 1-2	†JOHN A. FREEMAN 3-4
†JOHN FREEMAN 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

Witness—J. Walden.

* First peal. † First peal 'in hand.' First peal as conductor on six bells.

SOUTHGATE. — On Tuesday, June 29th, at Christ Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters in 63 minutes; S. Wade 1, J. G. Nash 2, Mrs. E. H. King 3, W. J. Bowden 4, E. H. King 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, H. Miller 8, J. Miller 9, A. G. Crane 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. C. F. Peplow, Vicar of Southgate, who was interred in Southgate Cemetery in the afternoon.

PEAL NOTES.

INTERESTING POINTS CONCERNING MANY PERFORMANCES.

A band of College Youths on July 31st rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Clement Danes, London, in honour of the wedding of Mr. John W. V. Hesse (son of Major J. H. B. Hesse, of Haslemere, a Surrey, a popular member of the society and Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) and Miss Doris Winifred James, which took place at St. Clement's earlier in the day.

Several of those who took part in this peal had further successes on the two following days. On Sunday, August 1st, they rang a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods at Crawley, Sussex, and on Monday a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Newbury, Berks.

An interesting family handbell peal was rung at Lincoln on August 4th, when Mr. John A. Freeman and his two sons rang seven different 720's of Bob Minor. One son, John, called the peal from 3-4, and another, Michael, who was a week under 12 years old, rang his first peal. It was the first peal 'in hand' for the other two.

After meeting short for a peal of Double Norwich Major at Old Basford, Notts, a peal in seven Minor methods was rung by members of the North Notts Association. It was Harold Denman's fiftieth peal with the Misses K. and G. Burchinal, twin sisters, who have never rung a peal apart.

Mr. Thomas E. Sone has called peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus, completing this achievement with a peal of Treble Twelve at Canterbury Cathedral on August Bank Holiday. Arthur Knights' composition No. 80 was rung for the first time.

A peal of Bob Minor rung at Holmer, Herefordshire, on July 26th, was in honour of the visit of Queen Mary to Hereford. It was also the quarterly peal for the Hereford District of the Guild and rung by a band of Sunday service ringers at Holmer Church. In addition, it was a farewell to Arthur J. Gough, a member of the band, who is taking up residence at Goodrich.

Mr. J. A. Burford's round 5,000 of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Beddington on Saturday, the first time this number has been rung in the method in Surrey.

For 49 years Mr. George Thompson has been a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Hinckley, Leicestershire, and in honour of his 70th birthday a peal of Grandsire Triples, in which he took part, was rung on Saturday.

The ten bells at Christ Church, Crewe, have come into the peal news again. It seems a long time since the previous peal was rung there.

TONY'S 'DOUBLE.'

Mr. Tony Price (one of the lightweights) turned in St. Peter Mancroft tenor, nearly a 33 cwt. bell, to Kent Treble Bob Major on August Bank Holiday.

The bells at Saham Toney, Norfolk, have recently been rehung by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich, and last Friday the first peal was rung on them, conducted, appropriately enough, by Mr. 'Tony' Price.

By retuning, the bells of St. Wendreda's Church, March, Cambs., have been turned into a glorious six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The tenor is 16½ cwt. in E and the whole ring has been rehung. The first peal on the restored bells was rung on Saturday in seven methods. The previous peal on them was Bob Minor, rung in 1819!

The peal of Stedman Caters (the first on the bells) at St. Mary's, Southampton, on August 4th, and the peal of Double Norwich Major at Romsey Abbey on Saturday, were arranged for Mr. R. W. Rex, who was on holiday in the district.

The Wicken (Northants) ringers and their friends, who rang a peal of Double Norwich at King's Sutton on August Bank Holiday, will be glad if any of our readers will inform them of any peals which may have been rung at this church. A peal board in the tower records two peals rung in 1799 and 1802.

The Worcestershire men are not wasting their opportunities with the twelve bells at Kidderminster. They are introducing variety into the peals there, and have now rung the first of Bob Maximus on the bells. Incidentally it was the first peal of 'Plain Twelve' by ten of the band, only those old 'war horses,' Bill Short and John Bass, having rung a peal of Bob Maximus before, although most of them have rung Cambridge Maximus. Bob Maximus provides better music than some of the methods that have been rung on twelve bells.

A band meeting short for a peal in seven Minor methods at Copdock, Suffolk, on Friday, 'roped in' Mr. C. A. Andrews at short notice and rang a peal in three methods instead. They proposed Mr. Andrews as a member of the Suffolk Guild before starting.

As a birthday compliment to George and Alan Andrews and Urban Wildney, a peal in seven methods, the first in this number by five of the band, was rung at Thorington, Essex, on Saturday.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob at Marsham, Norfolk, on August 3rd, was arranged for Mr. Henry W. Gayton, of Harrold, Beds.

The first peal on the bells since 1928 and the first in three methods was rung at Shipdham, Norfolk, on August 4th. It was conducted by Mr. A. J. E. Smalls, who was on holiday in his native parish. He wishes to thank the Rev. C. H. V. Eva for the use of the bells, and the band, especially Mr. J. A. Godfrey, for making the arrangements.

Our comment last week on the peal of Bob Triples at Grundisburgh, the first in the method on the bells and by the Suffolk Guild, that 'it would probably be the last for a good long time,' has led Mr. Cecil Pipe to ask what we really mean by the remark.

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'A HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.'

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S 'GARDEN PARTY.'

The Shropshire Association meeting at Moreton Corbet on July 24th resembled a garden party as much as a ringing meeting. Over 60 ringers, together with a number of ladies, enjoyed the hospitality of the association treasurer, the Rev. E. C. Pigott. In the intervals of taking a turn in the diminutive belfry the 'guests' played bowls, deck tennis, etc., in the beautiful vicarage gardens which adjoin the church. Among those present were ringers from Chester, Wem, Wellington, Berrington, Clive, Shrewsbury, Coalbrookdale, Malins Lee, Hodnet, Montford, Great Ness and Standon, Bilston and Norton (Staffs).

The secretary found it impossible to hold a business meeting, but all united in the service, conducted by the Rector, at which the Rev. T. N. Crowther-Green (Malins Lee) addressed the congregation.

A touch of Grandsire Triples and a course of Caters on Mr. William Saunders' handbells were much appreciated, especially by the ladies.

The methods rung included London, Ipswich, Wells and Cambridge Surprise Minor, as well as the standard six-bell methods.

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It means just what it says, that it will probably be a good long time before another peal of Bob Triples is rung for the Suffolk Guild. Bob Triples is not the best or the most popular of methods, and, except as a curiosity, no one ever rings it now. All of which ringers well know. It was just these facts that made us surmise that it will, perhaps, be some time before another peal of it is rung for the Guild, but, after this, some band will probably ring another in Suffolk on purpose to prove that we are wrong.

MARRIAGE OF MISS DOROTHY SAUNDERS.**MUCH RINGING IN HONOUR OF COALBROOKDALE BRIDE.**

The wedding took place at St. Chad's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Birmingham, on Saturday, July 31st, of Miss Dorothy Saunders, only child of Mr. and Mrs. William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, and Mr. James Joseph Salley, youngest son of the late Councillor and Mrs. Robert Salley, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Joseph Boland.

The bride is well known to many ringing friends. 'Doss' has always been a good critic when bands of 'rhythm wreckers' have visited Coalbrookdale, where her father is the popular leader of the ringers.

A great compliment was paid to her on the occasion of her wedding by ringers of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Special permission had been granted by the Rev. Father Canon Roskell (priest in charge of the Cathedral) for the bells to be rung, and it is interesting to note that among those who took part were Mr. James George (aged 83), Mr. John Jagger (aged 76), also Walter Lago and Alfred S. Bayley, Coalbrookdale, with Mr. George E. Fearn and several other members of St. Martin's.

Afterwards the ringers gathered at the Beehive Hotel. It was here that the bride and bridegroom and the bride's parents and several other friends looked in to thank them, only to find that 'William' had dared to come without his famous handbells. Good wishes were expressed to the happy couple.

In the afternoon the bride and bridegroom left Snow Hill Station en route to St. Anne's-on-Sea, where the honeymoon is being spent. Their new home will be at Sheldon, near Birmingham.

On Monday, August 2nd, a few Birmingham and district and Shropshire friends met at Coalbrookdale, where a peal of Grandsire Caters had been arranged as a further wedding compliment. The holiday made it very difficult to get a band together, with the result that a peal of Bob Major was suggested, but after an hour's good ringing something happened which made the conductor call 'Stand.' It was a pity, for it would have been his 350th peal.

After refreshments and handbells at headquarters a move was made to St. Michael's, Madeley. The party arrived just in time for a wedding. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were very well rung. The visitors then went on to Shifnal for tea, after which Mr. Percy Baker (local captain) arrived and gave the party a very hearty welcome. The grand old eight by Pack and Chapman were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. A fine run down with the usual 1, 2, 3 and Coalbrookdale Queen's made a good finish. The usual social hour, spent at Shifnal with Billy's handbells, completed a very happy day.

LANGLEY SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY H. G. CASHMORE.

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First rung at Aldenham, Herts, on May 29th, 1937, conducted by H. G. Cashmore.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, June 27th, for morning service at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Stovold 1, W. Falconer 2, T. A. Doick 3, J. T. Newington 4, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 5, C. Marshall 6, J. H. Blake 7, A. Carver 8. This quarter-peal, with the 5th at home every three leads, contains twelve 6-7's. It was arranged for Mr. J. T. Newington, of Spalding, Lincs.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A party of holiday ringers, several of them actively connected with the Central Council, spent last week in Somerset. A rumour has reached us that they were 'pinched' for exceeding the speed limit in a built-up area, or some equally serious offence. That may be the explanation of the fact that, at the time of writing, we have heard nothing officially of the ringing results of their tour.

One peal they rang, however, was at Wedmore, where the bells were recently restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Mrs. G. W. Fletcher rang the 30 cwt. tenor, which, we believe, is the heaviest bell yet rung to a peal by a lady.

A bachelors' party, with a limited number of benedicts to chaperone them, begin a week's peal ringing in Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, Oxfordshire and Worcestershire on September 4th. They travel together by motor-coach. Is this to prevent any slipping away when other attractions call?

In the following week another party are to tour Cheshire and North Wales.

There were 152 changes of method in the peal of Minor in 20 methods rung at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, for the North Notts Association, on June 5th.

The number of changes in the peal of Cambridge Surprise (composed by Mr. C. H. Kippin), rung at Coleman's Hatch on July 28th, was 5,088 and not 5,056 as published.

At Bourn, Cambs, on Thursday, August 5th, an attempt for a peal of London Surprise Major came to grief in the 5th course, but good practice resulted. If the peal had been successful it would have been the first ever by all residents in Ely diocese. The band was Miss V. Shorter, Miss K. Willers, A. E. Austin, C. W. Cook, E. G. Hibbins, F. G. Gleaves, T. R. Dennis and P. Warrington.

A halfpenny stamp only need be affixed to the addressed envelope sent to Mr. W. A. Cave, 29, Victoria Street, Bristol, 1, by applicants for his booklet of touches of Stedman Caters and Cinques.

There were two errors in the names given beneath the picture of the Friezeland ringers in our last issue. The fourth from the left was Alfred and not Wilfred Bennett, and on the extreme right was Joseph Burgess and not Bennett.

Frederick G. Cole rang the 4th in the peal of Superlative at Sheffield English, Hants, on July 31st.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' TERCENTENARY.

EARLY MASTER'S TOMB TO BE RESTORED.

One Lord Mayor of London was also Master of the College Youths during his year of office. This was Sir Henry Tulse, who died in 1689 and was buried at St. Dyonis-Backchurch, in the City of London. He was Master in 1684.

The stone which marked his vault is one which, with others, was preserved when the Church of St. Dyonis-Backchurch was demolished in 1878. It lies on the north side of the old burial ground, which is off Lime Street in the City, and it reads as under:—

In a Vault Underneath
this Stone Lyes Buried the Body
of Sr HENRY TULSE, who Departed
this life the 31st day of
August, 1689.

It is proposed to touch up the inscription where visible and recut it where lost. Below this inscription is a considerable space; in the lower portion it is proposed to add:—

SIR HENRY TULSE was a Benefactor of
the Church of St. DYONIS BACKCHURCH,
formerly adjoining. He was also
Grocer, Alderman and Lord Mayor
of This City.

This Stone was restored by
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

August 31st, 1937, during the 300th
year of the Society's Foundation, as a
Memorial to the above who was Master
during the year of his Mayoralty in 1684.

The unveiling is provisionally fixed for the afternoon of August 31st (the anniversary of his death) about 4 p.m., and it is hoped there will be a good muster of members of the society. Any members who may be visiting London on that day will be specially welcome.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SIXTEEN TOWERS REPRESENTED AT DISTRICT MEETING.

A very pleasant meeting of the Wisbech Branch was held at Upwell on Saturday, no fewer than 16 towers being represented. The ringing included Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise. Among the visitors were Mr. G. Mayers, of Norwich, Mr. A. E. Austin, of Newmarket, and Mr. Tony Price, of Feltham, Middlesex.

The general secretary (Miss K. Willers) presided at the business meeting, at which Mr. G. Mayers was elected a non-resident life member of the association.

The secretary (Mr. W. W. Cousins) extended a welcome to the visitors, and Mr. Tony Price (who is a native of the district), in reply, said how pleased he was to be present and to find the branch in such a flourishing condition.

The next meeting is to be held at Denver.

LONDON RINGER HONOURED.

IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL FOR MR. T. H. TAFFENDER.

Recipient of the King's Coronation Medal last May, Mr. Thomas H. Taffender, one of London's best known ringers, has just been decorated with the medal of the Imperial Service Order, on his retirement from the Postal Service. Reaching the age of 60 on July 25th, Mr. Taffender relinquished his duties on the previous day, when a peal in honour of the occasion was rung at Streatham.

Mr. Taffender entered the Postal Service nearly 47 years ago and for 41 years has been an established Civil Servant. Since rising to the supervising grades, his promotion in recent years has been very rapid. He enjoyed the complete confidence of the Department and has held appointments as officer in charge of some of the largest postal areas in London.

Many speeches have been made and much regret expressed at his departure and the loss of his services to the department. Reference has also been made as to Mr. Taffender's youthful appearance, and even to cast suspicion on the validity of his birth certificate. His reply has been that the youthfulness is due to his activity in campanology.

At the recent Coronation of King George, Mr. Taffender was honoured by the King by being decorated with the Coronation Medal. At his retirement, for his meritorious services in the Post Office, he received further recognition, and His Majesty has decorated him with the medal of the Imperial Service Order. The Postmaster-General also has sent him a personally signed emblem expressing his appreciation of his faithful service to the State for nearly 47 years.

On Sunday, July 25th, at St. Giles, Camberwell, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Mr. T. H. Taffender's birth. It was rung by W. D. Grainger 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, B. R. Harris 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, A. S. Richards 5, T. W. Taffender 6, F. D. Bishop 7, N. W. Manning 8, E. J. King 9, F. Hopgood (first quarter-peal on ten bells) 10.

Mr. Taffender has long been one of the most active ringers in London, and throughout a career extending over 45 years his interest in the art has never flagged. He began his ringing towards the end of 1892 at the Church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, and continued a little later at Holy Trinity, Newington. He joined the Ancient Society of College Youths in December, 1893, and rang his first peal with them the same month. He was elected Master in the year 1911. Prior to that he was appointed an official member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Company, and is still one of the band.

As a member of the old St. James' Society, Mr. Taffender took a leading part in widening its sphere of activity and in changing its name to the London County Association. This was carried out during his secretaryship and for many years now Mr. Taffender has filled the office of Master. Under his guidance the association has achieved much success. His son, Mr. T. Wilfred Taffender, is now the hon. secretary.

It is unnecessary here to refer to Mr. Taffender's achievements in the belfry. He is among the foremost conductors and has taken part in many notable peals, among them the first Surprise peal (Superlative) in the city of London in 1901, the first peal on the bells of the Imperial Institute, rung for the Coronation of King Edward VII., the 17,104 Double Norwich Major at South Wigston, Leicestershire, in 1904, and in the fathers' and sons' peal of Stedman Cinques at Shore-ditch in 1928.

But Mr. Taffender's ringing activities have by no means centred in peals. He has always shared energetically in Sunday service ringing, and, in addition to his duties at St. Paul's Cathedral, has organised and helped to maintain Sunday ringing in a number of churches. In the leisure which, we hope, long lies before him, he will doubtless continue to devote his energies to this useful end.

THE LATE MR. J. BATTERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, Kent, would like to express, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' their very deep sympathy with the relatives and also with the Merstham ringers in the loss they have sustained by the death of Mr. James Batters. Whenever he was in the neighbourhood of Bromley Mr. Batters was a very welcome, enthusiastic and useful ringer.

P. SPICE.



MR. T. H. TAFFENDER.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEW MEMBERSHIP BADGE ISSUED.

The annual festival of Truro Diocesan Guild was held at Truro on August Bank Holiday, when the bells of the Cathedral (10), Kea (8), Kenwyn (8) and St. Erme (6) were used. Rounds, call changes, Grand-sire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Royal and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

Among those present were Dr. Symons (president), Miss Symons, Lt.-Col. C. F. Jerram (Ringing Master), H. Dunstan (treasurer), W. Sleeman (Ringing Master of the Cathedral tower), the Rev. F. F. Gilbert (secretary of the Mid-Cornwall Association), ringers from the Cathedral, Bridgerule, Callington, Calstock, Cury, Gwennap, Kea, Munnacan, Perranzabuloe, St. Anthony-in-Meneage, Towednack, Zeenor and visitors from Barking, Coventry, Loughborough, London, Oxford and Plymouth.

The new Guild membership badge was issued and the ringers attended evensong in the Cathedral, at which simple chants and the hymn, 'O worship the King,' were sung. The service was conducted by Canon Sedgwick, the sub-dean, and the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, secretary of the Guild.

In his address, the Canon, having welcomed the ringers to the Mother Church of the Diocese, said that while on the Continent bells were merely clanged and clanged, in England the bells were rung to produce music, and in the Dictionary of Music many pages were devoted to the science of English bellringing.

Tea, provided by members of the Cathedral company of ringers, followed the service, and ringing in the four towers continued until about 8.30 p.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

TWENTY-TWO NEW MEMBERS ELECTED AT DISTRICT MEETING.

The Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association held a most enjoyable meeting at Norton on Saturday, August 7th. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Lloyd), and the collection, in aid of the Belfry Repair Fund, amounted to 17s.

The ringers were afterwards the guests of the Vicar, and about 45 members, visitors and friends sat down to tea on the Vicarage lawn.

The business meeting which followed was also held in the open air. Twenty-two new members, ten from Kidford-on-Avon, six from Hampton and six from Norton, were elected. This number constitutes a record for the Southern Branch.

Mr. J. W. Heath, Branch Master, conveyed a kind invitation from the Rev. R. R. Brown to hold the next meeting at Willersey. This will probably take place the third Saturday in October.

The general secretary reminded those present of the annual dinner to be held at Worcester on the last Saturday in September, and asked for names to be sent to the branch secretary so that a conveyance could be ordered if numbers warranted it.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, proposed by Mr. J. Hemming and carried with applause.

The members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor.

RINGERS WED AT FOLKINGHAM.

MR. J. H. BOTHAM AND MISS FRANCES HUMPHREY.

In the presence of many friends and relations, the wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Folkingham, on July 31st, of Mr. John H. Botham, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Botham, of Willesden, and Miss Frances Humphrey, eldest daughter of the late Mr. F. Humphrey and Mrs. Phyllis Humphrey, of Kensington, London. Both the bride and her mother started their ringing career at Folkingham. It was also in this tower that the first peal was accomplished in which mother and daughter took part. In her early teens the bride took part in several peals of Surprise Minor and Major.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rector (the Rev. F. V. Heath, R.D.) and was fully choral. The bride wore a dress of white silk cloque, and her lovely old embroidered veil was kept in place by a halo headdress of orange blossom. She was given in marriage by her cousin, Mr. George Mason, and attended by two bridesmaids, Miss Pat Humphrey (sister) and Miss A. Bostleman, who wore dresses of mauve flowered crepe-de-chine and carried bouquets of mauve sweet peas. The duties of best man were carried out by Mr. T. McNally.

After the ceremony, as the bridal party left the church, the bells were 'fired' followed by a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob.

The reception was held at the Village Hall, about 50 guests, including many ringers, attending. The bride was presented with a suitably inscribed silver bell inkstand by Mr. C. T. H. Bradley on behalf of her many ringing friends in South Lincolnshire. Among the many presents received by the bride was a canteen of cutlery in an oak case from the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, of which she and her mother are members.

As the happy couple left for their honeymoon the bells were again ringing, and last Saturday a peal in honour of the event was rung. The future address of Mr. and Mrs. Botham will be 3, Bush Hill Road, Kenton, Middlesex.

RINGING EXCURSIONS.

WELSH RINGERS' TRIP THROUGH FOUR COUNTIES.

The Talgarth Church bellringers held their seventh annual outing on August Bank Holiday, August 2nd, the venue being Worcester. Leaving home at 8 a.m. and travelling down the Wye valley via Leominster, the first stop was made at Stoke Prior, Herefordshire, where is a very handy ring of five bells, which hang in a steel frame. Some of the younger ringers found them a little difficult to handle, but some six-scores of Grandsire were rung and the bells lowered in peal. Whitbourne, just over the Worcestershire border, was next visited, and here the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. Stanner), who gave them a very hearty welcome. The bells are a good ring of six with a very nice tone and 'go.' After some six-scores and a vote of thanks, passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his welcome, the party moved off through beautiful country to Clifton-on-Teme, which was reached at 12.30. They arrived while a wedding was in progress and were able to ring a 'wedding peal.' A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and a move made to Martley, where the party were met by the Rev. J. M. Hastings, who is a well-known Worcestershire ringer. A hearty welcome was extended to the visitors, who were very pleased to be able to ring on the oldest original peal of six bells in England. The Vicar explained that all the bells were cast close to the church in 1673, each bell bearing that date. The excursionists finally reached Worcester at 3.15 p.m., where the party broke up to look round the city, but most made for the Cathedral, where a long time was spent inspecting the beautiful edifice. Some made the long climb up the tower. Leaving Worcester at 9.15 p.m., home was safely reached about midnight after a long but pleasant day. D. H. B.

HALF DAY IN EAST KENT.

YOUTHS WITH NO COMPLAINTS.

Willesborough and District Youths set off on their seventh annual half-day run on July 17th. At Eythorne the locals were there to meet the party, but the Youths were looking for the other one. After ringing on the little peal of five bells, they went on to Northbourne, with its beautiful church and good bells. The way up to the ringing chamber, however, caused one of the ringers to do some pretty hard thinking before making the attempt. He was not to be beaten, however, and, although the last one up, had his reward for the struggle—for struggle it was and no doubt about it.

Great Mongeham, the next call, provided a better ascent with something to 'plant 'em on.' Another nice little six was set going. One rope looked a bit queer, but this was soon put right and an enjoyable hour was spent. Then away to the Parish Hall, Upper Deal, for tea. This proved a lovely 'touch.' No matter whether full work front, or back places, in or out, it was beautifully struck. Next, across the road to St. Leonard's Church, up the roundabout, another hour of good ringing and away to Wingham. All too soon came the time for departure, and home was reached after another enjoyable run round of 70 miles, in beautiful weather through lovely country. With five towers, 12 methods attempted and nine coming home, there were no complaints.

The Youths, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, the towerkeepers and local ringers for meeting them, to Mr. and Mrs. Verrier and lady friends for their splendid arrangements for tea, not forgetting the little maid with dustpan and brush. E. S. R.

TWO DAYS IN HERTS AND ESSEX.

PUTNEY RINGERS' EXCURSION.

St. Mary's, Putney, ringers spent a couple of days on their annual outing. They started at 8.15 a.m. on Saturday, July 24th, travelling in a small coach. The record of the excursion is told in the following story: Bowling through Middlesex, we picked up two 'cads' on the way. 'Hullo, cads,' said we, nice work to be punctual. Without mishap and only one error we reached Broxbourne at 9.30, the first call. A welcome from the Vicar and a local ringer, and a nice peal, of about a ton, was soon giving tongue to Stedman and Bob Major. These bells were much appreciated, and some were loth to leave, but the new 'O.S.' like the 'old 'un,' must push us on to the next tower, soon reached, to wit Hoddesdon, where hang a Warner eight of about 12 cwt. Justice was done here for a while, the young lady in charge finding opportunity to ring her first touches of Grandsire Triples. Speaking of 'firsts,' Mrs. Twickenham here enjoyed her first pull (on the stairs). There being now time in hand before lunch, Mr. E., well known at Heston, took us on a mystery tour, objective Hunsdon, but there was 'nothing doing.' We'd passed the Vicarage two miles back, so a 'place' was found where the unwise 'chaps' cleared Mr. and Mrs. Boniface out of all catables. Some others had brought 'Pie.' Braughing was the next stop, a bit late on account of the mystery tour, and here was found a good eight of very old style, about 14 cwt. and going well. Passing through Little Hadham, we soon reached Bishop's Stortford, where we were met by the Vicar with a hearty welcome. The writer noticed a great change here since his last visit (breathe it not!) 37 years ago. There is a very nice ring of ten, about

16½ cwt., which some years ago were reconditioned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and on which Stedman and Grandsire Caters were accomplished off our own bat.

'Twas now nearing late afternoon, so Felstead was aimed at. Here another Warner peal in a church dating from 1140 A.D. was much appreciated, as was the tea which followed nearby. Witham was the next objective, and here we were met by several of the local band, and with their help were able to 'knock off' a couple of courses of Double Norwich in clinking style; also some novel Bob Minor on hand-bells at the instigation of the late O.S.

Headquarters at Chelmsford was reached in good time for a look round, and then supper and bed. The usual 'late bird' arrived about midnight, and was duly consoled with supper and bottle complete.

After breakfast next morning, we made our way to Great Baddow, where there was a welcome by the Vicar and Dr. Spencer Phillips. Splendid service ringing was done on a fine peal of eight, including Double Norwich with local help. The O.S. gave leave of absence (till teatime (bar dinner), and we felt we were free men once again. After tea we were 'on the dot' at Writtle for service ringing. We were met and welcomed, found good bells and satisfaction. Later good-byes were said, and we were definitely on the homeward trek. But, 'ah! we stop at Loughton to ring out,' says Mr. O.S., and so we did right merrily, being welcomed by the Vicar and a local lady and gentleman ringer. Shadows were falling on Epping Forest as we left, and reached Putney safely at about 10.30 p.m., having dropped the 'cads' en route.

We should like to thank all who met and welcomed us and the clergy who kindly gave permission to ring, also Mr. Elson, who so well organised the trip. During the tour conducting was shared by Messrs. Ellingham, Elson, Malins, Cassell, Wicks and J. H.

A JAUNT IN BUCKS AND HERTS.

TOO MANY 'DICTATORS.'

The Heston, Middlesex, ringers had their second outing this year on August 7th, when they had a short Saturday afternoon jaunt by motor-coach.

The first call was at Stoke Mandeville (Bucks) and 6ft. ringers had blistered hands in ringing the second on account of a very low sally. However, four methods were rung, including Oxford Bob Triples without the diagram.

A move was then made to the Woolpack, where an 'al fresco' tea was enjoyed and group photographs taken.

Out of Bucks into Herts, the ringers arrived at Northchurch, where there is a recent Taylor augmentation to eight. Four methods were rung, a pleasing feature being a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Then on to Hemel Hempstead, where the party was met by the veteran Mr. Golding and heavier bells found. Oxford Treble Bob also went very well here as the last touch.

The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob, but some of the touches of Stedman were failures, owing to the bob-caller not being a conductor in the strict sense, and when 'dictators' disagree trouble ensues. Perhaps it was due to the excessive heat of the afternoon?

The president of the Tower Grabbers Union was an honoured (and noisy) guest, and he was able to announce to all and sundry that Hemel Hempstead was his 600th tower. He drank to his own health in 'grape fruit.' Arrangements for the afternoon and evening were in the capable hands of Mr. E. R. Gladman.

A SUSSEX EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 17th, the Twineham (Sussex) company with their wives and friends had their annual outing. Travelling by motor-coach in lovely weather, the party went through Burgess Hill, Ditchling and Lewes to Alfriston, where an hour was enjoyed ringing on the bells of St. Andrew's Church. After tea at the Tudor they went on to Pevensey, where more ringing was done on the bells of the Parish Church. A long drive home ended a most enjoyable and ideal half-day's outing to the strains of 'Old Father Bowles' bus keeps rolling rolling on.' Warmest thanks are tendered to the respective Vicars for the use of their bells and to the ringers concerned for having everything in readiness.

CYCLING TRIP TO SUFFOLK.

As a result of an overnight cycling expedition to Suffolk from Woodford, Essex, two quarter-peals were rung. The first at St. Mary's, Woodbridge, for 10 a.m. service on Sunday, August 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. Weaver 1, A. S. Woodard 2, F. G. Woodruffe 3, William A. Woode 4, F. W. Corney 5, F. L. Fisher (conductor) 6, C. J. Trotman 7, R. Malster 8. For evensong at St. Margaret's, Leiston, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): B. Weaver 1, Mrs. J. E. Bailey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, C. Whiting 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, F. W. Corney 6, J. M. Bailey 7, J. E. Bailey (conductor) 8. Messrs. Weaver and Corney wish to thank the ringers in both towers for making this a memorable Sunday for them. The former returned home the same night.

FOR BEGINNERS.**OBSERVING COURSING ORDER.**

Every young ringer is a potential conductor, but not all reach the stage of competency in this direction, nor even try to do so. Many ringers are content to go on just 'ringing' and leaving 'calling' to others. Whether or not they desire to assume responsibilities as conductors, however, we think every ringer should know something about conducting, even if only because it helps to give him a closer insight into method ringing.

To stick to one's own job and mind one's business is as meritorious in ringing as in other walks of life, but there are times when some knowledge and a little interest in the other man's job comes in very useful. It helps a ringer to keep himself right when trouble occurs and may help him to help others.

The man who knows how to conduct a touch or peal must of necessity know more about the method than the man who just does his ringing by rule of thumb. For instance, the man who only knows where to dodge in Bob Minor by the place he passes the treble or by recollecting where he dodged last time is not as safe a ringer as the man who, in addition, knows the coursing order of the bells and how a bob is going to affect them, but these are things which every conductor studies if he is worthy of the name.

Even if a young ringer has no immediate prospect of becoming the bob caller in his tower, he should lose no opportunity of watching what is happening among the other bells while he is ringing, as soon as he can begin to think of something else besides finding his way through the method. Above all, there is no reason why he should not study these things on paper, at home, for this is the one road to success in the tower.

In the simpler methods the crux of successful conducting is in the ability to watch the coursing order of the bells and to be able to anticipate the changes of coursing order which will be made by the bobs.

Despite dodging and place-making, the bells in these simple methods keep to a fixed cycle until they are disturbed by a bob (or single). Coursing order is, generally speaking, the order in which the bells come to lead, or follow each other out behind. It also keeps them to a regular succession in the 'work' of the method, and if the conductor knows the coursing order, he not only can tell the bells when to lead, or the order in which they should come away from behind, but by the position of one or more he can tell a ringer who has gone astray exactly what piece of work he has to do next, and thus set him fairly quickly on his feet again—unless the delinquent happens to be one of those unfortunate ringers who, when they get out, have not the capacity to get right again without infinite trouble.

A knowledge of coursing order is, therefore, a first essential for those who wish to study anything more than the merest elementary phase of ringing. Indeed, the power to observe and memorise the order in which bells are coursing is the greatest aid to hunting. If you know the coursing order, there is no need to look about to find the next bell to strike over, with the possibility of missing it altogether; the ringer knows exactly which bell to look for.

Suppose it is Plain Bob we are ringing. Let us look at the coursing order first from the treble, when all the working bells come up without interruption. As you hunt out you have them in the order 2.4.6.5.3, and you take them back in precisely the same order. Then, when you lead, the last bell the treble struck over makes 2nd's place and takes the treble from lead. In hunting out and back next time, therefore, you put the last first and keep the others in the same order 3.2.4.6.5. In the next lead this order becomes 5.3.2.4.6 and so on until the end of the course or a bob is called.

A bob in Bob Minor causes 4th's place instead of 2nd's to be made, and consequently the bell coursing in front of the treble and the one behind it continue in that order and a different bell is displaced.

As we have seen, the coursing order in the first lead is 2.4.6.5.3, and, in the second without a bob, 3.2.4.6.5. If, however, a bob is called, it is not the last bell that you meet first, but the same bell as in the previous lead. The bell met next to last turns round in 4th's place and comes in and you have a coursing order of 2.5.4.6.3 instead of 3.2.4.6.5.

It seems a little more complicated in explanation than it really is in practice, and with careful application the young ringer will know as quickly which bells to look for after a bob has been called as he will after a plain lead.

If he is ringing an inside bell, he has to take the treble into account in the coursing order, and he will find that what happens is that the five working bells retain their order and that the treble moves through them one place each lead. Thus (suppose he is ringing the 2nd) he first leads and then he meets the bells 4.6.5.3.1, and after 1 comes his own bell in the cycle, giving an actual coursing order of 4.6.5.3.1.2.

The 2nd's place made by 3 transposes the bells in the next lead to 4.6.5.1.3.2, and in the next to 4.6.1.5.3.2, and so on, the treble moving one place at a time, the others keeping their coursing order except for this disturbance. If a bob is called, there is a wider transposition and instead of 4.6.5.3.1.2 you get 4.6.3.1.2.5.

It is worth while going to a little pains to understand this. Get a pencil and paper and write out two or three leads of Bob Minor and note the order in which the bells come up behind and come to lead.

Then write out three leads in which bobs are made and observe in these how the coursing order is changed. It will enable you to grasp it much more clearly when you go into the belfry.

FIRST LADY TO RING 300 PEALS.**MRS. G. W. FLETCHER'S RECORD.**

Mrs. G. W. Fletcher is the first lady to reach a total of 300 peals, and her performances, from their great variety as well as their high standard, form an extremely interesting record. No fewer than 77 of the peals were on handbells and she conducted 110.

The following is the list:—

	Hand- Tower bell	Con- ducted
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	5	1
Spliced Cambridge and Superlative S. Maximus ...	2	
Little Bob Maximus	1	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Canterbury Pleasure Maximus	1	
Spliced Plain and Little Bob Maximus	1	
Stedman Cinques	12	4 2
Grandsire Cinques	2	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	8	2
Forward Royal	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal	2	
Spliced Yorkshire, Pudsey and Cambridge S. Royal	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2	
Bob Royal	6	
Little Bob Royal	1	
Spliced Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters	1	
Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Caters	1	
Stedman Caters	14	8 9
Grandsire Caters	1	9
Superlative Surprise Major	28	18
London Surprise Major	30	16
Bristol Surprise Major	17	7
Cambridge Surprise Major	17	5
New Cambridge Surprise Major	8	7
Spliced London, Cambridge, Bristol and Superlative		
S. Major	1	
Rutland Surprise Major	1	1
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	
Gloucester Surprise Major	1	1
New Gloucester Surprise Major	1	
Cumberland Delight Major	1	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	16	3 4
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	3
Bob Major	4	18 1
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	
Little Bob Major	2	
Double Bob Major	2	
Stedman Triples	37	2 26*
Grandsire Triples	9	11 9*
Minor (7 methods)	1	
	223	77 110

* 1 peal of Stedman and 3 Grandsire on handbells.

WEDDING BELLS.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. E. Whittaker and Miss B. James, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes) in eleven methods was rung at Evershot, Dorset, on Thursday, August 5th. The methods were one extent each of Place Bob, Chase, New Doubles, St. Dunstan's, St. Bartholomew, Reading, St. Simon's, Stedman Slow Course, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 60 changes of Grandsire: Mrs. H. D. W. Bishop 1, H. Smith 2, H. D. W. Bishop (conductor) 3, Mrs. H. Smith 4, A. G. Chubb 5, W. Ruttle 6. This was also a compliment to W. Ruttle on his 65th birthday.

For the wedding of the Rev. J. K. Mitchelson, Vicar of Strensall, Yorkshire, and Miss R. A. Foster, of Pontlands, Great Baddow, Essex, on July 1st, at Great Baddow, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by G. Green 1, H. Devenish 2, E. Clark 3, S. Everett 4, H. Carter 5, C. Pennack 6, H. Pennack 7, P. Green (conductor) 8. The wedding ceremony was conducted by the Archbishop of York, assisted by the Rev. R. H. Holmes, Vicar of Great Baddow. Later, as the bride and bridegroom left the parish, 504 Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by G. Green.

At St. Mary's, Chatham, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Belsey 1, D. T. Hills 2, F. Southgate 3, H. Springate 4, C. Belsey 5, W. Walker (conductor) 6, C. Norris 7, G. Lawrence 8.

TWIN BROTHERS CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY.

At the Parish Church, Swaffham, Norfolk, on Sunday, June 27th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung as a birthday compliment to the twin brothers A. and W. Houghton: S. Flint 1, W. Buckenham 2, A. Houghton 3, W. Houghton 4, J. Buckenham 5, H. Tuttle 6, E. Barker 7, L. Houghton (conductor) 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**A BANK HOLIDAY MEETING.**

Bank Holiday meetings of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association had not been held for some years until the practice was revived last week at Sunderland, when it seemed to be the unanimous opinion of those present that this should be an annual function.

The meeting place was St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, where several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent and Double Norwich Major were rung. Unfortunately, the ringers were only 15 in number, so were unable to make up a band for Holy Trinity Church.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Marshall) and also the president of the association (Councillor Arthur Payne, of Gateshead) joined the gathering at tea at St. Ignatius' Institute. The Rectors of St. Michael's and Holy Trinity and the Vicar of St. Ignatius' Church were thanked for the use of their bells, and thanks were accorded also to the ladies who had provided the tea.

An invitation had been received from the Rector of South Church, Bishop Auckland, to hold a meeting there, on the occasion of the unveiling of a Coronation peal board, and it was decided to accept this offer, the arrangements being left in the hands of the secretary.

Further ringing on the bells of St. Ignatius' brought a very pleasant and helpful meeting to a close.

RINGING TOUR IN LINCOLNSHIRE.**PEAL ATTEMPTS AT 16 TOWERS.**

A peal ringing tour in Lincolnshire, organised by Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, begins to-day. An ambitious programme has been planned, which covers 16 attempts in all, with two 12, three 10 and eleven eight bell towers at the visitors' disposal. The party is made up of well-known ringers, and their headquarters will be at Spalding, where the first peal attempt is to be made this evening. The other towers in the tour are:—

Saturday: Ewerby (10) and Heckington (8).
 Sunday: Pinchbeck (8).
 Monday: Wisbech (10) and Long Sutton (8).
 Tuesday: Holbeach (8) and Fulney (8).
 Wednesday: Walsby (8) and Lincoln (12).
 Thursday: Swinshead (8) and Boston (10).
 Friday: Caythorpe (8) and Edenham (8).
 Saturday: Sutterton (8) and Surfleet (12).

JOINT MEETING IN SURREY.

In spite of the stormy-looking clouds, the weather behaved itself and kept fine for the annual joint meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the North-Western Branch of the Surrey Association at Rammore Common on Saturday, July 24th. The threatening skies, however, had an effect on the attendance. Among the first arrivals were those who had been touring the wilds of Devon, and the bells were kept going until 5 o'clock, when the ringers' short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. R. Crichton). After welcoming the ringers to Rammore once again, he gave a short applicable address on 'Humble ye yourselves to serve one another.'

In spite of only 27 sitting down to tea when nearly 40 were expected, there was not much left on the tables when everyone had finished.

As usual there was no real business to transact, but it was fitting that those present should observe a few moments' silence on the death of Col. T. F. Parkinson, of Banstead, a member of both societies and of the College Youths. He was donor of the bells at Holy Trinity, Wandsworth, and was also responsible for several improvements at Banstead since his association with that tower.

Mr. F. G. Woodiss (Surrey district secretary) mentioned that the next meeting was at Egham and Staines on August 28th, and, as it was a joint meeting of four associations, he hoped to see his district well represented there.

After a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to the Rector, the organist and Mr. Dobinson for their part in making the meeting possible, and to Mr. A. H. Smith (Leatherhead district secretary) for making the necessary arrangements, the bells were once again made full use of under the mastership of Mr. Dan Cooper in a variety of methods until they were finally lowered in peal at 9 o'clock.

FIRST QUARTER PEALS

HILLINGDON.—On June 24th, at St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, for the patronal festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): Miss G. Thetford 1, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, E. Hartley 3, A. R. G. Twinn 4, G. H. Gutteridge 5, J. J. Pratt 6, F. G. Boldwin 7, R. W. Darvill 8, F. Corke 9, C. A. Over 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by Miss Thetford (Iver) and Eric Hartley (Willesden).

A 'FIRST' IN SHROPSHIRE.

The first quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by a resident Shropshire band was rung at Wellington on June 24th: G. L. Hewitt 1, T. Price 2, R. W. Chesters 3, F. Price 4, W. J. Chester 5, A. M. Hickman 6, A. Pritchard (conductor) 7, W. Weatherby 8. First quarter-peal of Cambridge Minor on the bells and by ringers of 1 and 7.

MR. J. M. BAILEY'S INTERESTING RECORD.**OVER EIGHTY PEALS RUNG BY BROTHERS.**

When Mr. J. M. Bailey, of Leiston, rang his 400th peal in celebration of his son's wedding, he completed a list which is in many ways remarkable, not least from the fact that so many of his performances were rung entirely by he and his brothers.

	Tower Handbells	Rung by brothers
Minor—3 Methods	2	
7 Methods	1	
7 Surprise	2	
Cambridge	1	
Grandsire Triples	2	
Stedman Triples	10	9 1 on tower and 7 in hand
Stedman Caters	13	all
Stedman Cinques	1	2 both in hand
Bob Major	9	12 2 on tower and 7 in hand
Bob Royal	9	7 in hand
Bob Maximus	1	1 in hand
Double Oxford Bob Major ...	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major ...	24	18* 13 in hand
Kent Treble Bob Royal ...	2	8 6 in hand
Kent Treble Bob Maximus ...	1	3 3 in hand
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	12	5 4 in hand
Oxford Treble Bob Royal ...	3	3 in hand
Double Norwich C.B.M. ...	20†	3 1 on tower and 3 in hand
Surprise Major—		
Cambridge	43†	
Superlative	47‡	
London	42	
Bristol	50	
New Cambridge	6	
Guildford	8	
Suffolk	5	
Yorkshire	1	
Norfolk	1	
Dublin	2	
Lancashire	1	
Edinburgh	1	
Rochester	13	
Surrey	2	
Camden	1	
Essex	1	
Premier	1	
Waveney	1	
Totals ...	314	86

* Including 7,008 in hand. † Including 11,040. ‡ Including one of each by eight brothers.

All the handbell peals and 218 of the tower-bell peals were rung at Leiston, Suffolk, and only one, the 400th, away from East Anglia. Included in the peals of London and Bristol were the first in the method by all, in both cases rung at St. Margaret's, Leiston, Suffolk. Mr. Bailey rang 50 consecutive Surprise peals on Leiston bells and has 'circled' the tower in each of the 'standard' Surprise methods. He took part in the first of each of the following Surprise Major methods: Suffolk, Dublin, Rochester, Camden, Essex, Waveney and Edinburgh.

5,088 CAMBRIDGE MAJOR.

BY C. H. KIPPIN.

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3576248	—	—	—	—	—	—
35642	—	—	—	—	—	—
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62534	—	—	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—	—	—
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54326	—	—	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—	—	—

Rung at Coleman's Hatch on July 28th, 1937, conducted by the composer, and believed to be the first with the 6th six courses at home.

NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Ringers and friends welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Coddenham on Aug. 14th. Ringing on tower bells (8) afternoon and evening. Tea in Rectory garden, 4.30, at 9d. each.—Harold G. Herbert, Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Willesden, on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, in the Church Hall at 5.30 p.m., 1s. each. All ringers welcomed. Special method: Edmonton Bob Major.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel. Larkwood, 1959.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch will hold summer meeting at Bradfield on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, and tea at 5 (9d.). Ringing during the evening. Please notify T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 128, Halls Road, Tilehurst.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Ossett bells (10) are also available, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. to 9 p.m. A hearty welcome to all.—Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bridlington on Saturday, Aug. 14th. The fine heavy peal of 8 (tenor 26 cwt.) will be available at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to come please notify Mr. R. H. Vigor, Sherburn-in-Elmet?—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers and their friends will be welcome. Please come and let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Buxted (St. Margaret's, in Buxted Park) on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea, free, 5 p.m. Everybody welcome, but please notify for tea, if possible.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Latton and Cricklade on Saturday, Aug. 14th. Both five bell towers. Latton available 3.30 to 5 p.m. Cricklade 6 to 8 p.m. Tea at Cricklade about 5.15. Please advise if possible. On railway and Bristol bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th, Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, St. Mary-le-Bow on the 31st. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A combined practice is arranged at North Mimms on Thursday, August 19th, at 7.30 p.m.—W. Nash and H. V. Frost.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—A joint meeting of this Branch, in conjunction with the Chew Deanery, Bath & Wells will be held at Clevedon Parish Church, Somerset, on Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. for those who advise Mr. H. W. Knight, Woolmers, Cleve, Somerset, or myself not later than Tuesday, August 17th.—W. H. Thomas, 45 Clyde Road, Bristol, 6.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hilton on Saturday, August 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Kindly notify for tea by 17th instant. A hearty welcome given to this delightful countryside adjoining Milton Abbey.—C. H. Jennings, 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chippenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Grittleton on Saturday, August 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea after. By kind permission of Sir Audley D. Neeld, the gardens will be open to the ringers. Visitors welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38 Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at STREET on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4, tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. RICKARDS, 3, GREAT STANHOPE STREET, BATH.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Broughton on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, August 18th? All visitors welcome.—Andrew Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stanground on Saturday, August 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 21st, at Arley. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/- Midland Red buses run direct from Coventry and Nuneaton.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Secretary, Exhall, Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Preston and Fylde Branches will be held at Preston Parish Church on Aug. 21st. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m.—A. Blogg and C. Sharples, Branch Secs.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Bodenham on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (6) available 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please notify me not later than August 17th.—L. H. Stickley, District Secretary, The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milford-on-Sea on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 on the Vicarage lawn.—G. Preston, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at South Normanton on Saturday, August 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please notify me how many require tea by Thursday, August 19th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. each), for which please notify Mr. P. Shaw, 36 Church Road, Rainford, nr. St. Helens.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Soar on August 21st. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Please notify Mr. Dakin, Kingston-on-Soar, nr. Derby, for tea by August 18th latest.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Elmore on Saturday, August 21st (usual procedure). Bus from Commercial Road 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than August 17th?—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Westerleigh on Sat., August 21st. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow, members being the guests of the Vicar. Please advise for tea R. C. Gifford, Frampton Cotterell, nr. Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Mossley, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Rev. J. F. Southworth, B.D., will officiate and extends a hearty welcome to the Bolton branch.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Quex Park on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. A picnic tea has been arranged, and will be provided free to members who send in their names to Mr. Harrison Smith, The Green, Wickhambreaux, near Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, August 25th. Permission has been obtained whereby members will be shown over the Museum, at 4.30. Please note, only one entrance to the tower, by the farm gate, and thence by the tradesmen's road.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held Great Waltham on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting after. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, August 25th, certain?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The Branch Outing will be held on Saturday, August 28th. Start from Kettering at 1.45 p.m. prompt, arriving at Leicester for tea. Please notify me by Saturday, August 21st, at latest. Members of other branches welcome.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

A JOINT MEETING of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey Dist.), the Middlesex County Association (S. & W. District), the Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and the Surrey Association (N.W. District) will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 28th. Service at 4.45, preacher, Rev. A. C. Tranter, Vicar of Egham. Tea at 5.15 in Church Hall, price 9d. each. Names for tea to district secretaries or Mr. G. Walmsley, 13, Commercial Road, Staines, not later than Tuesday, August 24th. Ringing arrangements: St. Peter's, Staines, 3.30 to 4.45, 6.30 to 7.30; St. Mary's, Staines, 7.30 to 9; Egham, 3 to 4.15, 7 to 8.30; Wraybury, 3 to 4.15. All ringers and friends welcome. District Hon. Secs.:—F. E. Hawthorne (Guildford Guild), A. D. Barker (Oxford Guild), F. G. Woodiss (Surrey Association), and F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks (Middlesex Association).

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Buxted bells not being available, the next meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., price 1/—S. E. Armstrong, Div. Hon. Secretary, 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held in Worcester on Saturday, September 25th. You are assured of an enjoyable evening. Full details later. Tickets are now available and may be obtained from branch officers, dinner committee, or:—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

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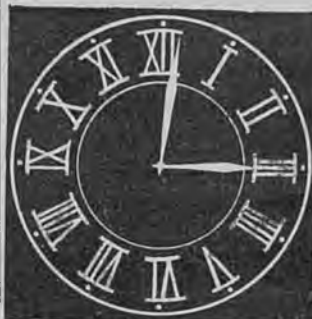
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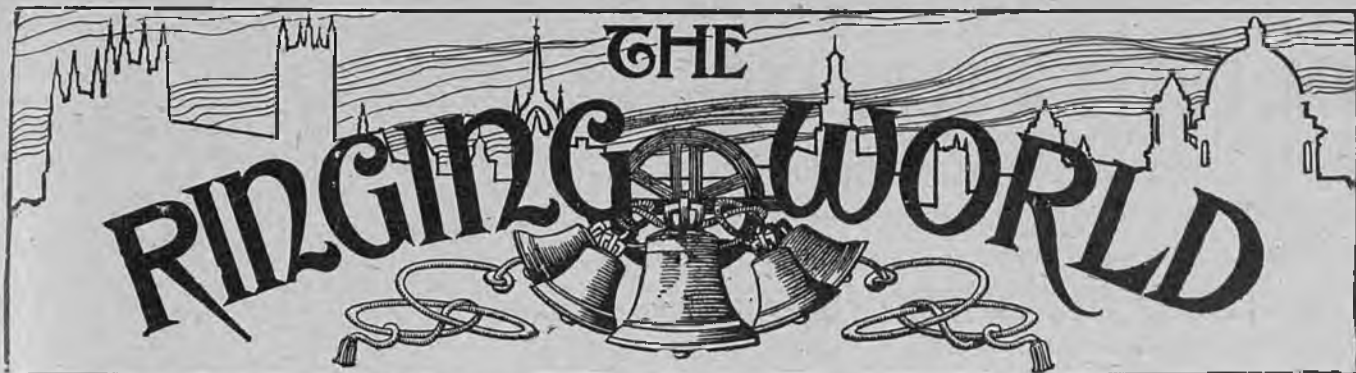
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THE PLAIN METHODS.

It is strange how sometimes a flippant remark may lead to a serious argument. A fortnight ago we published the report of the first peal of Bob Triples rung by the Suffolk Guild and, in pointing this out among 'Peal Notes,' casually and rather lightly suggested that it would probably be the last for a long time. We were promptly challenged to explain and, having, in response, suggested that Bob Triples is not the best or the most popular of methods, now find that there is still left at least one champion of this somewhat despised member of the Plain Bob family. Let it be at once admitted that if a band can put it to any useful purpose—and even if they can't—there is nothing to prevent them ringing a peal of it if they so desire. And the Central Council will recognise it, although deprecating its performance. The method may be all that our correspondent claims for it—a helpful step from Minor to Major—but that does not make our statement that it is not the best or the most popular of methods, any less true. None of the backstroke leads of the treble is a Triples change; there are four blows behind every time the treble leads. These are blemishes sufficient to justify discouragement of the use of the method, and they are so well recognised that few people ever desire to ring it. As well ring Grandsire Minor—it serves an equally good purpose to take the beginner from Doubles to Triples; but nobody does from the point of view of progress.

If, as our correspondent says, the step from Grandsire to Stedman is too much, there are other and more interesting things which can be rung instead of Bob Triples. Indeed, we could wish that many bands, who practise Grandsire entirely, would turn their attention to some of those methods published by the Central Council in their 'Collection of Triples Methods.' This book has been prepared specially for such ringers and provides them with material which should add to their interest in ringing as well as their competency in the art. There are several good methods which would be found quite easy for a Grandsire band of average ability and one of the most surprising things is that there is not more variety introduced into Triples ringing. Last year there were 163 peals of Grandsire Triples rung, but only 16 in other plain methods. Oxford Bob seems to be gaining a little ground, for nine of the sixteen were in that method—but out of the total there were only two peals of Plain Bob. Variety in pure Triples methods is, of course, much more limited than in Major or even Minor, but the best use is certainly not made of such scope as there is. The same complaint can be made of the practice of plain Major

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methods. Double Norwich and Plain Bob last year accounted for 213 peals, but only 22 were rung in other plain methods, mostly Little Bob and St. Clement's, when there are scores, opening up a wide field, which might be practised.

A SOMERSET WEEK.

TWENTY TOWERS VISITED.

The following peals were rung during a week's holiday at Wrington. Four other attempts were made which proved unsuccessful. In all, 20 towers, mostly with six bells, were visited, and as a great many were rung from the ground floor, Canon Coleridge was able to join in a good deal of the ringing. At Worle he rang the treble to 720 Bob Minor. At Binegar the party were entertained to tea by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and Mrs. Warren, and to them, and the various incumbents who gave permission for the use of their bells, the party tender their grateful thanks.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 23½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5
EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 6
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Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

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On Monday, August 2, 1937, in Three Hours,

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MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 2	STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 6
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ERNEST J. TAYLOR ... 4	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

WEDMORE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. 5 lb.

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Umpire—Christopher W. Woolley.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT ... 5
NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 6
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Tenor 28½ cwt.

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JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	ERNEST W. FURBANK 8
HARRY SEAR 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 9
LESLIE H. THRIFT 4	WILLIAM T. BOTTRILL 10
GEORGE W. STEERE 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 11
THOMAS NEWMAN 6	THOMAS G. BEVAN Tenor

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Tenor 32 cwt.

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Tenor 29½ cwt.

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Bro. FREDERICK G. LEAKER, St. Keyna Lodge, 1833 3	
Bro. FRANK W. PERRENS, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 4	
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Bro. CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER, Sanctuary Lodge, 5358 7	
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Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

WALLACE W. COUSINS Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
FRED WIGMORE 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	WALTER H. FREEMAN 8
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON 9
ARTHUR G. BASON 5	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

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* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.

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GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in C.

R. WILLIAM BARBER Treble	ALBERT G. WARNES 6
GEORGE MAVERS 2	WILLIAM J. CLOVER 7
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 8
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	CHARLES E. LOVETT 9
ARTHUR G. KING 5	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 8
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 9
FREDERICK PAGE 5	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

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Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

FRANCIS E. DAZE Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	A. PATRICK CANNON 6
JOHN J. L. GILBERT 3	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

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Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN H. NEGUS Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 5
PERCY WEBB 2	ROBERT G. KING 6
BERRY WAYMAN 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
CHARLES W. COOK 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal on eight bells.

GREAT BEEDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

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On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

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REV. FRANK BONNER 2	WILFRED STEVENSON 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	JAMES A. MILNER 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

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

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—For evening service on Sunday, July 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the following: S. Butler (first quarter-peal) 1, C. W. Denyer 2, Miss M. Hill 3, T. E. Denyer 4, W. Denyer 5, W. H. Viggers 6, Miss D. Viggers (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, R. Jonas 8.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY Treble	JOSEPH WOODS 5
THOMAS WALLWORK 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	RICHARD BALDERSTONE 7
REV. C. CAREW COX 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

CHURCHKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... 3
*HERBERT HOLDEN 2	RICHARD BALDERSTONE ... 6
REV. C. CAREW COX 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
*ERIC BRUNTON 4	ROLAND PARK Tenor

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Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	PERCIVAL A. OLDHAM 6
ERNEST W. TIPLER 3	FRANK K. MEASURES 7
JOHN A. TIMSON 4	FRED PERRY Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

DOVEY TRACEY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

AUBREY L. BENNETT ... Treble	G. HARRY MYERS 5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN ... 2	THOMAS G. MYERS 6
*ERNEST J. TAYLOR 3	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 7
HENRY C. COLLYER 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER ... Treble	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*ALBERT J. PITMAN 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

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

* First Surprise peal away from the treble.

OSKEHAMPTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

W. H. R. SMALE ... Treble	W. H. HOWE 5
J. HOSGOOD 2	F. C. SMALE 6
R. W. BIFFIN 3	C. R. LILLEY 7
J. E. LILLEY 4	A. J. WARD Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal on the bells.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF WHEATLEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
DEREK M. SHARP 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7
HARRY HOSKINS 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM

The first peal in the method, which is by E. W. Tipler.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*REV. FRANK BONNER ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 6
JAMES FERNLEY 3	JAMES A. MILNER 7
C. KENNETH LEWIS 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Miss Ethel Fernley.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

HERBERT DEVONISH ... Treble	†LEONARD G. DAY 5
REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 6
*ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... 3	GEORGE GREEN 7
†EDGAR C. BOYCE 4	GEORGE DAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	CECIL E. CARR 5
WILLIAM A. WOOD 2	PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 6
*CYRIL ISON 3	ERNEST W. TIPLER 7
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 4	PERCY W. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by E. W. TIPLER.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

RAYNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Woodbine Treble Bob, two each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and one each of Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

RICHARD PORTWAY ... Treble	RALPH BIRD 4
DONALD JENNINGS 2	DOUGLAS JENNINGS 5
HOWARD SAMS 3	RONALD SUGGLING Tenor

Conducted by RONALD SUGGLING.

First peal in five methods by all except the conductor, and first in more than one method on the bells.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—On July 19th, at St. George's Church, 1,392 Bob Major: C. Harris 1, R. B. Tapp (longest length on an 'inside' bell) 2, F. Twigg 3, L. G. Burgess 4, E. A. Jackson 5, P. Lafin 6, H. Ashton 7, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 8.

THORINGTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court and Oxford Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE A. BUTTON Treble	URBAN W. WILDNEY 4
GEORGE E. JENNINGS 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
GEORGE A. ANDREWS 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

First peal in seven methods by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

JOHN PRESSLAND Treble	EDMUND WAGSTAFF 4
HERBERT SHERMAN 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS 5
ARTHUR DILLEY 3	PERCY TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

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

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*LEONARD W. WILSON Treble	ALBERT E. SCOTT 4
JOHN E. ALLEN 2	COTHEBERT T. H. BRADLEY 5
JAMES H. MUSSON 3	CHARLES WILKINSON Tenor

Conducted by C. T. H. BRADLEY.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. John H. Botham and Miss Frances Humphrey, which took place the previous Saturday at Folkingham.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

FREDERIC C. TOWNES Treble	RONALD SICKLING 4
RALPH BIRD 2	DOUGLAS JENNINGS 5
VICTOR MORLEY 3	GEORGE R. TOWNES Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

SANDAL, WAKEFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, August 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London, Duke of York, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal Exercise, Kent, Oxford, and 240 of Oxford, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Exercise Spliced.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*J. BEAVIS Treble	W. ROBINSON 4
E. CUTT 2	J. W. MOXON 5
C. E. NETHERWOOD 3	G. CUTT Tenor

Conducted by E. CUTT.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung for evening service, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

BILLINGBOROUGH, LINGS.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, August 8th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Coaten, on his 65th birthday. Mr. Coaten is an active member of the Billingborough company: G. Creasy 1, J. E. Allen 2, A. E. Chilton 3, L. Wilson 4, F. Carford 5, G. S. Collishaw (conductor) 6.

GREAT FINBOROUGH, SUFFOLK.

On Monday, August 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, one of Kent Treble Bob, two of St. Clement's and one of Plain Bob.

T. W. CRACKNELL Treble	F. BORLEY 4
A. GRIMWOOD 2	S. SPARROW 5
E. A. CRACKNELL 3	A. R. WOODARD Tenor

Conducted by A. R. WOODARD.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. Raper on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Dorothy Bird, of Bradfield St. George.

BIGBY, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob and one of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

HAROLD MORWOOD Treble	*HAROLD JUDD 4
ERNEST BRITAIN 2	GEORGE DOBBS 5
GEORGE E. FEIRN 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in eight methods.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four 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.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Specially rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Knowles, who were married at this church, August 11th, 1887.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) Thelwall and Childwall; (2) Double Oxford and St. Clement's; (3) Double and Single Court; (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (5) London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (6) Capel and Sandal Treble Bob; (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*J. RICHARD WILSON Treble	FRANK VERNON 4
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 2	RICHARD M. HARVEY 5
THOMAS VESSEY 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal on six bells. First peal in 14 methods 'inside' by all except ringers of 4 and tenor. The conductor's 50th peal.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

KENNETH G. CARLTON Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH 4
RAYMOND J. CARLTON 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 3	EDWARD S. RUCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

First peal in six methods by all the band. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Garner, headmistress of the Infants' School for 32 years.

GREAT YELDHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

RALPH BIRD	Treble	*REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ...	4
BERNARD W. PETTITT ...	2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	5
ALBC M. GENERY ...	3	RONALD SUCKLING ...	Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

* 25th peal.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, called differently.

GEORGE BELL	Treble	A. S. ROBERTS	4
J. PUMFREY	2	ERIC DURRANT	5
MISS ANGWIN	3	W. C. MEDLER	Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

COWDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob, all with different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

FRANK H. HICKS	Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	4
* WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	2	WILLIAM D. ASHDOWN ...	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ...	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ...	Tenor

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

* 50th peal.

KIDSGROVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Cambridge, Durham and York Surprise, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR W. HALL	Treble	JOHN G. CARLIDGE	4
JOHN E. WHEELDON	2	THOMAS HURD	5
WILLIAM CARNWELL	3	JAMES WHALLEY	Tenor

Conducted by T. HORD.

HANDBELL PEAL.

MOLD, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

E. P. EVANS	1-2	J. S. METCALFE	3-4
FRED HARTMAN			5-5

Conducted by FRED HARTMAN.

Witnesses—J. H. Jones and W. McGibbon.

The first handbell peal by all, and the first ever rung for the association. The conductor's 25th peal.

A DOUBLE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

On Tuesday, August 10th, at Billesdon, Leicestershire, a quarter-peal of Minor (Oxford and Plain Bob) was rung by J. Norton 1, R. Russell 2, H. Faulkner 3, J. G. Geary 4, A. N. Geary 5, Ernest Morris (conductor) 6. It was specially arranged to mark the 60th birthday of the treble ringer, who retires from the Post Office with over 47 years' service, also for the 21st birthday of Miss Margaret L. Morris, daughter of the conductor. Miss Morris rang the treble to 360 Grandsire Doubles prior to the quarter-peal.

PEAL NOTES.

INTERESTING DETAILS.

A Freemasons' peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Wimborne Minster, on Saturday week, as a welcome to the new Bishop of Salisbury, Dr. Neville Lovett, who was recently transferred from the See of Portsmouth. A previous attempt for the peal came to grief.

The report of a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Weston, Bath, has been sent without the date.

While on holiday in Lancashire, the Rev. C. C. Cox, Vicar of Lyne Regis, Dorset, rang two peals. The first, which was arranged for him, was Cambridge Surprise rung at Whalley, and the second Double Norwich at Churchkirk, which was his one hundredth peal.

The weight of the tenor at March, Cambs, on which the first peal since their restoration in 1929 was rung on August 7th, is 15 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E. In the peal report sent us it was given at 16½ cwt., but the correction arrived too late to be made last week.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Bovey Tracey on August 11th, was arranged for Miss F. Wyman and Mr. Oliver Sippetts, who were spending a holiday in 'glorious Devon.'

An odd 240 changes in four spliced methods was added at the end of seven 720's rung at Sandal, Yorkshire, on Sunday, August 8th. It, of course, counts as a peal of 5,280, but if a band ringing Doubles added an odd touch in the same way, the oddment would not count—under the recent ruling of the Central Council.

Four ringers taking part in a peal for the North Notts Association on August 12th at Barnby-in-the-Willows rang their first peal in 14 methods.

A peal in six methods of Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled at Willesborough, Kent, on Saturday, as a token of respect to a much esteemed parishioner, Mrs. Garner, headmistress of the infant school of the village for 32 years and a member of the Parochial Church Council. It was the first peal in six methods by all the band and believed to be the first in the district by an entirely local company.

Mr. Leslie Thrift, of Chadwell Heath, rang his first peal of Stedman on Saturday. It was Cinques! Not often does a ringer begin his peals of Stedman on this number. The peal was rung by the Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch, and afterwards congratulations were extended to Mr. Tom Bevan, senior steward of the society, upon his silver wedding, which he celebrated on August 11th.

In March two trebles were added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston to complete the octave at All Saints' Church, Okehampton, Devon. The first peal on the bells was rung on Saturday.

Wheatley Surprise, of which the first peal was rung at Erith on Saturday, is another method by Mr. E. W. Tipler and the composition is by Mr. A. G. Driver. The band wish to couple with the peal the name of Mr. E. A. Barnett, who was in the two previous attempts. Mr. D. M. Sharp filled his place.

This is the third Surprise method rung to a peal for the first time at St. John the Baptist's Church, viz., Erith, Lessness and Wheatley.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Ipswich on August 14th was a birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 11th. As Mr. Symonds has been ringing nearly 51 years, one can almost guess the age of his mother, although she is younger than the veteran Robert H. Brundle.

It was Mr. Symonds' one hundredth peal in the tower. These peals include some notable first performances.

The first handbell peal by the North Wales Association was rung on Sunday, seven 720's of Bob Minor being rung at Mold, Flintshire. Was it also the first handbell peal in Wales?

Mr. E. W. Tipler, of Lutterworth, who has produced many new Surprise methods, in ringing his first peal of Stedman Triples as conductor, 'completed the circle' at Gilmorton Church, Leicestershire, on Sunday.

Mr. Robert Matthews, who took part in the peal of Bob Maximus at Kidderminster, recorded last week, had previously rung a peal in the method. His name should have been included in our note with those of Messrs. Short and Bass as the only ones in the band who had previously rung a peal of 'Plain Twelve.'

Five towers were represented in the band who rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Monks Kirby, Warwickshire, on August 11th. The ringers of treble and 2 were from Leicester, of 3, 4 and tenor from Lutterworth, 5 from Croft, 6 from Hinckley, 7 from Burbage.

WORCESTERSHIRE RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Knowles has been celebrated by a peal at Madresfield, at the church where they were married on August 11th, 1887, and where Mr. Knowles has been a ringer since 1881.

Mr. Knowles was for several years hon. secretary of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association and, later, Master. He has also been a representative of the association on the Central Council.

Mr. Knowles has spent much time in instructing beginners and helping struggling bands, and has done much towards raising the standard of ringing in the district.

Congratulations and good wishes have been extended by many friends to Mr. and Mrs. Knowles, who lost two sons in the Great War, and have four daughters and two grandchildren living.

5,000 TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

A COMPOSITION WITH SPECIAL FEATURES FROM OVERSEAS.
Remarkable Coincidence.

Mr. Cornelius Charge, formerly of the Metropolitan Police, who has for some years been residing in Auckland, New Zealand, has sent the following composition of 5,000 of Treble Bob Royal. In forwarding it, he asked if a peal with the same qualities has been published before, viz., the 6th its extent at home, all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6, the 2nd and 3rd never in 6th's, the 2nd only one course-end in 5th's, and an even 5,000, without a bob affecting the position of the four back bells.

23456	M	W	H
54326		2	2
53246		1	2
52436		1	2
36245	1	2	2
32465		1	2
26435		2	
62534	2		2
35284		2	2
32654		1	2
23456	2		2

These figures reached us a fortnight ago. Last Monday identically the same composition was sent to us by Mr. Nolan Golden, who had also produced it and called it at Wisbech on August 12th. He, of course, knew nothing about the existence of the figures by Mr. Charge. It is interesting to compare his description with that given above. 'The first peal of Treble Ten rung in the minimum number of changes containing all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 and the 6th the extent home, with the 2nd one course only in fifth's and calls only at M. W. and H.,' is the way Mr. Golden describes it.

CLOCK HAMMER STOPS PEAL.

An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's Church, Chester-le-Street, on August 11th, came to an end after an hour and a half's ringing through the clock hammer coming in contact with the tenor. The ringers were J. E. Scott 1, T. F. Preston 2, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 3, S. Patterson 4, A. Cook 5, W. Sheraton 6, K. Arthur (conductor) 7, J. Scott 8.

NEW BAND'S PROGRESS.

Four members of the recently-formed band at All Saints' Church, Birchington, rang their first 518 Grandsire Triples on August 11th: W. Huckstepp 1, *J. Russell 2, F. Gadsden 3, *H. Luck 4, G. Wilshire 5, F. Reeves 6, *A. Hincksley 7, F. Finnis 8. * Longest touch.

ADAY IN HANTS.**TIME TABLE GETS OUT OF HAND.**

On a recent Saturday, the ringers of Leatherhead Parish Church, Surrey, with friends from Ashted, Ewell and Cobham, to the number of 15, made an enjoyable motor-coach tour into Hampshire. An early start enabled the first place of call, East Meon, to be reached soon after 9.30. Here touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major and a course of Cambridge Surprise were rung. Then on to North Stoneham, where they met their old friend Mr. George Williams, who was waiting to welcome them. At a second attempt a touch of Grandsire Caters was brought round on this merry little ring of ten. Although the front bells are of little weight, it was found they were no playthings, but had to be rung. Next a short touch of Grandsire Triples and, to finish, a course of London Surprise, with George and one of his 'boys' standing in. St. Mary's, Southampton, was next visited, and Grandsire Triples and Caters and three leads of Treble Ten were rung on this grand peal. Dinner, the next item, was, as usual, brought round without any false starts, but after this the time table got out of hand a bit. Some of the party went on a wild goose chase and found an 'Aviary'; at least that was their explanation when they left for Hursley nearly half an hour late. On arrival they found a nice ring of bells already up. A touch each of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples and a half-course of Cambridge were enjoyed before going on to Twyford still behind schedule time. Here they were met by a one time Ashted ringer, Mr. Harry Wilkinson. After a touch each of Oxford Bob Triples and Double Norwich, it was decided to move on and try and make up leeway. However, on reaching Alresford they were still 30 minutes adrift. Mr. Newnham, an old Leatherhead ringer of 40 years ago, was waiting patiently for the visitors. This was the first tower of the day where the bells were down, and it gave an opportunity of raising the back six in peal. A touch each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Major were brought round and the back six lowered in peal. A meat tea and a chat with Mr. Newnham occupied the next hour, after which the party left for their last port of call, the Jolly Farmer at Puttenham. Here legs were stretched (and pulled) and elbows exercised in the usual ringers' manner for 40 minutes or so while the engine cooled. Then as the shades of night were falling fast (yes, very fast), the last 16 miles were safely accomplished and Leatherhead was reached soon after 10 p.m. after a happy and successful day. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' the ringers wish to express their thanks to the various clergy and ringing friends who helped to make this possible.

A. H. W.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Every ringer should secure a copy of Mr. J. A. Trollope's new book, 'A History of the College Youths,' which 'The Ringing World' will publish towards the end of next month. Subscribers who apply for copies, with remittance, before September 18th can obtain them at 4s. each, with 6d. extra for packing and postage. After that date the price will be 5s. and postage. Therefore, order at once.

Owing to unexpected difficulties, the date (31st inst.) provisionally fixed for the unveiling of the Sir Henry Tulse tombstone has had to be postponed until the College Youths' Festival, November 6th, of which due notice will be given.

An interesting photograph of the six brothers White, of Appleton, appeared in the 'Evening Standard' on Saturday, but the author of the story which accompanied it went badly astray. The article was headed, 'Six brothers rang bells for 12 hours.' This and some of the other statements must be rather embarrassing to the modest band of Appleton brothers. As a matter of fact, only Dick and Harry were in the record peal of Stedman Caters in 1922.

The meeting of the Hunts branch of the Ely Diocesan Association at Stanground to-morrow has been cancelled.

A BADGE FOR IDENTIFICATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With regard to the 'meeting at Scarborough,' I have often thought it would be an advantage to ringers in their travels if the Central Council issued a small official badge, preferably in the shape of a bell, to be worn in the buttonhole, and, therefore, easily recognisable by a brother ringer, although I was greatly surprised to read that two ringers were in each other's company for a whole evening and during the course of their conversation the subject of bells and ringing did not crop up.

H. D. HARRIS.

THE SOMERSET TOUR.

A DISCLAIMER.

'Twas not that we were speeding within a built-up part,
'Twas wrong to say our brakes were weak, for we tried them at the start.

Our number plates were also clean, and cars quite spick and span,
For, being most particular, we clean whenever we can.
'Tis true our names were taken, and what names they were, by jove!
'Twas Jack, and Frank, and, let me see—who was the other cove?
Methinks it was a Film Star, her name may not be guessed,
But you can see her on the films, if you take a jaunt up West.
'Twas early in the morning, so we really felt quite fine,
But having halted at the 'Halt,' we failed to toe the 'line.'
The policeman said: Your guide was good, he stopped where all good drivers should.

'Tis true we argued with the 'Cops,' but whatever good was that,
Their minds were definitely made up to have us on the mat.
'And so to Court,' they said, 'you go,' which brought a smile from leader Joe.

For Court was fixed to be in Wells—a chance for peal upon those bells.
We passed the hat to raise the fine for jumping o'er that nice(?) white line.

But e'er we'd raised the thirty bob, the 'beak' refused to take the job.
Our copy books were sent straight back, 'You're warned!' they said,
So that is that. **GWEKT.**

DEATH OF A HILLINGDON RINGER.

The death occurred on Monday, August 2nd, of Mr. J. H. Lucas, who had been a member of St. Andrew's tower, Hillingdon West, Middlesex, for nearly 14 years. He regularly attended Sunday service ringing and branch meetings until about two years ago, when he gave up through illness. He was not a great peal ringer, but had rung 38 in the standard methods.

The funeral took place on Friday, August 6th, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: A. Bray 1, P. Jones 2, E. Hancox 3, S. Childs 4, F. Bolton 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nicholls 8.

Deceased, who was 57 years of age, leaves a widow and two sons in bereavement. Mr. Lucas' peals were: Minor in 3 methods 2, in 2 methods 1, Grandsire Doubles 1, Grandsire Triples 8, Grandsire Caters 2, Bob Minor 3, Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Minor 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 15, Oxford Bob Triples 2, total 38.

COMPLIMENT TO BELL DONORS.

In honour of Mr. J. and Mrs. A. Hatt, donors of the bells at Tetsworth Church, on the occasion of their visit to the parish on August 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles by the Sunday service ringers: J. Stone 1, R. Lindars 2, A. Peasley 3, J. Hedges 4, W. Gibbard (conductor) 5, F. Smith 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor and his first quarter-peal as conductor.

LONDON BELLS BEFORE THE GREAT FIRE

HOW THEIR NUMBERS INCREASED.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

One of my tasks in writing my 'History' was to find out, if I could, how many ringing peals there were in London before the Great Fire of 1666, and especially how many bells there were at St. Michael, Paternoster Royal, and St. Martin-in-the-Vintry, where, we are told, the College Youths first practised.

It is usually assumed that the only sources of information are Stow's 'Survey of London' and its various continuations, and such of the parish accounts as have survived, none of which tells us very much. But Mr. C. T. Flower, the secretary of the Public Record Office, very kindly made some investigations for me among State papers and afterwards put me in the way of making others myself. As a result I have found out that there were in London in olden times very many more bells than is usually supposed.

In 1552 and 1553 inventories were made of the goods, ornaments and bells of all the parish churches throughout England and Wales. Many of these inventories still exist, those for some counties (Norfolk and Surrey, for example) being practically complete. In London at the time there were 105 parish churches and there are inventories for 95. But nine of them are mutilated and tell us nothing about the bells.

In the remaining 86 churches there were two rings of six, 34 of five, 26 of four and 21 of three. All of them had, in addition, a saunce or sanctus bell. St. Margaret, Pattens, is the only one that possessed a single bell, and that was because the steeple was being rebuilt when it was stopped by a dreadful fire which destroyed many of the houses in the parish and caused the death of nine persons. All Hallows, Lombard Street, had but two (one of them a saunce bell). A parishioner had bought the bells of the dissolved priory of St. John-at-Clerkenwell for the steeple, but he died and his son and heir refused to complete the gift. St. Pancras, Soper Lane, also had but two, but that was a tiny church.

In addition, there were rings of five at St. Paul's Cathedral and the Conventual Church of St. Martin-le-Grand. Soon after 1553, however, both these rings were destroyed. St. Martin's was broken up and sold, and St. Paul's perished by fire in 1561. The five at St. Anne and St. Agnes were also destroyed by fire. But all the rest were not only preserved and well looked after between 1552 and 1666, but in many instances were augmented. All Hallows, Staining, four in 1552, were made five; St. Andrew, Holborn, were increased in 1578 from four to eight; St. Alphage, London Wall, from three to six; St. Andrew, Undershaft, from four to six; St. Botolph, Aldersgate, from three to five; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, from three to six; St. Christopher, Stocks, from five to six; St. Giles, Cripplegate, from five to six; St. Mary-le-Bow, from five to ten; St. Michael, Cornhill, from six to eight; St. Olave, Hart Street, from four to six; and All Hallows, London Wall, from four to six.

Probably there were other rings which were augmented, for a man left money for the bells of All Hallows, Bread Street, to be rung on certain occasions, and they were only four in 1552. All Hallows, Barking, too, for which there is no inventory, were made six in 1659, and

St. Bartholomew by the Exchange, of which the inventory is defective, were five at the end of the 16th century.

At St. Martin-in-the-Vintry there were 'V bells of on accord and a lesser bell.' Neither the inventory nor any parish accounts of St. Michael, Paternoster Royal, survive, and we shall never know what bells were there before the fire, but judging by comparison with other churches of a like importance, we may say that probably it had a ring of five.

The inventories for the Westminster churches have not survived, but we know from other sources that in the early 17th century St. Martin-in-the-Fields had five bells, the Abbey six, and St. Margaret's six. At St. Saviour's, Southwark, there was a heavy ring of six in 1552, increased to eight in the 17th century; St. Olave's had five; and Lambeth had five. St. Giles-in-the-Fields had three in 1552 and six in 1635.

All these bells were hung for ringing and were rung regularly, even the little threes in what were scarcely more than turrets.

The old societies rang on three and four bells as well as on fives and sixes, and we know from extant rules that it was their custom to go about from belfry to belfry, as fancy or convenience dictated; so that they had pretty nearly a hundred towers within walking distance to chose from.

The College Youths, in this respect, were not different from other societies. They were not specially connected with any one City church, and there is not a scrap of evidence to show that they had anything to do with any church on College Hill, even if there was a ringing peal there. In any case, the oft-quoted statement of Shipway that they rang Stedman's Principle at a church on College Hill cannot be true. The Principle was not composed until shortly before 1677 and all the bells at St. Michael, Paternoster Royal, and St. Martin-in-the-Vintry perished in the fire of 1666.

BOB TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read your reply to my letter re the peal of Bob Triples at Grandsire, and I am sorry to note your remarks are again very vague.

Apparently you do not consider Bob Triples serves a part in 'the advancement of the art of change ringing,' and that is where we disagree.

I am well aware that Bob Triples is greatly despised, especially in this part of the country, and it is mainly due to this fact that I feel inclined to give an opinion in favour of the method. Bob Triples is rarely, if ever, practised in this district, which may explain to a certain extent the difficulty one experiences in finding a tower where a band can ring anything other than Grandsire.

Do not misunderstand me. Grandsire is a good old-fashioned and simple method, and contains greater musical qualities than Bob Triples. But what a great percentage of our ringing friends who never advance further than Grandsire, the method they were first taught! You, yourself, have deplored that fact only recently, and have more or less considered the problem unsolved. A puzzle is made to be solved by the application of a little thought and rearranging, and that is where Bob Triples comes in.

I strongly maintain that if beginners are first of all taught the Plain Bob method on four or five bells, they will in a surprisingly short time master Bob Major. The point I am endeavouring to make understandable is that Bob Triples is a valuable stepping stone in the elementary course of a young ringer and should be encouraged. In other words, the stages from Plain Bob four or five bells to Bob Major and then to Treble Bob is much more simple than placing a beginner, with only rounds experience, to an 'inside' bell in Grandsire Triples, ultimately expecting him to conquer Stedman Triples as the next method.

The stepping stage is too great and only a few reach it, and the tower is left with a band of a few insiders to Grandsire and the remainder tenormen, neither of whom has a further desire for advancement.

CECIL W. PIPE.

Staines, Middlesex.

COMPETITIVE RINGING.

ITS DRAWBACKS AND A POSSIBLE WAY OUT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to your leader of August 13th, putting on one side the Church, as distinct from the secular side of competitive ringing, there is a good deal in what you say, but there are some points which never are considered amongst those who live in a competitive country and see them daily.

The first result of competitive ringing is undoubtedly to improve the standard of the method rung, be it rounds or anything else. It is a question as to whether this improvement (very temporary as will be seen) is worth the expense.

The second result, simultaneous with the first, is, in my experience, a complete selfishness on the part of a few ringers, resulting in loss of all progress and a final break up of the band. It stands to reason that, if you are going to have a competition, you must practise for that competition and that alone, if you are to do any good. The result is that six or eight ringers, according to the number of bells, constitute themselves 'the ringers, par excellence,' take up the whole of the practice time and discourage others from joining. If there are any other ringers they soon get disgruntled and leave and no one takes their place. One of the regulars dies or leaves the district, and the remainder, being used to perfect ringing, will not readily ring with a new man, who has to be taught from the beginning, or even with one of the band not in the clique, and the band breaks up.

I can show you dozens of such cases in a Round Ringing Country, and it appears at least possible that the same would happen in change ringing.

As to progress, the same applies. If you are to have any chance of a first place in the competition, you have no time for the practice of new methods. The prize ringing towers, which really count, in a Round Ringing Country do not even practise call changes.

Finally, such competitions discourage conductors and encourage the one conductor tower. It is possible that a very thorough organisation, by giving points for the number of conductors, number of ringers, and changing ringers around on different bells (most important of all), may get rid of these disadvantages. But they must be considered before any action is taken.

Crack ringers may be inclined not to treat the above very seriously; but it is not the cracks who will be taking part. For the rest I would warn them that the path of the competitive ringer is far from being a smooth one.

Now one word as to the church side. Competition will never and should never receive any encouragement from the Church. If some such scheme as you outline should, therefore, ever materialise, I would most strongly urge something which would have the same effect without the stigma of competition.

Such a scheme has been devised by a ringing association which is now affiliated to its diocesan guild. The ringing is judged as is 'prize ringing,' but no marks are issued. First, second and third class certificates are issued according to a standard in the hands of the judges, and as ringing improves so these standards become higher. The whole of the entries or none may, therefore, receive a first class.

It has proved very successful and it is hoped that advance in method ringing may be obtained later by having different classes. If this comes about it will have achieved a great object in combining all ringers into one brotherhood. But two things remain to be seen:—

(1) Whether it could survive an ultimate change of leadership.

(2) Whether the good of the show will triumph over the natural selfishness of the average ringer (I class myself in this, so no one need be hurt!).

The above scheme is, I think, a good one when the proposal is to combine, in one association, the competitive and non-competitive ringer, but I am firmly convinced that where it is merely a case of improving striking within an association (important as this is), any form of test should be avoided like the devil.

C. F. J.

TENDER HANDS.

WHAT IS THE BEST REMEDY?

The inquiry of a correspondent whose tender hands suffer when he indulges in ringing has brought the following suggestions, which may be useful to other of our readers who 'blister.'

Mr. W. B. Kynaston (Swindon) says he finds surgical spirit (bought from the chemist's) a good preventive; also a remedial agent.

A wash leather 'end' for the rope is advocated by Mr. H. D. Harris (Woburn). He says: I think your correspondent will find that by far the most effective way to prevent blistering of the fingers is to obtain a piece of wash leather, about 10 to 12 inches long and 2 inches or so wide, and make it into a tube by neatly stitching the sides together the whole length so that it will slip over the tail end, which then forms a miniature sally. Two small holes should be made at either end, sufficient to pass a piece of thread through, so that it can be tied to the rope to prevent slipping. He can, of course, carry it about with him in his pocket wherever he goes to ring, as it only takes a few minutes to adjust.

Mrs. E. (a ringer) writes: Re the correspondent who asks what is the best thing to use on tender hands to keep them from blistering when ringing, I suggest that he (or she) tries doing a few months of housework, at the end of which his hands will probably be nicely hardened.

'A HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.'

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

To be published in September by
'The Ringing World'

This new contribution to the literature of bell ringing will be found to be a volume of engrossing interest. It is based on new material brought to light by the author's own researches, and it is by far the most exhaustive history of the Society yet presented to the public.

As the Society goes back almost to the beginnings of change ringing, the development of the art has been coincidental with the life of the College Youths. The author's story, therefore, contains much of the history of the first two centuries of ringing, as well as of the Society itself. Distant events are reconstructed from a skilful analysis of old documents; men who, until now, have existed for later generations only in name, become once again personalities of interest.

This volume, coming in the tercentenary year of the Ancient Society, should be doubly welcome to the members, and will prove full of interest to every ringer.

It is to be illustrated by reproductions of old prints, and drawings of numerous London churches. Bound in cloth covers, the book will be published at 5/- (postage and packing 6d. extra). Obtainable only by direct application to 'The Ringing World,' Lower Pyrford Road, Woking.

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DEATH OF MR. H. FOLKARD.

RINGER AT EALING FOR 35 YEARS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Harry Folkard, which took place on Thursday, August 5th, at the age of 68 years. The deceased was a Suffolk man, born and learnt to ring at Framlingham, but for the last 35 years had lived at Ealing and rang at Christ Church and St. Stephen's, Ealing, and with the College Youths.

The funeral, on the 13th inst., at Ealing Cemetery, was attended by Mr. P. E. Clark (representing Christ Church and St. Stephen's), Mr. E. Harris, Mr. J. A. Trollope (representing the Middlesex Association), Mr. E. J. Walsam and Mr. C. F. Winney (representing the College Youths). A muffled peal was rung at Christ Church in the evening.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Battle on Saturday, August 7th, over 30 members attending from Brighton (St. Nicholas), Eastbourne (St. Mary's, St. Saviour's and Christ Church), Mayfield, Uckfield, Heathfield, Brede, Hawkhurst (Kent), Sutton (Surrey), as well as Mr. Haig, of Etchingham, and members of the Battle company. A short service was held, and Mr. W. D. Smith presided at the tea and business meeting which followed.

The election of the following life members was confirmed: Messrs. Ernest Bishop and Stanley Etheridge, of Hawkhurst, and A. P. Cannon, of London. Messrs. John Downing and Jack Pennells, of Hastings, were elected members.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the divisional secretary (Mr. A. G. Pankhurst) to the Dean for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Sinden for making arrangements for the meeting.

The members then returned to the tower, and, in spite of the hot weather, the bells were kept going until 8 o'clock.

GLORIOUS DEVON.

HARTLAND'S WONDROUS CHURCH.

On Saturday, August 7th, the ringers of the Thorverton band held their annual outing. The party made its first halt at Okehampton, where the new peal by Gillett and Johnston responded to touches of Triples. The only 'grouse' was the ascent of the long path to the church.

The run to Great Torrington was particularly admired by the ladies of the party, and the views of Exmoor away north and the receding prospect of the Tors of Dartmoor provided something to think about. Who could not admire the deep vale of the Torridge as it half encircles Great Torrington?

The little market town, midst its commons on the hill, has a fine church (destroyed by gunpowder in 1645 and rebuilt in 1655) and spire, while its bells gave pleasure in every way. After ringing the party had luncheon in the 17th century inn in the square. Of course, the baskets were well packed. The journey was continued by way of the Torridge valley to Bideford and Hartland. Hartland Point, 'where the grey seas glitter and the sharp tides shift,' was the limit of the tour. Time, however, prevented the party from reaching the Point.



ST. NECTAN'S CHURCH, HARTLAND,
With the tallest tower in Devon.

Hartland has a wondrous church, much as it was in the late 14th century, when its builders set up a glorious rood screen and erected the tallest tower in the county of Devon. They preserved a beautifully carved Norman font, and in the parvise over the north doorway may be seen many relics of historic Harton. The tower is 126ft. high and is a landmark for ships entering the Bideford Bay. But Harton bells, cast by the firm of Taylor, when located at Buckland Brewer in 1826, provided a man's job. They run 'tother way,' the tenor is a ton and they go hard. Their tones reminded the ringers of the waves moaning by the Bar. But the fresh breezes direct from the Atlantic, the panorama of the Bay even to Baggy Point, and the distant prospect of Dartmoor, gave something to be remembered.

The road runs high from Harton to Bideford, and the Leighs and Grenvilles of the past went that way to Stowe down in Cornwall. A diversion through Abbotsham gave the ringers a near view of Westward Ho. They glimpsed the Pebble Ridge and the white flecks of the crested waves lapping the boulders; they thought of Kipling and 'Stalky and Co.,' nor did they forget 'Ayacauora' and 'Amyas Leigh' in Kingsley's 'Westward Ho!'

Bideford was reached by 5 p.m., and when it is stated that the tide was up, there is convincing evidence of the glory of 'the little white town on the Torridge.' And Bideford bells (a Taylor peal, 1929) were splendid in every way and led to expressions such as 'I'd like to ring

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WELCOME TO CELEBRATED COMPOSER.

The storm might have completely washed out a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Willesden on Saturday last. That it did not do so was to the credit of the ringers who attended, who were repaid for their enthusiasm by enjoying some good ringing in good company, and participating in a good tea.

It was regretted that the absence on holiday of the Vicar (Rev. G. H. Perry) prevented the usual service being held, although this gave a little more time for a chat after tea and some handbell ringing.

At the business meeting Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president) took the chair. The provisional elections to membership of three ringers were confirmed, amongst these being Mr. Albert J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, who was present at the meeting. Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary) said that Mr. Pitman was provisionally elected in that tower on the previous Tuesday. It was fitting that he should become a member of this association at Willesden, which was the tower at which the first of his many wonderful peals of Spliced Surprise Major was rung, one in ten methods, and which was followed by several others in different numbers of methods. Mr. Coles added that although Mr. Pitman was disappointed at losing his peal at Willesden, he was glad to say that one attempted at St. George's, Southwark, on Thursday, was successful, and Mr. Pitman rang his first Surprise peal.

Mr. Pitman acknowledged his election by thanking Mr. E. C. Turner and Mr. Coles for arranging ringing for him, and expressed his pleasure at spending such an enjoyable holiday amongst Middlesex ringers.

Finchley was chosen for the next meeting on September 18th, if available, the special method to be London Bob, No. 6 in the O.C. collection of Plain Minor methods.

Mr. J. A. Trollope called attention to the notice in 'The Ringing World' advertising the book to be issued next month, 'A History of the College Youths.' This, he said, was being published by Mr. Goldsmith, who was undertaking all financial risk in connection with it. Of course, he, Mr. Trollope, was hoping that the book would sell well, he did not deny that, but he was also very anxious that Mr. Goldsmith should not incur financial loss, and he, therefore, asked everybody present to send in their orders early, and to push the sales of the book to their utmost. It was not necessary to be a member of the College Youths to be interested—the book was more than a souvenir—it was a serious attempt to write up a history of change ringing, of people who were just as much the ancestors of all of us as they were of the members of one society.

Mr. Fletcher urged early purchase, saying 'Do it now!'

The hon. secretary reminded members that 'to-day, August 14th, is the birthday of that great ringer, William Pye,' and he asked all present to show respect to his memory by standing in silence for a few moments.—This was accordingly done.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the meeting to be held, and added that Mr. Perry had expressed his regrets at his absence on holiday.

Thanks were also accorded to Mr. H. Kilby, also on holiday, and Mr. T. J. Lock for arranging the meeting, and to Miss K. M. Bradford, Miss Wright and members of the Guild of St. Catherine for preparing an enjoyable tea.

Central Council publications went very well, and the hon. secretary almost sold out his stock.

An attempt for Edmonton Bob on handbells was 'only nearly' successful, and Double Norwich was rung instead.

In the tower most of the standard methods from Grandsire to London Surprise were rung, and two or three touches of Edmonton Bob, the special method for the meeting, were successfully brought round.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 8th, for evening service at the Church of the Immanuel, Streatham, S.W., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss O. L. Ashbrook 1, T. H. Taffender 2, E. J. King (conductor) 3, E. L. Miles 4, P. A. Corby (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, A. P. Cannon 6, F. E. Darby 7, F. Hopgood 8.

WILLESDEN.—At the Church of St. Mary on Monday, August 9th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss K. M. Bradford 1, C. E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, W. G. Turner (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, J. H. Riding 5, E. B. Hartley 6, H. Kilby 7, T. J. Lock (conductor) 8.

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a peal here.' Ringing done, Friendships provided an excellent tea. After tea 'Sonny' (grandson) Ridler appeared rather concerned about his half-crown. But he got it all right and thoroughly enjoyed himself amongst the boats, while the party found diversion in the shipping activities near the ancient long bridge.

The return journey through Barnstaple and the Taw Valley will be remembered even in dull November. The waters above the Bideford Bar were as peaceful as a lake as the great red sun dipped over the ocean beyond. All were indebted to Mr. Ridler and his lieutenants, Messrs. Cory, Milford, treasurer, and Pook, timekeeper. He calls himself 'Marshal,' perhaps it's his joke. Mr. Ridler has, for something like half a century, trained young hands in the art of change ringing. He is over eighty and it seems wonderful to say that he took part in most of the touches rung during the day. But his motto is 'Doing what we ought, we desire no praise.'

F. C. S.

FOR BEGINNERS.

COURSING ORDER IN KENT TREBLE BOB.

The coursing order of the bells in Treble Bob can be followed with as much ease as that of Plain Bob. The essential difference is that the bell in the 'Slow' work (described a fortnight ago) is taken out of the coursing for the time being. In Kent Treble Bob the treble meets the bells in the order 2.4.6.5.3, as it does at the beginning of Plain Bob, but instead of hunting back through them in the same order, 2, having to remain in the slow, is missing, and in retracing its steps the treble meets the bells in the order 4.6.5.3 and then picks up 2 on the front. Next time, 4 goes in Slow and the order out is 4.6.5.3.2 and back 6.5.3.2.4.

If you are ringing one of the working bells you maintain the same cycle of coursing, but substitute the treble for whichever bell is in the Slow. Thus in the first lead of the plain course the cycle is 1.4.6.5.3 (2 being in the Slow), in the next lead 2.1.6.5.3 (4 being in the Slow), in the next 2.4.1.5.3 (6 being in the Slow), and so on. Or, beginning always with the treble, 1.4.6.5.3; 1.6.5.3.2; 1.5.3.2.4, etc.

When a bob is called, the bell immediately in front of the treble 'makes the bob' and is turned in its coursing order so that it follows immediately after the treble. Thus if the bells are coursing 1.4.6.5.3 (1, etc.) in the first lead and a bob is called, the coursing order becomes 1.3.6.5.2 in the next lead, and then 1.6.5.2.4 if a plain lead follows, or 1.2.6.5.4 if there is another bob.

If you are ringing on more bells than six, the coursing order follows the same rules. When you ring the method on eight you merely put 8.7 every time between 6 and 5; and if you go to ten you put 8.0.8.7 in that order between 6 and 5.

A knowledge of coursing is, of course, essential to the successful conductor. He must not only be able to 'read' it from the bells themselves, as he goes along, but he must be able to anticipate it; that is to say he should know before he calls a bob exactly what change will take place in the sequence of the bells.

Suppose he is calling Treble Bob Minor. He knows that the bob will have no effect on the bells going into and coming out of the 'Slow' work, that one bell is going to make 4th's and return to lead; while the others stop for the extra double dodging.

The three bells round the treble transpose their places thus: The one behind the treble goes into the Slow; the one from the Slow takes its place in front of the treble; while the one that had previously been immediately in front of the treble, having made the bob, becomes the one immediately behind it. While this was going on, the rest of the bells had been delayed and they fall into position behind the bell that made the bob in the same order as before the call, whether it be two bells in Minor, the four in Major, and so on to the higher numbers.

The ability to see this coursing order enables the young conductor to call his touches or peals from bells other than the observation bells. He can, for instance, tell when to call the bobs at 'In' or 'Out' when the tenor is the observation, although he may be ringing any of the others. He can, in fact, call the observation bell into any position required, by noting its position in the coursing order, and he will be able, with experience, to know where every bell should be each lead.

We do not pretend that what we have said will enable the beginner to 'read' the bells right off at once. We have only endeavoured to show him what to look for when he is ringing, to help him develop his powers of observation. He must apply it when he is in the tower and make a study of it on paper at home.

COMING-OF-AGE CELEBRATED.

For morning service on Sunday, August 8th, the local band at East Ilsley, Berks, met early and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples to celebrate the coming-of-age of Miss Elsie Risien: W. Hibbert, sen. 1, Elsie Risien 2, Marjorie Field 3, R. Warwick 4, Mrs. E. Sneller 5, E. Sneller 6, C. J. Hibbert (conductor) 7, P. Carter 8.

It was intended to ring another quarter-peal in the evening, but the Rector was called away on urgent business and evensong cancelled, so three of the Ilsley people visited Reading and rang 503 Grandsire Caters for service at St. Laurence's: Marjorie Field 1, Mrs. C. J. Watts 2, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 3, W. Hibbert, sen. 4, C. J. Hibbert 5, H. Smith 6, E. Humfrey 7, C. Pullen 8, C. J. Watts 9, G. White 10. The ringers of both towers wish Miss Risien many more happy and prosperous years and more good peals. The touch at Reading was Miss M. Field's first experience on ten bells.

FORMER RINGER AND CHURCHWARDEN.

DEATH OF COLSTON BASSETT VETERAN.

We regret to record the death, at the age of 79 years, of Mr. John Smallwood Faulks, of Colston Bassett, Notts, who was a ringer for nearly half a century. He began his ringing at the old church and was one of the band who first rang at the present church, which was erected 40 years ago. He was also churchwarden for some years.

Although he had ceased to take an active part in ringing he never lost interest and was always glad to help and encourage young ringers.

On Sunday, August 8th, prior to a memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 6.4.8 covering, was rung with bells half-muffled by: P. Greaves 1, G. W. Creasey (conductor) 2, G. Payne 3, G. Spencer 4, P. Richards 5, A. Boyce 6, H. Wagstaff 7, J. Spencer 8.

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THE PEAL IN SEVEN METHODS.

A peal in seven Surprise methods was rung, it will be remembered, at Wigston Magna on May 12th.

All courses were rung with a lead each of Wigston, Leicestershire, Loughborough, Crayford, Huntingdon, Bognor and Buckingham in that order. At the Bob Before in each part two consecutive leads of Crayford were rung.

The composition was a 5,024, shortened from 5,472 by Mr. A. G. Driver.

23456 W. B. M. R.

64235	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—
63425	—	—	*
46325	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—
34256	—	x	—
23645	—	—	—

Twice repeated. Shortened to 5,024 by omitting three bobs R from * in the first part.

The methods Loughborough and Bognor, both by J. S. Carter, of Wigston, have not previously been published, and are as follows:—

Loughborough.

12345678	23547681
21354768	25346718
12537486	52437681
21357846	54236718

12345678	32547681
21354768	23456718
12537486	24357681
21357846	42536718

23158764	45326178
32517846	43521687
23157486	34256178
32514768	32451687

23157864	24356178
23157486	32546178
32517846	23451687
32514768	32451687

23541786	23415678
25347168	32146587
52431786	32146587
54237168	32148675

23542786	23415678
23457168	32146587
32541786	23416857
35247168	32148675

45327618	31246857
43528781	13426587
34257618	31245678
32456781	13254768

53427618	31246857
35246781	13426587
32547618	31245878
23456781	13254768

23547681	13527486
Bob 12357486	

32547681	13527486
Bob 12357486	

DEATH OF MR. HERBERT W. NEEDHAM.

AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

It is with deepest regret we report the death of Herbert White Needham, formerly of Leicester, which occurred on Wednesday, August 4th, at his son's residence at Coalville. Deceased, who was 76 years of age, had a stroke some years ago, since when he had retired from actual ringing, and, leaving Leicester, lived with his other son at Lutterworth. Mr. Needham was born at Barwell, but at an early age went to Leicester, where he took up ringing before the advent of the Midland Counties Association.

He was present at the first meeting held in St. Margaret's Schools on January 13th, 1883, when the title of the association was changed from the Derby and District Association to the Midland Counties Association, and his name as a peal ringer appears under No. 17 of the societies' performances at St. Saviour's, Leicester, June 5th, 1883.

Later Mr. Needham migrated to Hull, and rang frequently with members of the Yorkshire Association in many towers of the district. Then he returned to the Midlands and was in Nottingham for a number of years. Eventually returning to Leicester, he attached himself to St. Martin's company, and although never a prolific peal ringer, could always be relied on at practices and for Sunday service ringing. When St. Martin's (now the Cathedral) company essayed and rang many different Surprise Royal peals, 'old Herbert' was a source of great help when any vacancies occurred at practices—and he filled those vacant places well and truly!

He was laid to rest in Lutterworth Churchyard on Saturday, August 7th. Besides the family mourners, most of Leicester Cathedral Society followed the cortege, as well as Mr. Ernest Morris (general hon. secretary, M.C.A.), Messrs. A. J. Harris and H. Perkins (chairman and local secretary, M.C.A.), Mr. J. H. Swinfield (Burton), Mr. J. B. Fenton (Rugby), Mr. R. Barrow (Belgrave) and others. A wreath from the Cathedral Society bore the inscription:—

'No more the distant tenor sounds,
His life's full peal goes into rounds.'

A course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the grave by P. L. Harrison 1-2, S. Cotton 3-4, H. J. Poole 5-6, E. Morris 7-8, F. E. Wilson 9-10. Immediately afterwards a muffled peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Lutterworth Parish Church, but unfortunately lost after ringing 2½ hours.

NOTICES.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at **STREET** on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4, tea and meeting to follow.—**F. D. RICKARDS**, 3, **GREAT STANHOPE STREET, BATH.**

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 21st, at Arley. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Tea 5 p.m. at 1/. Midland Red buses run direct from Coventry and Nuneaton.—**Malcolm Melville**, Gen. Hon. Secretary, Exhall, Coventry.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Preston and Fylde Branches will be held at Preston Parish Church on Aug. 21st. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m.—**A. Blogg** and **C. Sharples**, Branch Secs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Bodenham on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (6) available 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—**L. H. Stickley**, Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Milford-on-Sea on Saturday, August 21st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 on the Vicarage lawn.—**G. Preston**, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. each), for which please notify **Mr. P. Shaw**, 36 Church Road, Rainford, nr. St. Helens.—**S. Forshaw**, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's, Mossley, Saturday, Aug. 21st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. **Rev. J. F. Southworth, B.D.**, will officiate and extends a hearty welcome to the Bolton branch.—**J. H. Ridyard**, Branch Sec.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Baslow and Edensor (6 bell towers), Saturday, Aug. 21st. No arrangements are being made for tea, as there is plenty of convenience for all members and friends who turn up.—**H. L. Warburton**, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—The meeting at Stanground on Saturday, August 21st, is cancelled.—**H. J. Parker**, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Soar on August 21st, Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—**H. O. Over**, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 26th, St. Mary-le-Bow on the 31st.—**Wm. T. Cockerill**, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Quex Park on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. A picnic tea has been arranged, and will be provided free to members who send in their names to **Mr. Harrison Smith**, The Green, Wickhambreaux, near Canterbury, not later than Wednesday, August 25th. Permission has been obtained whereby members will be shown over the Museum, at 4.30. Please note, only one entrance to the tower, by the farm gate, and thence by the tradesmen's road.—**B. J. Luck**, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting after. The Cathedral bells will be available during the evening. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, August 25th, certain?—**H. W. Shadrack**, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

A **JOINT MEETING** of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey Dist.), the Middlesex County Association (S. & W. District), the Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and the Surrey Association (N.W. District) will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 28th. Service at 4.45, preacher, **Rev. A. C. Tranter**, Vicar of Egham. Tea at 5.15 in Church Hall, price 9d. each. Names for tea to district secretaries or **Mr. G. Walmsley**, 13, Commercial Road, Staines, not later than Tuesday, August 24th. Ringing arrangements: St. Peter's, Staines, 3.30 to 4.45, 6.30 to 7.30; St. Mary's, Staines, 7.30 to 9; Egham, 3 to 4.15, 7 to 8.30; Wraysbury, 3 to 4.15. All ringers and friends welcome. District Hon. Secs.:—**F. E. Hawthorne** (Guildford Guild), **A. D. Barker** (Oxford Guild), **F. G. Woodiss** (Surrey Association), and **F. W. Goodfellow**, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks (Middlesex Association).

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—Will ringers please note that the next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Wrenbury (6 bells) on Aug. 28th, and not on the 21st, as stated on the list on meeting cards? All those who intend to be present will greatly assist if they will send word on or before the 24th inst.—**Rich. D. Langford**, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Burwash on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—**C. A. Levett**, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged near the church. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting. Everybody welcome.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice will be held at Great Linford (6 bells), on Saturday, Aug. 28th, 5 p.m. All ringers will be made welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, Aug. 28th, at 3 p.m. Kindly advise me if requiring tea, not later than the 25th.—John E. Ashcroft, P.O., Grappenhall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Next meeting at Broughton Astley (5 bells) on Wake Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 for those who notify Mr. Bird, Station Road, Broughton Astley. It will help the caterers if cards are sent as early as possible.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Short service if arranged. Please notify Mr. A. J. Abrams, East Park Street, Chatteris, for tea.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambridge.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, Aug. 28th, from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Come if you can, you'll be welcome.—F. J. Plummer, Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Welton (5) on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Usual arrangements. — W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak on Wednesday, Sept. 1st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. — S. Clark, Potter Street, Harlow.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sketty on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 31st, certain. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Dunsford, Sept. 4th. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Motor coach leaves Paul St. Park 2.30 p.m., visiting Bridford before tea, Christow after tea; fare 2s. 6d. for members, visitors 4s. Bands and visitors please notify by Aug. 28th; not later.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Baddow, Essex, on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 1st? Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the East Norfolk Branch and Suffolk Guild will be held at Bungay on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Bungay (8), Ditchingham (6). Tea at 5.15. Will members please take note, to send names, or numbers for tea to H. Barrell, 23, Staithe Road, Bungay? Correspondence to E. R. Goate, Smallgate, Beccles, or J. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, HANTS.—Dedication of the bells by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth on Wednesday, Sept. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Ring of 6 tuned and peal augmented to 8 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Northampton, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Usual arrangements. Please notify for tea not later than Tuesday previous. — J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Leeds and County Conservative Club, South Parade, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Tickets 4s. each, and early application for same should be made to Mr. F. G. Sherwood, 8, Vesper Walk, Leeds 5.

BIRTH.

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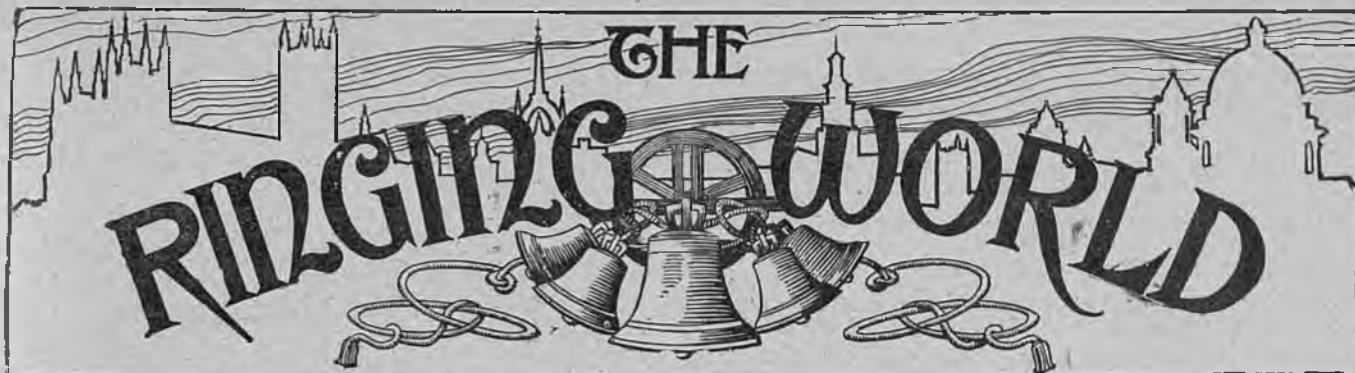
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Announcements in 'The Ringing World' have informed readers of the forthcoming publication of an entirely new historical work, written by Mr. J. Armiger Trollope, whose contributions to the literature of ringing during the last forty years have stamped him as one of the ablest and most versatile writers in the Exercise. This book is on entirely fresh lines so far as our art and those connected with it are concerned, for it deals at length with the story of the College Youths, particularly in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, during a period when the foundations of change ringing were being laid. Although the work was first undertaken a good many years ago, without any anticipation of the event which will be celebrated next November, it is certainly appropriate that the book should appear in this tercentenary year of the society.

Peal boards and peal books have handed down to us for over two hundred years details of many of the notable performances which have marked the evolution and progress of the art of change ringing, and from time to time much of this material has been presented to the public in various forms. We know a considerable amount about what has been done, but what we have not known, or known only to a very limited degree, is anything about the men of bygone times who took part in these performances. Their names have been left to us but little else that could help us to know something of the manner of these ringers, of one, two or three centuries ago. Only deep research, and a careful analytical examination of such material thus made available could hope to provide this generation with any knowledge of the personalities which dominated the Exercise in those distant times; and by a combination of the gifts of patience and an 'infinite capacity for taking pains,' Mr. Trollope has succeeded in giving us, in this 'History of the College Youths,' a peep at the characters of the men to whom the art of ringing owed so much in its early days. We believe the thing which will strike the reader of this book more than anything else is its revelation of the personalities, as shown by their recorded actions, of the men who played a leading part in London ringing circles, particularly in the eighteenth century. Their achievements and their disagreements are brought into focus and the history is written in a manner that will maintain the reader's interest from beginning to end. It is not in any way a rehash of previously accepted beliefs, but an entirely new review of all the known facts—many of them recently brought to light by Mr. Trollope from the recesses of the British Museum and the Public

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Records Office. It is true that some traditions are unseated in the light of newly revealed evidence, but that only makes the history the more valuable. It is a book, indeed, that would be welcomed by ringers at any time; it should prove doubly acceptable at the moment when the Ancient Society has reached the present interesting stage in its long career.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

GEORGE MAYERS Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... 2	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 7
CHARLES E. LOVETT 3	*ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS ... 8
ARTHUR G. KING 4	R. WILLIAM BARBER ... 9
ERNEST G. SHORTING ... 5	CLIFFORD BIRD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. A birthday compliment to Mr. J. G. W. Harwood.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
FRANK E. DAREY 2	*WILLIAM H. COLES ... 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 8
JAMES H. RIDING 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 9
JAMES BENNETT 5	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Treble	THOMAS HEMMING 6
H. JAMES TURNER 2	†VICTOR G. H. HEMUS ... 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM 8
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 4	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 9
*THOMAS W. LEWIS 5	†EDWARD W. BLAKE ... Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT

* First peal in the method and on ten bells. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. N. J. E. Dunn (son of the Rev. Canon Dunn, Vicar of King's Norton) on his marriage to Miss Dorothy Alice Storr, of Saru, Montgomeryshire, which took place on August 17th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	ALFRED DAVIES 5
*JOHN S. MASON 2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6
JOHN BASS 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	THOMAS HEMMING ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal in the method as conductor. The quarterly peal for the Northern Branch.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

*RICHARD PORTWAY Treble	†GEORGE SANDERS 5
*RICHARD ROPER 2	JOSEPH C. JENNINGS 6
†DONALD JENNINGS 3	ALFRED PERRY 7
GEORGE SCHUBTER 4	H. WALTER SMITH Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by H. WALTER SMITH.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Kent Major.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in D.

*THOMAS E. SPEIGHT Treble	RUSSELL W. CORSON 5
Mrs. GEORGE H. CROSS 2	HENRY TOOKE 6
†PHILIP W. J. FRYER 3	WILLIAM CLOVER 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. Bung in honour of the coming of age of Miss Marion Jarvis, daughter of the Vicar of Wymondham and Mrs. Jarvis.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

EDWIN A. BARNETT Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 2	JAMES BENNETT 6
MISS HILDA OAKSHETT 3	EDMUND MOUNTER 7
WILLIAM C. GRACE 4	JACK DAFYERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (21st). Conducted by J. BENNETT.

Specially rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Purdom, secretary of the local band, who was married the previous Saturday. Also rung for Mr. E. Mounter on the 38th anniversary of his wedding day.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. KING Treble	*GODFREY C. WALPOLE 5
*EDWIN R. GOATE 2	*ALBERT E. COLEMAN 6
R. WILLIAM BARBER 3	C. FREDERICK SAYER 7
EDMUND C. KETT 4	*RICHARD W. R. COATES Tenor

† Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

J. LESLIE WILLIAMS Treble	RICHARD F. ROE 5
JOHN E. CLARKE 2	CHARLES MARSHALL 6
WILLIAM J. ROOT 3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 7
KENNETH A. ROE 4	J. RUPERT SHARP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.

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OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ebbw,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 4½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. COLLETT Treble	R. GORDON CROSS 5
ROGER D. ST. JOHN SMITH 2	FREDERICK WHITE 6
MARIE R. CROSS 3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS E. TAYLOR.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

GEORGE MAYERS Treble	CHARLES H. MOORE 5
*MISS DOROTHY L. DITCHAM 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 6
CHARLES E. LOVETT 3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY 7
*RICHARD M. HARVEY 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. TOOKE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

DEREK M. SHARP Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
*ALAN J. HOPPER 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
JAMES BENNETT 4	ERNEST H. OXENHAM Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

* First peal in the method.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILFRED WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 6
JACK M. CRIPPS 3	C. ERNEST SMITH 7
WILLIAM T. BEERSON 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

FAIRWARP, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp.

LESLIE W. JARVIS Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 5
ERNEST BISHOP 2	FREDERICK MILES 6
RICHARD D. DIVALL 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE 7
WILFRID BOOTH 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Deanery Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD PORTWAY Treble	†RALPH BIRD 5
*NORMAN H. GRINHAM 2	DOUGLAS JENNINGS 6
DONALD JENNINGS 3	ARTHUR H. EVERETT 7
HOWARD SAMS 4	RONALD SUGCLING Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by RONALD SUGCLING.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

NETHERSEALE, DERRYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	*HOWARD HOWELL 6
BARNABAS G. KEY 3	ARTHUR BRAINES 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	RONALD H. DOVE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. The ringer of the sixth has now rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

EDMUND H. LINDUP Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 5
*FREDERICK H. MEETEN 2	FREDERICK W. STEMP 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	RAYMOND WOODFORD 7
ERNEST TREAGUS 4	FREDERICK W. BORRELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER

* First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell. Rung to celebrate the 79th birthday of the conductor.

BREWWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5
JOHN PERRY 2	BERT HORTON 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
WILLIAM FISHER 4	*IVAN PERKIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. William Winterton and Miss Mary Elizabeth (Mollie) Perry, daughter of the conductor, which took place at the above church on August 16th.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS Treble	*EDWIN BELSON 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	CHARLES BRASIER 6
JAMES G. NEWMAN 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

* First in the method on an 'inside' bell.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NEWLAND, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY E. COX Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	WILLIAM POSTON 5
*JOHN J. WEBB 3	CHARLES L. SADLER Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* 100th peal.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. O-WALD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and one each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.).

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	PERCY SWINDLEY 4
LESTER L. GRAY 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 5
*FRED HARTMAN 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

* First peal in five methods.

HARDWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 of St. Dunstan's, all called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

MELVILLE JORDAN Treble	ERNEST J. MATTHEWS 4
PERCY NEWLAND 2	TOM WORRALL 5
HARRY WORRALL 3	CHARLES HODGES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MATTHEWS.

A wedding peal for Mr. Charles Hodges, who was married recently.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, with different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	JAMES W. JENNINGS 4
PERCY K. PARKER 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
OLIVER J. KIDBY 3	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER.

Miss Bowyer's first attempt to conduct a peal.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Court Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JACK VESSEY Treble	MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 4
THOMAS VESSEY 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
KENNETH W. MAYER 3	FRANK VERNON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK VERNON.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

EYTHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES HUGHES Treble	CHARLES TURNER 3
*WILLIS BROOKS 2	*LAURENCE BODMAN 4
E. THOMAS ELLENDER ... Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal. Rung for the silver wedding of Captain and Mrs. Barlow, of Eythorne House.

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LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.
HARRY T. CHANDLER ... Treble | WILLIAM PRERCH ... 4
*MRS. H. T. CHANDLER ... 2 | TREVOR JONES ... 5
LESLIE EVANS ... 3 | FRANK SANDFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by TREVOR JONES.

* First peal 'inside.'

ELSTOW, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELENA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*BRIAN SIMS ... Treble | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 4
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 2 | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
C. HENRY HARDING ... 3 | SYDNEY FOSKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* First peal of Minor.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 19 methods, viz.: (1) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (2) Newdigate and Old Oxford Delight; (3) College Bob IV., Willesden and Marple Delight; (4) Charlwood and Neasden Delight; (5) St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (6) Chapel and Sandal Treble Bob; (7) Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

*REV. FRANK BONNER ... Treble | *ALBERT T. BANCROFT ... 4
JOHN WORTH ... 2 | C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 5
JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... 3 | JAMES A. MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

* First peal in 19 methods. First peal in 19 methods as conductor.
Twenty-one changes of method.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.
EDGAR QUICKE ... Treble | *SIDNEY SMITH ... 4
ALBERT TOUT ... 2 | CLAUDE TARR ... 5
JOHN SUMMERHAYES ... 3 | HENRY PURCHASE ... Tenor

Conducted by E. QUICKE.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

LEONARD G. TOSKLAND ... Treble | BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... 2 | ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 5
ROBERT G. BLACK ... 3 | *WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal in seven methods as conductor.

FIRST SERVICE 720.

What is believed to be the first 720 on the bells for a service at the Parish Church, Hampreston, Dorset, was rung for evening service on Sunday, August 19th, namely, an extent of Bob Minor: Rev. C. A. Phillips 1, F. Frampton 2, E. B. Frampton 3, A. E. Hoare 4, W. C. Shuter 5, P. Tocock (conductor) 6. The church dates back to the 13th century.

LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR.

The following peals were rung for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild:—

SPALDING, Lincs.

On Friday, August 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble | GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3 | HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 4 | REV. C. E. WIGG ... Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. E. WIGG.

EWERBY, Lincs.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble | HARRY WINGROVE ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2 | FRANK BENNETT ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3 | GEORGE MARTIN ... 8
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 4 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN BURFORD. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

HECKINGTON, Lincs.

On Saturday, August 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3 | REV. C. E. WIGG ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4 | HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method, in the county and by the association.

PINCHEBECK, Lincs.

On Sunday, August 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 5
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 2 | HARRY WINGROVE ... 6
REV. C. E. WIGG ... 3 | GEORGE MARTIN ... 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 4 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Mr. W. H. Fussell's 1,100th peal.

LONG SUTTON, Lincs.

On Monday, August 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... 8 ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3 | JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... 7
GEORGE MARTIN ... 4 | REV. C. E. WIGG ... Tenor

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

First peal in the method on the bells.

FULNEY, Lincs.

On Tuesday, August 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 2 | WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... 3 | HARRY WINGROVE ... 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4 | REV. C. E. WIGG ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

WALESBY, LINGS.

On Wednesday, August 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE MARTIN 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

LINCOLN, LINGS.

On Wednesday, August 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven-and-a Half Minutes,

AT ST. HUGH'S TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 8
GABRIEL LINDOFF 3	HARRY WINGROVE 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	REV. C. E. WIGG 10
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 11
GEORGE MARTIN 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

SWINESHEAD, LINGS.

On Thursday, August 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	REV. C. E. WIGG Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal of London on the bells.

BOSTON, LINGS.

On Thursday, August 19, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	REV. C. E. WIGG 7
GEORGE MARTIN 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 8
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	HARRY WINGROVE 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON 5	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Treble Ten on the bells.

CAYTHORPE, LINGS.

On Friday, August 20, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL LINGOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 2	REV. C. E. WIGG 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and by the association.

EDENHAM, LINGS.

On Friday, August 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON Treble	HARRY WINGROVE 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	REV. C. E. WIGG 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and by the association.

SUTTERTON, LINGS.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

SURFLEET, LINGS.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	REV. C. E. WIGG 8
MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 9
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	GEORGE MARTIN 10
FRANK BENNETT 5	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 11
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. First of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

BOB TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I must disagree with you over Bob Triples, and support my friend, Mr. C. W. Pipe. His phrase about so many towers ringing nothing but Grandsire has the matter in a nutshell. Grandsire Triples may be a 'good old-fashioned method,' but it is an absolutely 'blind alley' method, and leads nowhere in its extension. Every Major method has dodging in even places, Grandsire and Stedman odd places (as everyone knows), and therefore to a comparative beginner of only average ability the different dodging place in Plain Bob will seem a strange stepping stone from Grandsire. Long before your Bob Triples comment I was of the opinion that if fingers were taught on Bob Triples or (better still) Bob Major they would progress much quicker in method ringing, as Plain Bob is the basis of all even-bell ringing.

It is only a well-worn convention that Grandsire is the standard fare of everyone, and presumed to be the easiest. Personally, at the risk of appearing revolutionary, I should like to see Grandsire die a timely death as a beginner's method. The alternative is Bob Triples or Bob Major or Minor, but not Oxford Bob. That has exactly the same defects as Grandsire, viz., odd-place dodging.

Balham.

A. P. CANNON.

A MEANS TO AN END.

Sir,—My first peal rung here in February, 1893, was in the above method. Since that time I have taken part in 444 peals, but still retain a kind of sneaking affection for that particular one, due, no doubt, to its being my first ever. In those days it was a means to an end, as the more advanced methods followed in due course, and I think, perhaps, that is what Mr. Pipe really intends to convey.

W. C. RUMSEY.

Stowmarket.

THE GRUNDISBURGH PEAL.

Sir,—Your leading article, Mr. Pipe's letter and the remarks in 'Notes to peals' are very highly interesting, but how many of the rank and file of ringers, also composers, know that this particular peal of Plain Bob Triples rung at Grundisburgh is obtained without the use of singles? This seems remarkable, as it is impossible in the methods of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, as well as 720 Plain Bob Minor, to get the extent without singles.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS,

St. Mary-le-Tower Society.

[Perhaps we need hardly remind Mr. Symonds that there is the equivalent of a Grandsire or Stedman Single in every lead of Bob Triples.—Ed., 'R.W.']

MEMORIAL RINGING.

To the memory of the late Bishop of Middleton (Dr. Cecil Wilson), who expired suddenly, alone, at his residence close to the church during the week, half-muffled touches were rung at Christ Church, West Didsbury, on Sunday, for morning service, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Jones 1, T. Jones 2, N. Heaps 3, H. Brickell 4, G. Newton 5, E. Murgatroyd 6, A. Frost 7, R. Davies (conductor) 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Whitelegg 1, A. Frost (conductor) 2, T. Jones 3, H. Brickell 4, N. Heaps 5, E. Murgatroyd 6, H. Jones 7, F. Lapham 8.

PEAL NOTES.**THE LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR.**

A nine-day 'week' in Lincolnshire resulted in fourteen peals being rung in sixteen attempts, which is remarkably 'good going,' especially as among the successes only Cambridge and London Major were rung more than once, and that out of the twelve visiting ringers no fewer than nine shared in the conducting.

Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Norfolk Surprise Major were rung for the first time in the county, and these, with London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol, made up a tally of seven different Surprise Major methods. In addition, Double Norwich Major, Treble Bob and Cambridge Royal, and Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were rung.

The Grandsire Cinques at Surfleet provided a batch of 'stars,' but of those who had previously rung a peal in the method, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson and Mr. George Martin had gained their 'decoration' in far-off Melbourne.

This was the concluding peal of the highly successful tour and, together with the peal at Sutterton in the morning, celebrated Mr. Richardson's birthday. After the Surfleet peal, all the party were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson at dinner.

The only two peals lost were Yorkshire Royal, after an hour, at Wisbech; and Lincolnshire at Holbeach, after three hours of splendid ringing. The first and only trip was so unexpected that it put 'paid' to an attempt in which not a word had been spoken except for the calling of the bobs.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, at 76, is still 'going strong.' He not only took part in nine peals on the tour, but reached his 1,100th with the peal at Pinchbeck.

Mr. George Martin rang his 500th during the week.

The peal at Sutterton was the first on the bells since they were rehung.

The peal of London Surprise Major at Witley, Surrey, on Saturday, was rung on the birthday of the conductor, Mr. Wilfred Williams, who has now called a peal in the method from every bell.

The first peal of Treble Bob composed by Mr. Arthur Knights, of Chesterfield, one of the most prolific and versatile of composers, was completed on February 15th, 1882. It is his No. 211, and was rung at Bromley Common, Kent, on August 16th. The peal was specially rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Purdon, secretary of the local band, who was married on the previous Saturday. It was also the 38th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Mounter. Mr. Mounter took part in the peal.

By ringing the tenor to a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on August 19th, Mr. Richard Coates 'completed the circle' of the tower.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer, one of the talented young ladies who ring at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, rang her first peal as conductor on August 18th, when she rang the tenor and called a peal of Minor in three methods at Tuddenham, Suffolk. She is the first lady to conduct a peal for the Suffolk Guild and also to ring the tenor to one.

Mr. Charles Camm rang his 500th peal on Saturday at King's Norton, Birmingham, where a peal of Stedman Caters was rung in honour of the marriage of the Vicar's son.

The 'coming of age' of Miss Marion Jarvis, daughter of the Vicar of Wymondham, Norfolk, was celebrated by a peal rung at the Parish Church on August 16th.

Mr. Frederick White, of Cranbrook, Kent, is a native of Oxford. A peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung at St. Ebbe's Church, on August 19th, which had been specially arranged to enable him to ring a peal in his native city.

Mr. Pat Cannon, who makes a hobby of 'collecting' towers either for peals or quarter-peals, on Saturday 'bagged' his 70th peal tower—and he has not been long about it either.

P.O. H. T. Chandler, who spends most of his time at sea with the Navy, has 'completed the circle' in peals on the bells of his 'home' tower—Lyonshall, Herefordshire. At the same time his wife rang her first peal 'inside.'

Mr. H. J. Tucker, formerly of Bishop's Stortford, and now of Chichester, celebrated his 79th birthday on Saturday by calling a peal of Bob Major at the Cathedral campanile.

Mr. Tucker called one of his own compositions. Simplicity with musical qualities have marked Mr. Tucker's compositions, which were obtained in the days before peals were produced by mathematical formula.

Mr. Howard Howell, at Netherseale on Saturday, rang his first peal of Stedman Triples, and thus completed peals in the method on all numbers. It must be almost, if not quite, unexampled for a ringer to ring peals of Stedman Doubles, Caters and Cinques before ringing Stedman Triples.

A peal was rung at the Deanery Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Bocking, Essex, on Saturday, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Dean of Bocking into Holy Orders. It was also a birthday compliment to Norman Grinham, who rang his first peal.

Very few incumbents except heads of Cathedrals have the title of Dean. Bocking is one, Battle, in Sussex, is another.

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Parties of eight or more may travel at reduced fares to Blackpool for the annual dinner of the Lancashire Association at the County Hotel, Blackpool, on October 30th. Enquiries at any L.M.S. booking office.

A one-time ringer at St. John's, Blackpool, and a member of the Cambridge University Guild, Mr. C. N. Sharples, of the India Civil Service, only surviving son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sharples, of Blackpool, was married on Saturday, August 14th, at the Church of Our Lady, St. John's Wood, to Miss Joan Gilbert, eldest daughter of the late Mr. Charles Edward Gilbert, C.I.E., chief conservator of forests, Bombay Presidency, and Mrs. Gilbert.

The hon. librarian of the Central Council would be glad not to receive further orders for C.C. publications until September 11th.

The next meeting of the Northern Branch, Worcestershire Association, will not be held at Bromsgrove as originally arranged. Repairs to the fabric of the church make ringing there out of the question. Further information will be given later in the notice columns.

Last Sunday was the anniversary of the ringing of Holt's Original for the first time, conducted by one of the ringers in the peal.

It was recorded thus in the 'Norwich Mercury': 'On Saturday, August 22nd, 1752, was rung at St. Michael's Coslany a Complete 5,040 of Mr. Holt's Tripples in 3 hours, without Changes alike or a bell out of course. It being the first time ever performed by Eight men only so intricate it was thought no man could ring a bell and call the Bobs. It has been rang in London and Stonham Aspal with prompts but was rang by these men without a prompt.'

William Dixon was the conductor of this peal, and he repeated his feat—for feat it was—at St. Giles' Church, Norwich, on October 22nd in the same year.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, rung on August 7th for the Chester Diocesan Guild, was rung at Great Budworth, and not Beedworth, as published.

Mr. Charles Hodges, of Hardwick, Glos, rang the tenor to his own wedding peal.

A peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on August 17th, was a birthday compliment to Mr. J. G. W. Harwood, hon. secretary of the East Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

The peal at Great Finborough, on August 9th, was conducted by Sheldford Sparrow, not A. R. Woodard. It was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. F. Roper, not F. Raper.

COMPETITIVE RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My attention has been called to a point in my letter last week which might be misunderstood. I referred to the difficulties of any change of policy in a guild or association and, to illustrate, remarked that I knew of a most successful case, but 'it remains to be seen whether it would survive a change of leadership.'

In this I was speaking generally, with little thought of the association I had in mind, and certainly no thought that any change would be advantageous. I most sincerely hope that the leaders of that association may live for ever and continue to run it. My intention was a final warning that, in any change of policy, after the enthusiasts had worked it all out and got it going, until it had time to set, it might quite easily be entirely wrecked by a change of leadership caused by death, removal from the district or resignation.

C. F. J.

A YORKSHIRE CHALLENGE.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent C. F. J., in his letter in your last issue, gives some hard knocks and bitter pills for some of our association ringers to swallow. His exposition on the failure of good bands to hold together is common to all bands. The poet says there is no flock, however well tended, but one dead lamb is there. 'Tis pity 'tis true. As president of the Barnsley and District Association, let me say we own a shield which cost £13. This is competed for annually. Prizes for domestic use are given, in addition, to the winners. The church does not give these prizes, yet there has never been closer association with the church and clergy of to-day. The path of the competitive ringer may not be easy, but it is worth the gallant attempts duly made and often rewarded.

Our members demanded these rewards, and never is there dissatisfaction. Fair play is a British 'jewel,' and ringers are straightforward, even to bluntness.

I would suggest that C. F. J. bring a band into Yorkshire and enter a contest without reward, and a band worthy of their steel would meet them. It would clear some of the cobwebs out of the eyes of C. F. J.

Barnsley.

CHARLES DALTON POTTER.

THE BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL HOW A REJECTED TENOR GOT TO THE ABBEY.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The bells of St. Michael's, Cornhill, are one of the famous rings of London. In this article Mr. J. Armiger Trollope tells us of their early history, and explains how a bell, cast for St. Michael's, came to be the tenor of the peal at Westminster Abbey.

In 1421 a new steeple was erected and in it was hung a 'fair ring of five bells,' which, according to custom, were dedicated to various saints. The tenor was called St. Michael; the fourth, the Lady bell; the third, the



THE FINE TOWER OF ST. MICHAEL'S, CORNHILL,
as it appears to-day from the top of an adjacent building.

[Photo by Mr. F. E. Dawe.]

Trinity bell. This ring evidently was tuned (as were many medieval rings) to the minor scale and about 1430 John Whitewell, Isabel, his wife, and William Rus added a tenor to make a ring of six in the major scale. Who cast the tenor we do not know, but she weighed somewhat over 30 cwt. and was a noble bell, the pride and treasure of the parish. She was named Rus, after her donor, who was an alderman and a great benefactor to the church.

In the inventory of 1552, among the 'goodes remaynyng' in the church were 'vj greate belles and ij litle

belles.' In the churchwardens' accounts there are references to these latter. In 1457 two shillings and fourpence was paid for 'two hawdricks for the two little bells,' and in 1460 'elevenpence for two ropes for the small finall bells.' One was the Sacring bell or, as it is termed in one place, the houseling bell, housel being an old English name for the Eucharist. It is also referred to as 'the little bell that ringeth afore the Sacrament.' This bell was hung inside the church. The other was the Saunce or Sanctus bell.

In nearly all London churches the Sanctus bell was in the steeple with the ringing peal, but at St. Michael's it is probable that it hung in a cot above the chancel. The Sacring bell disappeared during the spoliation at the time of the Reformation; the Sanctus bell remained, but it got broken, and in 1585 the vestry decided that 'ye broken Sauncebell shalbe solde and that anewe rome shalbe byllydd for ye flagotts in ye churcheyarde.

Whoever made the frame and hung the six bells did his work well and for nearly one hundred and sixty years Rus was rung single-handed, not only for curfew and knells but also in peal. At the time it was usual to put three or four or even more men to a bell of that weight.

In 1567 one of the bells was broken and Robert Doddes was employed to recast it. Mr. H. B. Walters has suggested that Doddes was the predecessor of Robert Mot and the first in the long line of Whitechapel bellfounders.

In 1585 the treble was broken and recast and two years later the parish suffered a disaster, for Rus, the noble tenor bell, was cracked. A founder named Laurence Wright was employed; but, whether through misfortune or incompetence, his work was badly done, and when the bell was hung it gave great dissatisfaction and generally 'was not liked of' in the parish.

The churchwardens seem to have been undecided as to whether they should accept the bell and pay for it, and the matter was referred to the vestry. In the end it was agreed to pay Wright £3 17s. for new metal supplied, and £9 6s. 9d. for the recasting. That was as much as 'his due is to be accounted justly'; but the parish made the sum up to the round £14 'out of benevolence,' and promised 'to consider of him better if the bell hold and be better liked of than it is now.' Wright had a similar trouble at Hillingdon, and there the parish refused to pay at all.

As time went on the bell was not 'better liked of.' The parish was proud of its bells and the new tenor spoilt the ring, and so in the following year, 'upon further advice of the parishioners,' the vestry agreed that 'our bell Rus shall be new cast.' The work was entrusted to Robert Mot, who was making a name as the leading London bellfounder and establishing the reputation of the famous Whitechapel foundry.

On the 8th of November the bell was taken to Mot's house and there weighed and two days later an agreement was signed for the recasting. When the new bell was ready the churchwardens and other leading men of the parish went to Whitechapel to view it and they took with them a musician to sound the bell. Everything seems to have been done this time to ensure that the new bell should be in tune. The 'waites of the City' 'took pains to take the note of our bells and to go to Mr. Motts to take the note of the new bell then cast,' for which they received eighteenpence, and a shilling was paid 'to a company of other musicians to take a further note of the same bell.'

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A MYSTERY SOLVED.

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It rather looks as if the parish refused to accept the first bell cast by Mot, for it was inspected on the first of December, 1588, and it was not until the twenty-second of the following June that 'Mr. Mott was paid £17 17s. for the new tenor bell called Rus which was last cast weighing 33 cwt. 42 lbs.'; and not until the twenty-fifth of July that the trial was made in the steeple, when the ringers received three shillings and fourpence.

Meanwhile, the frame and fittings of the bells had become decayed and worn out. Gone were the days when six men could ring the bells in peal. It now required four or five at a time to 'overhaul' Rus and the ringing shook the tower so much that it was found it might endanger the steeple.

So a John Brissendon was employed to rehang the bells and he undertook to do it so that eight, nine, or ten men at the most could ring them. 'It was well liked that such amendment should be' and a committee was appointed to deal with the matter.

In 1598 Rus was again broken. The vestry had lately spent a lot of money on the bells and when a motion was made for the new casting it was decided 'to rest awhile and use it as it is until we see further occasion.' But a broken Rus was a disgrace to the parish and so at a vestry holden 2nd of February, 1599, it was agreed that Mr. Mott should have for the casting of the bell £18, 'hangst and set up and taken down all at his charges.'

When the new bell was hung in the tower with the others it proved a failure and on the first of November it was agreed that 'it shall be notified by the churchwardens to Mr. Mote that the bell is not according to his agreement neither in weight nor goodness and therefore they will have a bell in the place thereof or else have his bond.' Mot had to submit and undertook to supply a new bell, and on the 29th of August the vestry decided that he should hang it up in the tower, but if it did not agree with the rest of the bells to the liking of the parish then he should have forty shillings to cover the cost of taking it down, and should go on casting until he did produce a bell that satisfied the parish. His bill came to £12 1s. 2d., 'and we are content to make it up £13 by reason he casted it so often.'

But that is not the end of the story. Mot, at the time, was doing work for Westminster Abbey. He cast the present fifth in 1598 and the next year he took the rejected Rus and made her the tenor of the Abbey ring. No doubt the Dean and Chapter were less critical and more easily satisfied than St. Michael's parish. But she was a bad bell. Laughton heard her in 1734 and says she was 'dull and melancholy,' and four years later Lester and Phelps were employed to recast her. The original inscription copied more or less from that on the first Rus was reproduced on the new bell.

It is usually said that when and why a bell cast for St. Michael's got into the Abbey tower 'is an unsolved mystery'; but the matter is quite clear. The inscription on the present bell says that it was new cast in July, 1599, and in April, 1738. The St. Michael's vestry agreed to give Mot the order for the bell in February, 1599, and on the following November he was notified that they refused to accept the bell.

The present tenor at Westminster was never at St. Michael's. As stated above, it was cast in 1738.

'A HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.'

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. RINGING AT HORBURY AND OSSETT.

A meeting was held at Horbury on Saturday, August 14th, when the bells were rung in the afternoon and after tea in the various methods of Minor and Major, and also Grandsire Triples. Tea was served in the Vicar's classroom, about 20 sitting down.

Mr. A. Panther (vice-president) presided over the business meeting, at which the following towers were represented: Adwick-le-Street, Barnsley, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Rotherham, Sandal, Wath and the local company. It gave the members great pleasure to see some of the Leeds and District ringers with them.

After the usual business, thanks were accorded on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. W. Moxon, to the Vicar and churchwardens and the local company for all the arrangements made.

Mr. Moxon also moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company of Ossett for the use of the new peal of ten bells.

Some of the ringers occupied themselves with the handbells, while the others went to Ossett and some returned to the tower to ensure ringing at both places. Ringing continued until about 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered, and a very good meeting was brought to a close.

COMPOSITIONS OF ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Referring to the 5,000 Treble Bob Royal composed by Messrs. C. Charge and N. Golden, published in your issue of August 20th, it is stated that the 'second is never in sixth's place and only once in fifth's.' What has the second done to be subjected to such humiliations?

During the last century the writer was discussing with a well-known ringer the disfavour in which the poor second had fallen with composers. He said, 'Why don't composers compile peals leaving the second out?'

The second in ten bells is the same note as the 9th, but an octave higher, so 2-10 dodging behind would be a musical combination, and a change from 9-10.

In Bungay steeple there is a footnote on a board recording a peal of Bob Major to the effect that the sixth was kept from home till the last course. Undoubtedly that peal was better struck than those which are rung (?) just for the sake of getting them.

Ipswich.

G. E. SYMONDS.

FOR BEGINNERS.

APPLYING COURSING ORDER TO CALLING.

There are two advantages in a thorough knowledge of coursing order. One is that it enables the conductor, with more certainty, to know if the bells are right and, if there is an error, to correct it. The other is, it helps him materially if he wishes to call a touch or peal from one of the 'working' bells, and that is a thing which every conductor should try to do. To ring an 'observation,' or fixed, bell, is useful, particularly in the early stages of conducting, because it simplifies the task, but it is a mistake never to attempt to call from another bell, and, in our opinion, the sooner the young conductor tries to do this the better. He may make mistakes at the outset, but we learn by our mistakes, and if his tower companions are eager for his progress they will encourage him and not complain when touches go wrong.

Coursing order, if closely followed, helps the beginner to call his bobs in the right place. We saw, in a previous article, how, in Bob Major, one bell in each lead moves from in front of the treble, to a position immediately behind it; that is, from coursing before the treble to coursing after it. Thus the bells in front of the treble get one place nearer to it, and those behind get one place further away each lead.

As you watch the tenor in its relation to the treble in Bob Major you can call your bobs with certainty where they are required.

The bell that courses after the treble is going to dodge in 4-3 (down) if no bob is called, the bell behind that will dodge in 6-5 (down), whether there is a bob or not; the next bell will dodge in 8-7 (down), and the next in 7-8 (up), and so on.

A bob 'Middle' is called when the tenor dodges in 6-5 (down), a bob 'Home' when it dodges in 8-7 (down), a bob 'Wrong' when it dodges in 7-8 (up).

Therefore, if you want to call a bob Middle you do so in the lead in which the tenor is coursing next but one after the treble; a bob Home comes in the next lead when the tenor has two bells between it and the treble; and a bob Wrong when there are three bells between. There should be no difficulty about seeing this, because the alert bob caller will have watched the gradually widening gap in the coursing order between the treble and tenor, but even if he has had a mental lapse he should be able quickly to pick up the position again.

As to the exact moment when the bob should be called, that again can be determined by watching the coursing. The proper place is at the handstroke lead of the bell coursing in front of the treble; and this is the position of the tenor when you have to call a bob 'Before.'

There are, of course, other guides to calling from a 'working' bell. It is often easy to know where the next bob comes from your own position. As a simple example, if you are the 6th's place bell, you know perfectly well that if a Home is to be called you will be in the Middle, or 6-5 (down), or, if a Wrong, you will be in the Home position, or 8-7 (down). If you are 5th's place bell, and thus coursing the 7th, a Middle brings you to 7-8 (up) (dodging behind with the 7th), a Home to 5-6 (up), and a Wrong causes you to make the bob.

Then, too, if you are one of the bells concerned in the bob, either running in or out or making 4th's, you can easily fix your position at the next bob. There is a cycle, which we will call I (In), O (Out), B (make the Bob). If you have bobs exactly a course apart and the first brings you to either of the places, the second will be called when you are at the next of these positions in the cycle; thus I and O, or O and B, or B and I.

It is when you have calls at less than a course apart that you have to be careful, and it is here that a close watch on coursing order helps.

Here, however, are one or two hints. Remember that at a Wrong the 5th's place bell makes the bob. If the Wrong is followed by a Middle, the same bell makes the bob at each of the two calls, and this bell, before the bob, is coursing next but one in front of the treble.

The bells concerned at a Wrong at 5.3.2, and at a Middle 2.4.6. The Wrong gives you a new 5th's place bell and Middle a new 6th's place bell, but a Home affects neither of them.

The conductor should know the 5th and 6th's place bells of his touch or peal, and he can then make certain of calling his Wrongs and Middles in the right courses.

When he has to change the 5th's place bell he watches the new bell until it runs Out at a Home. A bob Wrong (at the next lead) will then put this bell into 5th's place.

When he has to change the 6th's place bell he waits until the new bell he wants runs In at a Home, and calls the Middle in the succeeding course, when this bell will make the Bob.

When he has to change both the 5th and the 6th's place bells, he calls the Wrong as already mentioned, and the bell he thus takes away from 5th's will come into 6th's place by making the bob Middle.

Very good practice is to write out the lead-ends of a touch and examine the positions of the bells at the bobs. Any one with bobs in each of the three positions will do. For example, W M H, and H, twice repeated. Not very musical, perhaps, but it will serve the purpose and not prove too laborious, because in the courses with only the H the course end will be sufficient, as it is the only lead with a bob in it.

WHAT OTHERS THINK.

COMMENTS OF A CHESTER NEWSPAPER.

Complaints of the activities of ringers often appear in the public Press. Here is what the 'Observer,' a Chester paper, had to say with regard to church bells last Saturday in some editorial notes. Our readers will agree that it admirably sums up the feelings of ringers, although, as far as we know, it is from the pen of a writer unconnected with the Exercise.

'In these days of radio time-signals and cheap watches, church bells may be regarded by those whose standards are merely utilitarian as quite unnecessary. Occasionally letters appear in the Press from irate correspondents, who complain that they have been awakened too soon from their Sunday morning sleep by the too-insistent clamour of church bells summoning the faithful to an early service. Sometimes such complaints may be justified, for admittedly there are church bells and church bells. Few people would deny that the single, and often far from tuneful, bells of some modern churches are, if rung too frequently and at unseasonable hours, more likely to induce ill temper (than devotion on the part of residents in the immediate vicinity. It is not, however, of such inharmonious "tinklers" that most of us think when church bells are mentioned, but rather of those peals of bells which still sound from the towers of so many of our country and city churches. Even such peals, if not properly hung and properly rung, can remind us all too forcibly of Shakespeare's phrase about "sweet bells jangled, out of tune and harsh," but such cases are rare in these days when churches pride themselves on the possession of a good peal, and a band of enthusiastic ringers, who have really mastered the art of change ringing.'

'Even if they themselves disregard the summons to worship broadcast from the church tower, to many people there would be something lacking in that indefinable "atmosphere" which, in these days of hurry and noise, still characterises Sunday in the English countryside, were our church bells to be silenced and "liquidated" as mere luxuries. But "the music of those village bells" is, indeed, one of those concomitants of the English scene which we home-staying folk take for granted.'

DEATH OF OLD MARKET DEEPING RINGER.

It is with much regret, we record the 'passing on' of Mr. Walter Day, of Market Deeping. The deceased was never a prominent peal ringer, but for over 25 years was connected with St. Guthlac's belfry, where he was a regular Sunday service ringer. He was also a member of the choir. He had been in failing health for some years, and his death took place on August 18th, at the age of 58 years.

The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at Market Deeping, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. L. Pigott. The deceased leaves a widow and brother (Mr. Horace M. Day) to mourn his death.

In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled as a last token of respect, and 720 of Spliced London and Wells was rung by W. Oldman 1, J. Freeman 2, H. M. Day 3, C. T. H. Bradley 4, A. E. Scott 5, J. O. Landon 6.

LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

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Rung at Royston, Herts, on July 22nd, conducted by its composer.

EYNESBURY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the recent tour of the North Weald ringers, whilst we have the greatest respect for this band of beginners, and hope they will not be discouraged, we cannot help expressing the hope that an altogether wrong impression of the state of Eynesbury bells will not be given to readers of the report in 'The Ringing World.' Although the 'go' may leave much to be desired, we ring four or five methods regularly on Sundays. It is felt by us that it is a poor return for hospitality to make an offensive noise by raising the bells two at a time, give an exhibition of poor ringing, and then go away blaming the 'go' of the bells. The anti-clockwise arrangement of the ropes will give this band no trouble when they have had more practice. There are many worse towers to ring in than Eynesbury, unfortunately.

S. J. PECK.

Eynesbury, St. Neots, Hunts.

LEEDS RINGERS MARRIED.
MEMBERS OF BRAMLEY BAND.

The bells were rung at St. Peter's Church, Bramley, Leeds, on Saturday, August 21st, for the wedding of Mr. John Marsh and Miss Constance M. Wade, both of whom are ringers at this church.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a pale pink satin gown, with a halo headress and veil to match, and carried a bouquet of pink and yellow roses. The bridesmaids were Misses Kathleen and Brenda Marsh (sisters of the bridegroom). The former wore a pink and green flowered chiffon gown, and the latter pale pink taffeta. Both carried bouquets of sweet peas. The best man was Mr. Lawrie Wade (brother of the bride).

Rounds and 'Queen's' were rung on the bells for half an hour before the wedding, and as the happy couple left the church the bells were 'fired,' and then rounds and touches of Oxford Treble Bob were rung.

Before morning service on Sunday, August 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung: N. Greaves 1, R. Greaves (conductor) 2, D. Margaret Roby 3, F. Jackson 4, E. Redshaw 5, S. Helliwell 6.

SUFFOLK RINGERS' DAY IN LONDON.

When Stowmarket ringers held their annual outing, they spent the day in London. At Liverpool Street they were met by Mr. J. Euston and Mrs. Davies, who accompanied them throughout the day to the various churches. At St. Dunstan's, Stepney, ringing was indulged in till 11.45. The party had lunch at the London Tavern and went on to St. Olave's, Hart Street, and afterwards to St. Margaret's, Westminster, where they were met by Mr. T. Sparrow, a former Stowmarket ringer, and Mr. R. Sanders, who joined the company for the rest of the day. Ringing at St. Andrew's, Holborn, was followed by tea, at which they were joined by Mr. J. E. Davies. Then they visited St. Botolph's Church, and finally St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. Thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Davies, Messrs. Euston, R. Sanders and T. Sparrow, and to all church authorities and steeple-keepers for the use of the various peals of bells.

A DISTRICT SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE.

NEWCASTLE RINGER GOING TO EDINBURGH.

SS. James and Basil Guild, Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, are unfortunate in losing the services of their hon. secretary and conductor, Mr. K. Arthur, who is taking up an appointment in Edinburgh. By his departure, too, the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association are losing their secretary.

On Sunday, August 22nd, as a farewell compliment, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor and 120 Oxford Treble Bob were rung: J. Roach 1, C. E. Lawson 2, D. Reay 3, K. Arthur (conductor) 4, T. W. Crowe 5, P. Wishart 6, R. Crosby 8.

Two farewell peals were unfortunately lost, one of Stedman Triples at Fenham on the 13th, and one of Minor at Lanchester on the 21st.

The best wishes of the Fenham ringers are extended to Mr. Arthur in his new sphere.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DARTFORD, KENT.—For evensong, at Holy Trinity Church, on August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): B. Weaver 1, J. H. Cheeseman 2, Mrs. J. E. Bailey 3, N. Summerhayes 4, F. W. Corney 5, J. Wheadon 6, H. Hovard 7, J. E. Bailey (conductor) 8.

CHIPPING NORTON.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Taplin 1, A. S. Newman 2, F. Perry 3, H. Hovard 4, W. Green 5, J. H. Jarvis 6, R. Jarvis (conductor) 7, A. G. Newman 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, August 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wingrove 1, R. Smith 2, Miss K. E. Fletcher 3, Miss D. R. Fletcher 4, J. Blackmore 5, H. Wingrove 6, J. Harrison (conductor) 7, W. H. Fletcher 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Wingrove.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Quex Park on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Permission has been obtained whereby members will be shown over the Museum, at 4.30. Please note, only one entrance to the tower, by the farm gate, and thence by the tradesmen's road.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Great Waltham on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting after. The Cathedral bells will be available during the evening.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

A JOINT MEETING of the Guildford Diocesan Guild (Chertsey Dist.), the Middlesex County Association (S. & W. District), the Oxford Diocesan Guild (E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch) and the Surrey Association (N.W. District) will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 28th. Service at 4.45, preacher, Rev. A. C. Tranter, Vicar of Egham. Tea at 5.15 in Church Hall, price 9d. each. Ringing arrangements: St. Peter's, Staines, 3.30 to 4.45, 6.30 to 7.30; St. Mary's, Staines, 7.30 to 9; Egham, 3 to 4.15, 7 to 8.30; Wraysbury, 3 to 4.15. All ringers and friends welcome. District Hon. Secs.:—F. E. Hawthorne (Guildford Guild), A. D. Barker (Oxford Guild), F. G. Woodiss (Surrey Association), and F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks (Middlesex Association).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackburn Cathedral on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. Members and non-members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, August 28th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea can be arranged near the church. A good attendance is hoped for at this meeting. Everybody welcome.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—Next meeting at Broughton Astley (5 bells) on Wake Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 for those who notify Mr. Bird, Station Road, Broughton Astley. It will help the caterers if cards are sent as early as possible.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Short service if arranged. Please notify Mr. A. J. Abrams, East Park Street, Chatteris, for tea.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A meeting will be held at Lenham to-morrow (Saturday), Aug. 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 31st, St. Magnus' on Sept. 2nd, 16th and 30th, St. Andrew's on the 9th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th, Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—A combined practice is arranged at the Cathedral, St. Albans, on Tuesday, Aug. 31st, at 7.45.—W. Nash and H. V. Frost, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Hatfield Broad Oak on Wednesday, Sept. 1st, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. — S. Clark, Potter Street, Harlow.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sketty on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 31st, certain. All ringers welcome.—E. Stitch, 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Dunsford, Sept. 4th. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Motor coach leaves Paul St. Park 2.30 p.m., visiting Bridford before tea, Christow after tea; fare 2s. 6d. for members, visitors 4s. Bands and visitors please notify by Aug. 28th; not later.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Baddow, Essex, on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 1st? Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Bolsover Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 4th. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Saxton, The Bungalow, Moorfield Lane, Bolsover. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sydling, on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Cattistock and Maiden Newton bells available during the evening. Kindly notify early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the East Norfolk Branch and Suffolk Guild will be held at Bungay on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Bungay (8), Ditchingham (6). Tea at 5.15. Will members please take note, to send names, or numbers for tea to H. Barrell, 23, Staithe Road, Bungay? Correspondence to E. R. Goate, Smallgate, Beccles, or J. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Wirral branch will be held at St. Mary's, Liscard, on Saturday, Sept. 4th. 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30. A meeting during the evening in the tower. Please do your best to attend. If you cannot, then persuade your friends.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Parish Hall. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 1st. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot, Hants.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Denver on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Drighlington, on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea in the Schools at 5.30, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must advise Mr. S. H. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington, not later than Tuesday, the 31st. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Owslesbury on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Bells available at 2.30. Twyford bells also in the evening. Please let us know if you are coming. Bus leaves Winchester Broadway 3.50.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Upavon (six bells) on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Please advise me early how many will attend the tea. — W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at the six-bell towers at St. Albans on Saturday, Sept. 4th. St. Michael's available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. St. Stephen's after tea.—W. Nash, N. Mimms, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Welford (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday next of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wem, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Those requiring tea *must* notify me by Tuesday, Aug. 31st.—R. R. Pole, Craigmere, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea provided at 5 p.m. to those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A ringing meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 5 p.m. This is specially arranged to make a presentation to our president and former secretary for long and active service. Please, therefore, make it a record meeting. A very hearty welcome to all. For tea, please notify me by Sept. 2nd.—Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. E. M. Thorp, Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading, Berks, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 1st, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bishop's Waltham.—The dedication of the bells by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. on the Rectory Lawn, by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. N. H. Stubbs) and Mrs. Stubbs. All requiring tea please inform Mr. W. Knight, Hoe Road, Bishop's Waltham, Hants, by Saturday, Sept. 4th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, HANTS.—Dedication of the bells by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth on Wednesday, Sept. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Ring of 6 tuned and peal augmented to 8 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at West Clandon on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send me numbers for tea by Sept. 9th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—Next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Please look up Double Court. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. Kindly advise me if requiring tea not later than Sept. 8th. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cadeleigh on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Monday, Sept. 6th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and **LADIES' GUILD** (Northern District).—A joint meeting is to be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea, 1s. each. All ringers cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, not later than Sept. 8th.—Mrs. E. D. Kelly, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ladies' Guild; J. H. Ridyard, Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A joint ringing meeting, with the East Grinstead and District Guild, will be held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Please come and help make this meeting a success. Tower open 2.30 p.m. There is a ten minute bus service to St. Peter's Church from Central Station or Opera House. Route No. 82. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 7th. — Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Kirdford on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30, 1s. per head. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d. to members.—F. H. Mecten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Leeds and County Conservative Club, South Parade, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Tickets 4s. each, and early application for same should be made to Mr. F. G. Sherwood, 8, Vesper Walk, Leeds 5.

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BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On St. Peter's Day for the patronal festival service, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob: P. A. Blamey 1, M. A. Blamey 2, B. O'Neill 3, G. W. Limmer 4, T. J. Fowler (Cookham) 5, G. Gilbert (conductor) 6. M. A. Blamey's first extent of Oxford.

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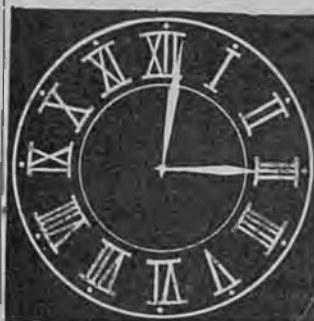
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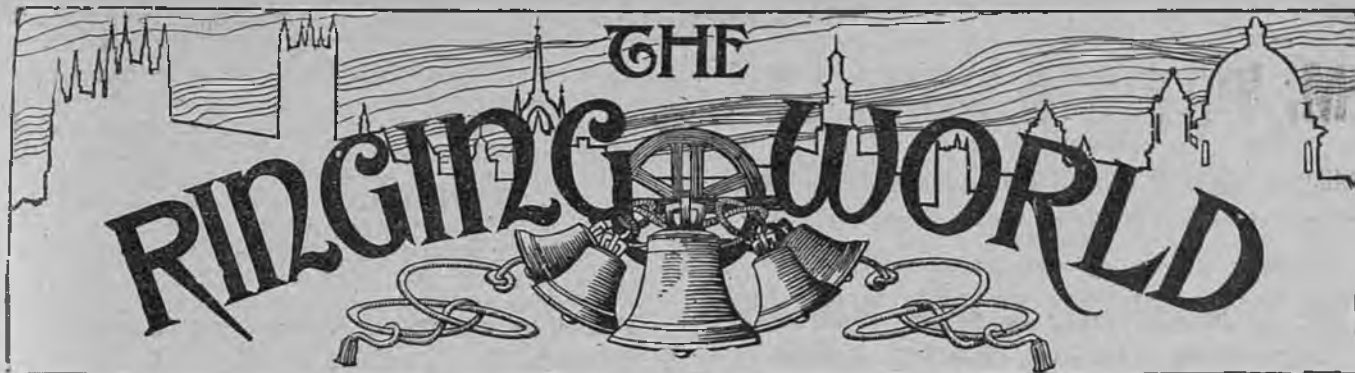
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

F. STEDMAN WHITE Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
*FREDERICK C. WHITE 2	FREDERICK WHITE 7
COTBERT G. WHITE 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 8
HENRY C. WHITE 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.
* First peal away from treble. Tenorman's 100th peal in the tower
and on the same bell. Rung as a Coronation peal, also to accom-
modate the ringer of the 7th, from Cranbrook, Kent.

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On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SHELFORD SPARROW Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	*ARTHUR R. WOODARD 7
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 3	WILLIAM J. BUTTON 8
ERNEST F. POPPY 4	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 9
JAMES BETTS 5	HARRY D. LISTER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 36). Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER
* First peal of Royal.

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On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	JAMES GEORGE 6
ALBERT WALKER 2	HENRY H. FEARN 7
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 8
FRANK E. HAYNES 4	A. PADDON SMITH 9
THOMAS MILLER 5	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 21, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

R. WILLIAM BARBER Treble	WILLIAM J. LEE 5
EDWIN R. GOATE 2	ARTHUR G. KING 6
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
C. FREDERICK SAVER 4	HENRY TOOK Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*R. S. WILLIAM SMITH Treble	SIDNEY O. CHENEY 5
RICHARD F. ROE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
†KENNETH A. ROE 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
ALFRED BALLARD 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

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

SWAFFHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

SYDNEY FLINT Treble	LESLIE W. HOUGHTON 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 7
HORACE L. TUTTLE 4	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

NORMAN A. ONER Treble	CYRIL S. WEST 5
MERVYN G. PALMER 2	ERNEST J. MONDAY 6
CECIL C. WRIGHT 3	CHARLES E. BASSETT 7
*VICTOR G. ONER 4	ROBERT A. BUDD Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. BASSETT.

* First peal.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD A. CONSTANT Treble	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 5
JOHN H. CHERRSMAN 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE A. SPENCER Treble	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 5
JAMES H. RIDING 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 7
JOHN G. NASH 4	HAROLD V. FROST Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HAROLD V. FROST.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

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Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

KEITH HART Treble	JAMES TOPP 5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JACK BAILEY Treble	WILLIAM P. DEANE 5
*WILLIAM H. CURSON 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 6
*JOSEPH W. COTTON 3	*HOWARD HOWELL 7
*HORACE OVER 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON Tenor

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE Treble	ERIC DURRANT 5
HERBERT C. READ 2	GEORGE BAILEY 6
MISS E. J. C. ANGWIN 3	WALTER C. MEDLER 7
ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 4	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD Tenor

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

* First peal on eight bells.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT Treble	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	*CECIL ALDOUS 6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 3	UREAN W. WILDNEY 7
KEITH WHITTELL 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

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MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL 2	FRANK VERNON 5
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

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HARRY T. CHANDLER 2	WILLIAM DUGGAN 5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

* First peal of Minor.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

GEORGE BELL Treble	MISS JESSIE ANGWIN 4
*MISS JEAN BELL 2	ARTHUR S. ROBERTS 5
ERIC DURRANT 3	WILLIAM C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. MEDLER.

* First peal in two methods.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of St. Clement's and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

FRED LACEY Treble	*FRED JEFFERY 4
JACK BRAY 2	HAROLD JODD 5
*PHILIP BARNES 3	ERNEST BRITAIN Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal and first attempt.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of Hereward Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Beverley Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

*THOMAS HORRIDGE Treble	JOHN MCKEE 4
JAMES MARTIN 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
GEORGE LUNT 3	ERNEST F. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

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

NEW MILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, York, Wells, Newcastle, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE LORD Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
WILLIE GREEN 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
HAROLD CHANT 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

First Surprise peal on the bells and first for the Yorkshire Association. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Potter, also for the birthday of the wife of the 2nd ringer.

DARLINGTON.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London Surprise. Tenor 7½ cwt.

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

Conducted by W. NORMAN PARK.

PEAL NOTES.

SIDELIGHTS ON PERFORMANCES.

The first peal on the new bells at Birmingham Cathedral was rung on Saturday. A peal had not been rung there since August 22nd, 1903, a period of 34 years.

It is remarkable that in such a long interval only one of that band, Thomas Reynolds, has passed away. Three of them, Messrs. Allaway, Paddon Smith and Albert Walker, took part in the first peal on the new bells on Saturday.

The first peal rung at Petersfield, Hants, by an entirely local band for 32 years was accomplished on August 26th. None of the ringers, with the exception of the conductor, had ever stood in a peal in their own tower previously. The peal was rung as a farewell to Mr. C. S. West (tower secretary), who is to be married shortly and will then live at Midhurst, Sussex.

Mr. Harold V. Frost, who, at the age of 20, rang Cambridge Maximus as his first Surprise peal, rang his first peal of Cambridge Major, and conducted it, on Saturday at North Minns. Mr. Frost is one of the secretaries of the St. Albans District of the Herts Association.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Gravesend, Kent, on Saturday, as a compliment to Mr. E. Hadlow, the veteran steeplescraper, on reaching his 78th birthday.

No fewer than eight Whites took part in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Appleton (which produced most of the 'family') on August 20th. One of the several Fredericks in the peal was of Cranbrook, Kent, the rest were Appleton ringers. Although rather late in the day, the peal was rung as a Coronation peal for Appleton.

Mr. Fred White rang the tenor to the peal. It was his one hundredth peal in the tower and on the same bell! He rang it to the 21,363 Stedman Caters on April 22nd, 1922—the record length by any one set of men—in 12 hours 25 minutes. He and the tenor must know each other well.

A peal of 5,056 Rob Major was rung at Swaffham, Norfolk, on August 26th in 2 hours 51 minutes. It was the shortest time in which a true peal has been completed on the bells, the tenor of which is just under 16 cwt. The composition by the conductor, Mr. Nolan Golden, was rung for the first time. It contains the 7468's, the 6th the course-end extent home and all the 6-5's and 6-4's.

Four first peals of Kent Treble Bob Major was the fine achievement in the peal at Repton, Derbyshire, and credit is due to the band which hails from seven towers. The ringers were: Treble from Spondon, 2 and 3 from Oversale, 4 from Hugglescote, 5 from Norton-in-the-Moors, 6 from Wolverhampton, 7 from Walsall and 8 from Anstey.

The bells at Gorleston, Suffolk, have recently been augmented to eight and the first peal on the octave was rung on August 21st. Mr. J. A. Godfrey, who took part, also rang in the first peal on the ring of six, in the year 1901.

Two ringers at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, Philip Barnes and Fred Jeffery, rang their first peal on August 25rd. It was Minor in three methods—and a good performance, considering it was their first attempt for a peal.

The Yorkshire Association's first peal of Surprise Minor was rung at New Mill on Saturday in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley. The peal was also a Barnsley Society peal, for Mr. Potter is president of this organisation.

The birth of a grandson to Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Stoke Ash, Suffolk, was celebrated on Saturday with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Stonham Aspal, in which Grandpa took part. The composition, by Arthur Knights, was rung for the first time.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer, of Ipswich, who, as recorded last week, rang her first peal as conductor (Minor in three methods) has now called a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at the first attempt and from a working bell. She is the only lady, up to the present, to call a peal for the Suffolk Guild.

ESSEX RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

PRESENTATION AT MALDEN.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hutson, of Malden, Essex, have just celebrated their golden wedding. They were married at Heybridge Church on August 20th, 1887, and in honour of their jubilee a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at All Saints' Church, Malden, on Friday week, Mr. Hutson ringing the treble. Mr. Hutson is 'father' of the Malden ringers and has been a member of the Essex Association for 56 years.

The quarter-peal was rung by R. Hutson 1, Miss A. E. Waldo 2, W. H. Chalk 3, A. South 4, S. Easter 5, F. Lewis 6, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 7, E. Richardson 8.

Afterwards Mr. Hutson received the hearty congratulations of his belfry colleagues and the Vicar (Canon Seymour), who, on behalf of the ringers, presented Mr. Hutson with a walking stick and wallet and Mrs. Hutson with an umbrella.

Mr. Hutson, who was taken by surprise, thanked the ringers for their kindness and afterwards entertained them to refreshments at his residence, where handbell ringing and a chat over old times passed a very pleasant evening.

On Sunday, August 29th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor was rung by E. Richardson 1, R. Hutson 2, A. Mansfield 3, A. Hubble (first 720) 4, A. South 5, H. J. Mansfield (conductor) 6.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

FROM GRANDSIRE TO PLAIN BOB.

The controversy which has arisen in 'The Ringing World' over Bob Triples has centred round the question of the utility of this method as a 'stepping stone' from Minor to Major. We are not among those who think that Triples of any kind is necessary as a stepping stone between the two even-bell groups, any more than Grandsire or Stedman Major is necessary to the practice of those who want to go from Grandsire or Stedman Triples to Caters. This, however, is not the place for us to air our views on the controversy, but we want to make it an opportunity to try and show beginners who are ringing Grandsire how they can step easily to Plain Bob as a means of going on to those 'illimitable realms' that lie before those who practise even-bell methods.

It may be helpful, perhaps, if we look for a moment at the difference in construction between the two methods; it may simplify things a bit.

The principle in Plain Bob is one hunt bell (the treble) with a bell making 2nd's when this bell leads, and the others dodging in pairs behind them; that is in 3-4, 5-6, etc.

Grandsire has two hunt bells (the treble and another) with a bell making 3rd's, when these two are leading, and the others dodging in pairs behind them; that is in 4-5, 6-7, etc.

Whether you learn to ring Bob Doubles or Grandsire Doubles in a five-bell tower you are taught to lead off the last bell of the preceding change; so that in going on to Minor leading from the last bell presents no difficulties.

If you have learned to ring Doubles in a six-bell tower, where the tenor has always been covering, you have got to acquire the skill to lead off the last bell when you ring Minor—whether your efforts have previously been devoted to Bob or Grandsire Doubles.

A little careful practice will enable you to do this. You probably know already that there should be a slight extra pause, or space, between the last bell in the backstroke change and the bell leading in the next handstroke change. That is particularly necessary in even-bell ringing; otherwise there is nothing whatever to mark the 'beat', and the ringing goes on like a barrel organ.

You have first of all to use your eyes to pick out the last of the ropes falling at backstroke, and then hold your bell for a trifle longer before pulling off at hand. The exact period, of course, depends upon the size of the bell you are ringing, and to judge this you must use your ears.

The difficulty which some ringers seem to find in going from an even-bell to an odd-bell method is in the dodging places. If they have always rung Grandsire and desire to turn over to Plain Bob they find that the habit of dodging in 4-5 makes it difficult to change over to dodging in 3-4 or 5-6, but there is no real obstacle to quickly acquiring the new condition.

A dodge, as we have often explained in these articles, is a step backward. Count yourself on to the farthest point of the dodging position, 5th's or 7th's, for 4-5, or 6-7 up in Grandsire; 4th's or 6th's or 8th's for 3-4, 5-6 or 7-8 in Plain Bob, then take one step back before going on again. Whether it is Grandsire or Plain Bob, every blow in an even place, 2nd, 4th, 6th or 8th, going up is at handstroke, and every blow in an odd place, 3rd, 5th or 7th, is at backstroke. Conversely, coming down, every even place is backstroke and every odd place is handstroke.

If you have been ringing Grandsire, you have probably learned by this time that the step back in your dodge is always at handstroke. In Plain Bob the step back is always at backstroke. A knowledge of this is helpful in fixing your dodging place.

In both methods the dodges follow in sequence, 5-4, 7-6, 6-7, 4-5 in Grandsire; 4-3, 6-5, 8-7, 7-8, 5-6, 3-4 in Bob Major, but Plain Bob is simpler in the bob making than Grandsire, inasmuch as a call only affects three of the working bells, instead of all but one. Whereas in Grandsire a bob involves double dodging above 3rd's place, the bells above 4th's in Plain Bob continue an unbroken course of single dodging.

The real secret of going from one method to the other is to count your places and remember that the dodging step back in Grandsire is at handstroke and the dodging step back in Plain Bob is at backstroke.

BACHELORS' RINGING TOUR.

THE WEEK'S PROGRAMME.

The bachelors' party, suitably chaperoned, start their peal ringing tour to-morrow. Their headquarters will be at Bourton-on-the-Water, but they begin their ringing in Oxford. Their programme is as follows:—

Saturday, September 4th: Magdalen College, Oxford (10 bells).
 Sunday, September 5th: Banbury (10).
 Monday, September 6th: Great Tew (8) and Adderbury (8).
 Tuesday, September 7th: Swindon (10) and Bampton.
 Wednesday, September 8th: Northleach and Burford.
 Thursday, September 9th: Appleton (10) and All Saints', Oxford.
 Friday, September 10th: Stow-on-the-Wold and Chipping Norton.
 Saturday, September 11th: Bourton and Kingham.

WHY FRANCIS IS GIVING UP.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Two or three years ago, when I was at school, I was persuaded by a friend of mine to learn ringing, because he said that ringers were all intellectual men with brains. I did so, and now I find that most of them believe—

- That the more a bell is 'tucked up' the quicker it swings.
 - That if you stand on a box to ring a tenor, you get a better pull than if you stand on the floor.
 - That a tenor quick at backstroke is easier to ring than a tenor slow at backstroke.
 - That a bell with a big wheel and a lot of rope swings slower than one with a small wheel.
 - That Cambridge Surprise Royal is more musical than Treble Bob Royal.
 - That if you cut the slow work out of Treble Bob Major you will improve the music.
 - That it matters a —, when you make a cup of tea, whether you put the milk and sugar into the cup before the tea or not.
- I like to associate with intelligent people, and so I am giving up ringing.

FRANCIS BACON.

PRACTICE MEETING IN THE HEART OF DORSET

SALISBURY GUILD'S SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

In ideal summer weather the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild held a very successful meeting for practice at Hilton on Saturday, August 21st. The bells were kept going in various methods from 3 o'clock until 5, when members and friends adjourned to the Vicarage lawns, where an alfresco tea was awaiting them, the beautiful surroundings, including Milton Abbey Park, adding to the enjoyment of the gathering. After a chat over the tea cups, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. H. A. Cary) for permitting the use of the bells, his gardens and lawns, and to Mrs. Pinder for preparing the tea. Unfortunately, the Vicar was absent as he was taking the choirboys for an outing.

Those members of the Guild who required a change from the ringing chamber indulged in handbell ringing (the Vicar supplying two octaves), croquet, swings, etc. But the more ardent ones returned to the tower and continued some good practice until late in the evening, the Ringing Master (Mr. P. Field), assisted by the North Dorset Branch Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shute), doing some excellent spade-work.

Between 30 and 40 members and friends were present, representing the following towers: Bradford Peverell, Preston, Upwey, Hazelbury Bryan, Hampreston, Bovington, Lydlinch, Poole, Rampisham, Shroton, Staplehill, West Parley, Stoke Wake, Wyke Regis and there were welcome visitors from Reading. The following methods were rung: Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Stedman, Stedman Slow Course, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Doubles, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob Minor. All the visitors agreed they had spent a very happy time in the heart of Dorset 'far from the madding crowd.'

DEATH OF MR. F. G. WILSON, BASINGSTOKE.

NEARLY FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Frederick George Wilson, of Basingstoke. Although not in the best of health, Mr. Wilson was at work as usual until two days before his death, which took place on Thursday, August 26th. He was 64 years of age.

Mr. Wilson had not been able to ring during the past three years, but previously he had been a most regular Sunday service ringer at St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke. He had rung many peals with the late Mr. Henry White, for the old Winchester Diocesan Guild, but in later years he had devoted his time to teaching others to ring. Altogether Mr. Wilson's ringing career had extended over a period of nearly 50 years.

The funeral, which took place at Basingstoke on Saturday afternoon, was attended by Mr. George Williams (Master) and many other members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral service.

The deceased leaves a widow, son and daughter to mourn his death.

LOUGHBOROUGH AND BOGNOR SURPRISE.

MISPRINTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I point out that in your issue of August 20th there are errors in the two methods, Loughborough and Bognor.

In Loughborough the section with the treble dodging in 3-4 down should read:—

23415678
 32146587
 23416857
 32148675

and in Bognor the sections with treble in 3-4 up 23158764
 32517846
 23157486
 32514768

and 5-6 down 24356178
 23451687
 32546178
 32451687

Wigston.

K. A. ROE.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR. SOME NOTES ON CHURCHES AND BELLS The Story of an Interesting Week.

On a plot of rising ground I hear the far off Curfew sound,
Over some wide watered shore, swinging slow with sullen roar.
Maxwell.

By the time this account of the Bennett tour of 1937 appears in print most of my readers will have 'weighed up' the peal columns and summed up the week's work as reported in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.' To begin, the organiser in his letter of invitation modestly referred to his 'pretty stiff programme,' adding that he had confidence in the band, which eventually scored 14 peals in their list of 16 towers and completed them without mishap to man, bell or fittings.

A capable Master of the Guild had knowingly planned the daily route, encouraged by the respective clergy and foremen of belfries, who heartily welcomed the tourists at the various parishes. The team of 12 men were the same as on the Newcastle tour of last year. With three motor-cars at their disposal, they were able to travel in comfort and with punctuality.

The Cross Keys, Spalding, was headquarters—an historic old property, belonging to the Duke of Buckingham and dating from 1460. Here the tourists were received by Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson on their arrival—six by train and six by car—in time to take tea and get ready for their first peal attempt on Friday, August 13th.

The Parish Church of Spalding, dedicated to SS. Mary and Nicolas, is well portrayed in a small guide book by J. P. Hoskins, B.A., of London. One's first impression on entering the north door is 'she's as long as she's broad' with five aisles. It was built by the Benedictine Priory, which existed at Spalding from its foundation in 1051 to its surrender to the Commissioners of Henry VIII. in 1540. Fortunately many of the Priory records are extant and from them something of the history of the church is learnt.

Prior Simon de Hautebache (1228 to 1251) is recorded to have begun to build the parishioners a new church within the precincts of the monastery. This building was finished by his successor (Prior 1251 to 1274) and seems to have been known as St. Mary Stock. Prior William de Littleport (1274-1293) decided to transfer and rebuild the church, and the dimensions of this building are almost exactly those of the present structure. The Colc MSS. in the British Museum give particulars of agreements about building, etc., and amongst them, 'Land was to be given by the Priory for the enlargement of the cemetery and two bells of the price of £20 sterling, which were not to be rung when the monks were in their dormitory, except for fire, flood or other great disaster.'

LEANING TOWERS.

The tower and spire, over 150ft. high, leaning distinctly towards the north-east, began to subside very seriously in the middle of the seventeenth century. The cause of this was probably the digging of vaults inside the church by the north wall of the tower. Extensive cracks appeared in the east and north faces of the tower, the latter going up right into the spire and being large enough for a boy to squeeze through in many parts. To support the tower the western arch of the arcade was walled up in 1664, and the eastern arch of the tower in 1683, but nothing was done to the vaults that had undermined it and the tower grew more and more unsafe with the passing of the years, so that the architect who examined it in 1865 exclaimed, 'Why it does not fall I don't know.'

At the west end of the church is a small sanctus bell of great interest, bearing the letters I.N.R.I. and the date 1501. This is probably the only pre-Reformation bell not recast in existence for many miles around. It was bought in 1840 by a former Vicar from the Town Crier of the nearby village of Whaplode.

The bells were more than once the cause of disputes between the Priory of Spalding and the parishioners. The Priory agreed to provide two bells at the building of the church about 1284. The Prior appealed to the King (Henry IV.), the parishioners submitted an address in French, then the dispute was referred to the Bishop of Lincoln A.D. 1401, but his decision unfortunately does not seem to be known. North tells us the old ring of six bells were made up by a new treble added and the tenor recast by Dobson, of Downham, in 1801. Also William Carter, bellringer, was paid for his year's stipend in 1519 VIII. IIIId., and, for ringing when the tempest was, IIIId.

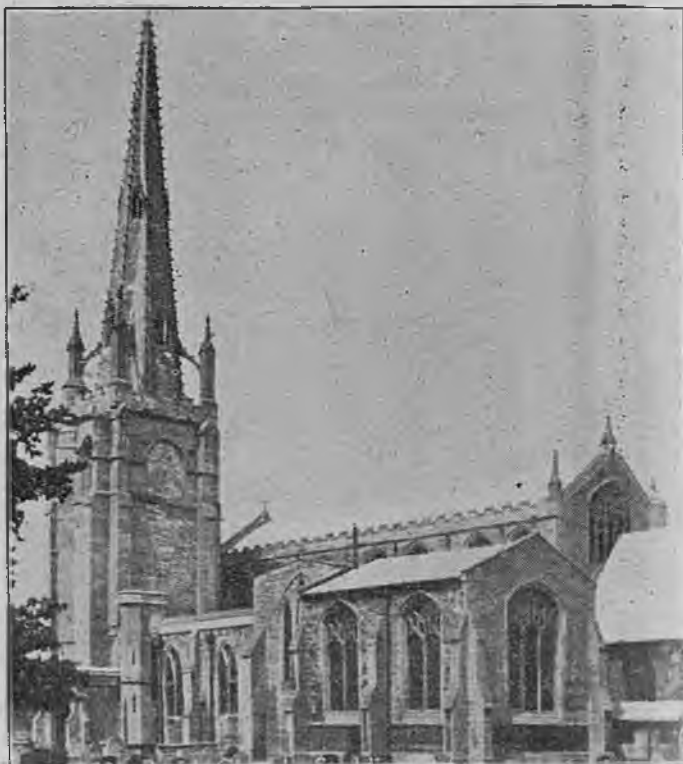
It will interest members of the Ladies' Guild to hear of the widow of the sexton of Spalding, who carried on his duties in the early part of the 19th century. She was also a washerwoman engaged at a clergyman's house with others. She used to leave her tub to ring the bell. On one occasion one of her companions wrapped a white sheet around her and followed the sexton to the south porch standing up on the bench there. As the old woman was locking the door the ghost started moaning, thinking to frighten her, but the old lady quickly drew the huge key from the lock and rushed at the figure with the exclamation, 'Be ye live or dead, here's a go at yer,' and nearly slew the would-be ghost.

The parish registers of Spalding begin in 1538. They are complete and in excellent condition. The present Vicar is the Rev. Canon

B. G. Nicholas, R.D., one of the 17 Spalding hon. members of the Elloe Deanery Branch of the Lincoln Guild. On the conclusion of the peal he sent a kind message of congratulation saying 'how much he had enjoyed listening to the ringing.'

The visitors were met at the church by Messrs. Knight, Ladd, Farr, Ames and others, and took a brief glance at the tablets on the belfry walls, which record among other things that Churchwarden Jarvis celebrated his 100th birthday on May 29th last year and that Richard Mackman was verger 1876 to 1923, had charge of the tower and for 50 years was a member of the association.

The present ring of eight bells was cast from old bells in 1926 and rehung by Taylors in new iron frame and fittings; each bell is dedi-



SPALDING'S SPIRE.

cated to a different saint, the 7th being known as Gabriel. The following was written by the Vicar, January, 1936, and gives some idea of the district to those who have not 'done' the county: 'South Lincolnshire has been disparagingly written of as a land of "fens and fogs and flats"; since it has been my privilege to live and labour there I have found it to be the land of the prosaic potato; of the golden corn; of the daffodil and the tulip in countless varieties and colours; the land of splendid sunsets and glorious churches unsurpassed by any in the Kingdom.' He might have added also the first to possess a ring of bells in all England, namely, at Croyland a few miles away.

EWERBY'S GRACEFUL RINGING 'ROOM.'

Ewerby, visited on Saturday, was the home of the late Fred Holden, whose first peal I conducted at Staines before he joined the Royal Navy. Alas! he now rests beside the chancel, but has left a fine family of boys to 'carry on.'

Our team arrived at the Church of St. Andrew at 9.30, and some time was spent in putting things right 'up above.' The Rector kindly gave us a welcome in the ringing room, which is conveniently on the ground floor level and a very handsome feature at the west end of the nave with graceful arches on three sides open to the church and a groined ceiling. The carved hexagonal font formed a centrepiece as the team surrounded it for Cambridge Royal.

The church is built entirely of stone, of handsome proportions, especially the tower and spire, and the cunning way in which the roomy spiral stairs up to the bells are constructed, in the south-west angle, is an object lesson to modern architects. The north aisle has a paving stone which serves to remind us of the disastrous period in the history of the Church of England, and here is the inscription: 'Here lyeth interred the body of pious and learned Mr. Silvester, gent, who faithfully and diligently served the Vicarage of this parish

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STONE ROPE STRETCHER.

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for above 50 years, died March, 1730, aged 81 years. He gave the sum of £5 a year to the said Vicar for ever supposing he do reside upon the same Vicarage.

Another interesting tombstone is that of George William, Earl of Winchelsea, at the east of the chancel, who died in 1858. He was also a practical bellringer and gave the front six bells to make up the peal of ten with the four old ones. The Earl left a fund to give the ringers an annual Christmas supper and £1 per man as a Christmas box, and he generally, while in residence, took part in such festivities. The old tenor is dated 1616, and is 47 inches in diameter. In 1568 the churchwardens reported that two handbells, which belonged to this church in Queen Mary's time, had been sold to one Cuthbert, a pewterer of Lincoln.

Ewerby men have scored a peal of Caters on the bells conducted by Fred Holden, but of recent years it has been impossible to find and train ten men to man the bells regularly. Work and population are declining here, as in many other agricultural centres throughout England.

A large block of stone, with two stout iron ring handles, stands near the font. It is now used to stretch the bellropes, but I believe it formed, at one time, part of the market cross in front of the churchyard, and was used to tether cattle and the horses of the farmers attending Sunday service. Two o'clock lunch at the Hatton Arms was served by hostess Mildred Porter, and twelve signatures were added to her petition for permission for Sunday opening.

Heckington, which was visited in the afternoon, has a ring of six bells that were increased to eight in 1880 by two new bells—treble and tenor—cast by Mears and Stainbank. The old tenor, supplied by Warner and Son, 1859, is now the 7th. Many a dispute and wager have taken place in the village with regard to the figure on the 6th, in reference to William Taylor's gift of metal to this bell because 'he loved ringing so well.' They are a fine ring of bells, with a good belfry, the light, circle of ropes, draught and sound all being suitable for practising advanced methods. The walls of the belfry are carved in many places with the names and initials of old ringers dating from 1677. We were met by Mr. T. H. Clark, who did duty for us as tower warden. His connection with St. Andrew's belfry has lasted nearly half a century. Our cars were parked opposite the police station, near the tower, where the officer in charge expressed gladness at our departure, as the office books were in arrears. I referred him to Inspector Poole, of Leicester, and mentioned we had added a new method to the county list and celebrated the birthday of a famous London ringer, the late William Pye.

W. H. F.

(To be continued.)

ROUND BERKSHIRE TOWERS.**A TIME TABLE THAT WORKED.**

The ringers of St. Mary's, Rodbourne Cheney, together with a few colleagues from other Swindon towers, held their annual outing on Saturday, August 21st, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. S. F. Allison). A time table had been worked out, which, contrary to the general custom, was strictly adhered to during the course of the tour. Permission had been granted to visit half a dozen Berkshire towers. After the 'gathering of the clans' from various points, an early start was made and the party were soon speeding away over the open downs into the Lambourn Valley, where the first call was made at Great Shefford. This is a 'left-handed' peal of six, and trouble was encountered by several of the novices before the 'hang' of things came 'right.' To the old 'uns it held no terrors, and good touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Minor were rung. Incidentally the writer was initiated into the art in this tower many years ago.

From here the excursionists passed on through the whole length of the delightful Lambourn Valley until Chieveley was reached. There another peal of six was encountered, and, although hung in an old wood frame, was found to be in excellent going order. This soon put the visitors into a happy mood and several well-struck touches were called. Apart from ringing, this tower is worthy of note, possessing some very antiquated steps to ascend into the bell chamber. The drive was continued through the pine woods of Hermitage to Hampstead Norris, where the bells were found already raised for action, and proved to be almost perfect both for handling and for sound. Some good ringing resulted.

Tea was partaken of at Compton, where the visitors were met by representatives of the local band. Ringing at the church followed. The tower appealed very much to some of the party. Others, however, developed 'dart-bagatelleitis' and failed to turn up at the belfry until the departure time. East Ilsley was next visited and the party were accompanied by some of the Compton band. The ring of eight was found to be a lovely going light peal, which, especially to the old 'uns, were a treat to ring. At no time were ropes going a-hogging. Some of the best ringing of the day was carried out here. At Wantage, the last tower, the metal of this peal of eight proved a bit too cumbersome for the majority of the party, but touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung. During a short spell for light refreshments, touches of Stedman, Grandsire, etc., together with a few tunes by the 'musical stars' of the party, were rung on the handbells and brought a delightful day to a close. The ringers wish to thank the various incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of the bells and arrangements that were made, the whole combining into a very pleasant and interesting outing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

All those who have reserved tickets for the Ladies' Guild jubilee dinner should redeem their reservations at once. No ticket, says a notice in another column, can be reserved after September 25th.

After the joint meeting of four associations at Staines on Saturday, ringing took place at St. Mary's Church, where a band of 'experts' rang a course of Bob Triples as a special compliment to Mr. Cecil Pipe, of Staines.

A day in Oxfordshire for young ringers is being arranged for Saturday, September 11th, leaving Maidenhead Station by motor-coach at 9.15 a.m. Lunch, tea and fare, 7s. inclusive. There are a few vacant seats, for which application should be made by September 7th to Mr. T. J. Fowler, Cookham, Berks.

St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, is quite near the Dorset County Prison. The Rector, who is chairman of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild, is also prison chaplain, and on a recent visit to the 'house of correction' a prisoner told him how much he enjoyed listening to the bells, but that he would 'like to hear them ring in "Queen's" more.'

At the last two practices, arranged for visitors to that part of Dorset, Queen's have been rung for a few minutes in the hope that the nearby listener enjoyed the ringing.

As a result of the distribution of the booklet of touches of Stedman Caters and Cinques, Mr. W. A. Cave has been asked for touches of Grandsire Caters. He has prepared a small collection of musical touches and will send them to any who require them on receipt of a stamped (halfpenny) addressed return envelope.

In the peal at Chichester on August 21st the ringers of the 7th and tenor were Raymond Wood, jun., and Frederick W. Burnett respectively.

AUSTRALIAN LADY RINGERS.

NEARLY FORTY SCHOOLGIRLS LEARNING ON HANDBELLS.

Miss Joan H. Kynaston, who went out from England about two years ago to a teaching appointment at Frensham School, Mittagong, New South Wales, has been doing some splendid work among the pupils, which, we may hope, will benefit the art of ringing in Australia in the future.

Although there are no church bells available, change ringing is taught on handbells, and Miss Kynaston has now got nearly 40 keen ringers in the school, ranging from seven years old to the senior girls. There is also one learner among the staff who, it is hoped, will be able to carry on when Miss Kynaston returns to England at the end of the year.

This month one of her ringing pupils, Miss Joyce Layton, arrives in England, and will be in residence at the Physical Training College, Bedford. She hopes to get a practical acquaintance with church bell ringing during her stay, and we are sure she will be heartily welcomed by Bedford ringers.

BOB TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I reply to the advocate of Bob Triples, Mr. A. P. Cannon? What methods are rung in peals concerns me not at all, but when he talks of teaching beginners Bob Triples instead of Grandsire he encroaches on Sunday service ringing, of which I am afraid he knows very little. There are ringers, I am afraid, who never pass beyond covering and others who get as far as plain hunting and then stop, but they are of much more use to a tower with their regular attendance than the expert change ringers whose attendances on Sunday are few and far between. With two treble ringers and one tenorman, the Plain Bob band would be tied to Bob Minor with two covers, instead of courses of Grandsire Triples. With six inside, one treble and one tenor they would ring Bob Triples. To ring Bob Major requires seven inside and one treble, and unless this number were in the tower no music would ever be heard from their bells.

May I also point out that Grandsire is not a 'blind alley method leading nowhere.' There is a book of Triples methods published by the Central Council leading from Grandsire. I also fail to follow Mr. Cannon's reasoning that a ringer who finds a difficulty in grasping Bob Major after ringing Grandsire Triples could very easily learn the higher major methods if first taught Bob Triples. He could, at least, ring Grandsire Major and discourse the same sweet music as the Bob Triple ringer. I think Mr. Cannon will find that the 'blind alley' Grandsire, with its 'defects,' will long continue as the standard fare.

C. A. LEVETT.

Hastings.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Coalbrookdale, Salop, on Sunday, August 22nd, in honour of the wedding of Miss Ivy Doreen Edwards and Dr. Cyril Stansfeld-Parker, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): F. Jones 1, E. D. Poole (first quarter-peal of Caters 'inside') 2, W. S. Crawford 3, R. Evans 4, A. S. Bayley 5, W. Lago 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, W. Saunders 8, A. Pritchard (first quarter-peal of Caters as conductor) 9, F. Hill 10. The bride is the daughter of the managing director of the Coalbrookdale Iron Co., Ltd.

FOUR ASSOCIATIONS MEET ON THAMES-SIDE.

LARGE GATHERING AT STAINES.

The Value of Co-operation.

Four societies joined forces in a meeting on Thames-side on Saturday. At the invitation of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, the East Becks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the North-West District of the Surrey Association visited Staines, and a gathering of between 80 and 100 ringers and friends was the result. The morning had not been too promising, but the sun broke through the clouds in the afternoon and the visitors found St. Peter's Church, the centre of activities, in a charming setting on the river bank.

In addition to St. Peter's, the bells of St. Mary's, Staines, were open, as were also those of Egham, on the Surrey side, and Wraysbury, just over the Bucks border. All these are eight-bell towers and full use was made of them, St. Peter's, as was, perhaps, not to be wondered at, being specially crowded.

A service was held here, conducted by the Vicar, Dr. Flecker, and a new ringers' hymn, 'Ringslip Bells,' was used for the first time. Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the Middlesex Association) read the lesson.

The Rev. A. C. Tranter, Vicar of Egham, gave a forceful address, in the course of which he spoke of the conflicting voices in the world of to-day. The invention of radio had, he said, filled the air with voices to which men could listen if they would. But there were other voices. The voice of the bells was calling men to God, if they would but listen, and he asked ringers to remember when they were ringing, whether for Sunday service or practice, that they were sending out a message—a message of comfort in the everlasting love of God, a message to men to prepare for the coming King.

Commenting on the uncertainty of life, the preacher incidentally remarked that one of the most important things a man should do was to make his will. 'Why,' he said, 'I have got the hymn picked out for my funeral, but,' he added, 'that does not mean that I am going to die yet.'

After service, tea was served into St. Peter's Hall, but there were many more present than had notified that they were coming, with the result that the caterers were hard put to it to provide for the wants of the large gathering. Mr. J. A. Trollope presided and three general secretaries were present (Middlesex, Oxford and Guildford) in addition to the four district secretaries and ringers from nearly 40 different towers. Specially welcome visitors were Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, and the Rev. R. H. Gilding (curate at St. Peter's).

The Chairman extended a cordial welcome to the visiting associations. That, he said, was something more than merely a pleasant gathering; it was the outward and visible sign of the unity and good fellowship that existed among ringers, which was one of the finest characteristics of the Exercise to-day. Towers and associations alike benefited from the spirit of co-operation, but this spirit of co-operation had not always existed among ringers. In days gone by old societies like the College Youths and Cumberlands not only did not fraternise, but a member of one could not be a member of the other. In the case of these two societies this latter rule existed to-day, and it came about, as explained in the Cumberlands' rule book, in order to promote friendly rivalry. It was a survival of old traditions which existed two centuries ago, when every society kept itself to itself. It was only since the territorial associations came into existence that that spirit was really broken down, and it was largely because it had been broken down that the Exercise had progressed in the last half-century as much as it had done. He was casting no aspersions on those old societies, which looked back with pride on their past. Ringing owed a debt to them for what they had preserved. They had preserved this tradition, but in these days it was an anachronism, and he thought, might well be honoured in the breach. Wherever they went throughout the country a man who was a ringer was welcomed in any belfry, and that was a thing which ringers had a right to be proud of. That was the spirit which brought about meetings of that kind, and for that reason he was glad to see such a large and representative gathering present that day.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Guildford Guild), Mr. A. D. Barker (Oxford Guild) and Mr. D. Cooper (Surrey Association) acknowledged the welcome given to the visitors and spoke of the success of the gathering.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Peter's was proposed by the chairman and acknowledged by the Rev. R. H. Gilding, and Mr. P. W. Goodfellow (Middlesex district secretary) moved a vote of thanks to the preacher, the organist and the caterers.

GREAT STAUGHTON'S OLDEST RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. G. FRANKLIN.

Great Staughton band has lost its oldest member with the passing of Mr. George Franklin, who died in hospital on August 24th after an operation, at the age of 67 years. Mr. Franklin had rung only one peal, but he was a regular service ringer and Sunday after Sunday would be at his post both morning and evening.

The funeral, which was choral, took place on Saturday, and immediately afterwards a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with bells half-muffled by R. Stratton 1, N. Smith 2, J. Smith 3, H. J. Parker 4, P. W. Lack 5, F. Reeve 6.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A WELCOME TO SHIPLEY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at the Shipley Parish Church on Saturday. Owing to the holiday season being in full swing, and the fact that the opening games of the football season were taking place in such glorious weather, the attendance was below expectations. About two dozen members were present from Armley, Burley, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Holbeck, Idle, Rothwell, Sherburn, Drighlington and the local company, as well as a visitor from Kirkby Stephen. The bells were kept ringing from 3 o'clock until finally they were lowered about 9 p.m.

The business meeting was held in the tower, and in the absence of the president and vice-presidents, Mr. P. J. Johnson (a former president) occupied the chair. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens and the local company for their welcome was proposed by Mr. W. Jackson, and supported by Mr. F. Rayment, who congratulated the Shipley company on the splendid progress which they were making. After a number of very lean years, and years of hard work, they were at last reaping the benefits of their labours, and he hoped the progress would continue.

The Chairman, in putting this vote to the meeting, dwelt reminiscently upon several of the early Shipley ringers.

The Rev. T. Perrett, in replying, said how pleased he was to welcome the society to Shipley and hoped they would come again in the near future, when he himself anticipated being able to take a more active part in the proceedings. He always felt that ringers had such a grip on one another, a grip of comradeship—just like the grip one had on one's 'sally.'

Mr. Ernest Simpson also spoke for the local company and expressed his pleasure at the meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Johnson for presiding.

The Chairman said he could not close the meeting without a reference to the death at the great age of 76 of Mr. Herbert Needham, the first secretary of the Leeds and District Society. The late Mr. Needham moved away from Leeds about 40 years ago, but he did a great deal of pioneer work for the society in its early days.

The next meeting is due to be held at Holbeck on September 25th, but an announcement will be made in the Press in due course.

After the meeting, the Vicar took part in the ringing before leaving to continue his other duties. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHATTERIS RINGERS' EXAMPLE.

A meeting of the Central Branch was held at Chatteris on Saturday, August 28th. There was a good attendance of visitors and branch members. The general secretary of the association (Miss K. Willers) was also present. Ringing commenced at about 2.30 p.m., Mr. A. J. Abrams being in charge, the Ringing Master arriving after tea.

It is worthy of note that nearly all the Chatteris ringers attended this meeting, which gives one food for thought, as, when going to other towers, the leader of the company is often the only local ringer present. If bands would follow Chatteris ringers' example, more Sunday service ringing would be done.

The Guild service was held in church at 6 p.m., conducted by the Vicar.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Haddenham if permission is obtained.

Methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise were rung, and the meeting proved a happy one.

IN PLEASANT SURREY BY-WAYS.

Some 16 members of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, with wives and friends, enjoyed an afternoon's outing on Saturday in the neighbourhood of Woking, Surrey. Chobham was the first tower visited, and Mr. A. Coleman had everything in readiness. A delightful surprise was the visit to the belfry of Messrs. Goldsmith, Hazelden, Corbett and Grover (of the Guildford Diocesan Guild), who were en route for Egham to attend a joint meeting. A journey of two miles brought the party to Horsell, with its perpendicular ladder leading to the curious ringing chamber, but very handy ring of six. Then into Woking for tea at the Sunray Restaurant and a look round the busy little town before ringing on the good going eight at Old Woking, the belfry hallowed by the memory of that friend of ringers, the late Admiral T. P. Walker. A pleasant run as the daylight faded brought the party to Pirbright, with its interesting church in a peaceful spot, where lie the remains of the great African explorer, H. M. Stanley. The nice going musical ring of six bells in the tower were well used until 9 p.m.

After crossing the Berkshire border on the homeward journey, passengers were gradually set down and 'good nights' shouted until the last reached home about 11 p.m., all tired but well content. Thanks are accorded to the four incumbents, their steeplekeepers and all who assisted to bring success and enjoyment, including Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, whose help was invaluable. The standard methods were rung in all the churches, and, in addition, at the six-bell towers, London and Cambridge Surprise.

W. J. P

ALL HALLOWS', LOMBARD STREET.

S.P.A.B. AND DEMOLITION OF FAMOUS LONDON CHURCH.

The 60th annual report of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings again forms an interesting record of the work carried out by the society in many directions during the year. Numerous church restorations have been executed with the collaboration of the society, but the matter, reported on at some length, which will interest ringers most, is that relating to the demolition of All Hallows' Church, London.

All Hallows' has a ring of ten bells, and London ringing organisations have directed the attention of the authorities to preserving the peal intact and erecting it in some other church where there is a tower which will enable the bells to be rung.

The S.P.A.B. report, as will be seen below, touches upon important matters relating to Diocesan Advisory Boards, who, given the additional powers proposed, may exercise still greater restraint in matters relating to bell restorations, although their jurisdiction, of course, touches practically everything connected with the fabric and the furnishing of the church.

The report on All Hallows' Church says:—

The decision to remove this church is a great disappointment to the society and to all those who have worked for its retention. That such a decision could be taken without reference to the London Diocesan Advisory Committee or to the Central Council for the Preservation of Churches, reveals an extraordinary state of affairs.

When the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Davidson, secured the exemption of churches from the Ancient Monuments Act in 1913 he certainly gave no pledge that every single church, early or late in date, should be preserved. No building-owning authority could do that, not even the Office of Works. But he did promise that the Church would set up efficient machinery to deal with questions of this kind. What has happened is not that the particular machinery has broken down in this case, but that All Hallows' has managed to escape it.

It is an amazing thing, but it is actually the fact, that, while it is and has for long been practically impossible to pull down a piece of an ancient church to add a vestry or an organ chamber in the Victorian manner, or even to carry out an old-fashioned 'restoration,' it is really possible to destroy a whole church! Such apparently is the state of the law.

NO CONTROL BEFORE CONSECRATION.

We understand that there is a strangely parallel situation in regard to new churches. It is not possible to place fittings or monuments in existing churches without the closest scrutiny, but prior to consecration there is no control over what may be placed in a new church. There is urgent need for some alteration in the law.

But there is no doubt that very real difficulties are arising in consequence of the shifting of the population and the traffic problems of urban areas. Certain recent schemes show that the municipalities are likely at any time to wish to destroy valuable buildings in central areas. How far State Control could protect some of them nowadays is a difficult problem. A Government department would certainly have to balance various interests against one another, and it might well be that without great expenditure of money and elaborate protective town planning, some loss would be inevitable in overcrowded areas. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings may congratulate itself that in the case of All Hallows' it has done all that could be done, and that the agitation has shown the public that buildings of a certain degree of importance cannot be touched without an outcry.

It is also satisfactory to note the change of opinion that has come over the country in regard to renaissance art. Notwithstanding the destruction of All Hallows', the balance of opinion in favour of the importance of preserving renaissance work is more with the Church authorities than with the State. The Royal Commission on Historical Monuments in their reports ignore everything from a few years after the date of All Hallows'. One may search most of their reports in vain for notice of anything of the later years of Wren or the work of his followers, while most of the Diocesan Advisory Committees are slow to tolerate interference with any eighteenth-century work of real distinction. The irony of the situation is that while a church like All Hallows' is to be pulled down, the London diocesan authorities have been encouraging the expenditure of vast sums of money in repairing the other city churches, and on the lines approved by this society.

What seems to be required is some new legislation by the Church Assembly to secure that cases like that of All Hallows' should come before the Advisory Committee at the very beginning of any scheme. The serious thing is that there may be other cases in the future. We must admit that according to the most reliable information, none of the other city churches in London are in any danger. New uses are being found for some of them: most are now well used on week-days. The scheme for pulling down nineteen is certainly a thing of the past. It is rather in some of the provincial towns that the danger lies, e.g., Sheffield, York, Norwich and Worcester. In none of these cases, as far as we know, has the Advisory Committee been consulted, though the destruction of valuable churches is contemplated as a consequence of urban depopulation.

There is another matter which requires ventilation. In London, notwithstanding the All Hallows' scandal, the Advisory Committee is a

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CULPABLE NEGLECT ALLEGED.

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very weighty body, doing excellent work. But in some parts of the country it does seem possible to say that there has been culpable neglect in fulfilling the pledge that the Archbishop gave the nation in 1913. For the Advisory Committee system is either not working at all or else working very badly. Take the diocese of Hereford for example, or that of Derby, or of Durham. We do not know who their secretaries are, or what they are doing. And it still seems possible for an ignorant incumbent or parochial church council to hold up their work by sheer defiance. In the city of London the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street, has the unenviable distinction of possessing the dirtiest monuments. In the same church the advice of the eminent architects responsible for recent repairs was ignored by the parish on points of great importance. We could quote other similar cases. Though less spectacular, these are matters of grave concern, because, unlike All Hallows', they are within the sphere of responsibility of the new protective system.

It is only fair to say that legislation is now pending before the Church Assembly in which it is intended to stiffen up procedure before the Consistory Courts, and to strengthen the hands of the Advisory Committees and the Central Faculties Council. But the unhappy experience of All Hallows', Lombard Street, shows that that is not everything, as it is difficult to see how it will affect those unwanted churches in depopulated urban areas.

The All Hallows' case has shown the value that is attached to the city churches and to the work of the English renaissance. It is poor compensation for the loss of the church, but it is something to be able to recall the fact that, whereas in Victorian cases of destruction of city churches little care was taken of their contents, in this case the greatest care will be exercised even to reproducing in the new suburban church which will succeed All Hallows' the conditions of the east and west ends, so as to contain the woodwork in surroundings such as it was intended to fill.

It is clear that there are elements in the Church which still do not take their responsibilities seriously enough where artistic and architectural considerations are concerned. Unless new legislation is carried through and made to apply more widely, and unless local disloyalty to their own system can be stopped, the Church authorities are quite likely to encounter a renewal of the agitation for the taking over of buildings by the State. The Advisory Committee system has certainly made far-reaching changes in the last twenty years, not least by its insistence on the value of renaissance work, but events are showing that it has not gone far enough, and that its net must be made closer and stronger.

QUEX PARK.

A RECORD PICNIC MEETING.

A by-meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association, held at Quex Park on Saturday, August 28th, broke all records for attendance at any similar meeting of the district. Members and friends, numbering 80, were present, and 15 towers were represented.

The afternoon's ringing was broken off at 4.30, for those present to be shown over the Natural History Museum of Col. Powell-Cotton attached to the Mansion. They were taken round by the Curator, Mr. Penfold, who explained the many exhibits to them. The exhibition is unique in the fact that all the specimens, with the exception of three, were shot by one man. The posing of the animals in their natural surroundings gave rise to many expressions of delight by those who were fortunate to be present.

A picnic tea in the park followed. This was provided through the generosity of Mr. Harrison Smith and Mr. Jack Walter, and, needless to say, was enjoyed to the full by all. Thanks to these gentlemen and to Miss H. Smith for her 'home made' were expressed in no mean measure. The weather proved fine, and members were able to choose which 'chair' they liked, the most comfortable posture proving to be the 'back to back' position.

Birchington tower, with seven members, was re-elected, and notice was given that the annual district meeting would be held in Canterbury on October 9th.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Powell-Cotton for the use of the bells, for allowing the members to picnic, and for the opportunity of being able to look over the museum.

During the ringing the back ten of the ring of twelve were rung by a band composed entirely of ladies, the Wickhambreaux 'belles', having their first pull on ten.

Darts proved to be very popular during the afternoon and evening, a tree forming a good substitute for the more usual background.

The bells at Birchington Church were open during the evening, many having a pull there before leaving for home.

The gathering proved one of the happiest meetings at which the writer has been present.

THE 'OLD 'UNS' HAVE AN OUTING.

AGE TELLS ITS TALE.

Loughton ringers, most of whom are getting on in years, with friends and three other old ringers from Woodford and West Ham, had their annual outing on Saturday, August 21st, when they visited Essex and Suffolk towers. Pinchingfield, first on the list, was reached about 9 a.m. The bells were set going to Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major, and call changes for the probationers. A nice run through winding roads then brought the party to Woodbridge, where further touches were brought round. The steps up to this ringing room were more than one old and respected ringer of Loughton could manage. He had to be content with listening to the bells and expressing his great disappointment at not being able to have a pull. Dinner was served at the White Horse Hotel, Leiston, and ringing afterwards took place at the Parish Church, made famous among ringers by the performances of the Bailey brothers. This tower pleased the old warriors in the party, for they were able to ascend with ease. Touches were brought round in various methods, two of the local ringers joining in. The journey was then continued to Halstead, where Miss H. Snowden and her brother met the party. Tea was awaiting the party in the Lads' Drill Hall, and after the meal thanks were accorded to the organisers and a move was then made to the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Bob Major were brought round. Loughton was eventually reached about 9.30 after another most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank all incumbents and tower masters for their kind help and permission for use of bells, and especially Miss H. Snowden for her willing assistance.

COMPOSITIONS OF ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with interest, in the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. G. E. Symonds' letter under the above heading. He therein declares that the second has been 'subjected to such humiliations.'

Some time ago, I worked out a 5,080 of Treble Bob Royal, in which the second comes into its own, by being at home at every course-end. Surely in a peal of this sort the second plays an important part.

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26545	2	2	1	
26435	2	2	1	
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23645		1	2	
24536	2	1	1	
25346		1	2	
23456		1	2	

I do not wish to make any claims for the originality of these figures, as it is more than likely they have been discovered over and over again, although I have not seen them.

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RINGING ON CARD INDEX SYSTEM.

HOW IT FAILED.

Salehurst, Sedlescombe, Brede, Rye, Winchelsea, Hastings, Bexhill, Brightling and Burwash were visited by members and friends of St. Peter's Society, Tunbridge Wells, on August Bank Holiday. It is rather a funny business going out with the St. Peter's ringers, the ringing being done on a kind of card index system. Each ringer has his or her card (provided with a small hole in which to place a piece of string to hang round the neck), on which is printed the number of the bell the performer will take in a certain band. It is a fine idea; you don't have ringers rushing to ring bells they wouldn't dare touch at home; in fact, there is no rush at all until the end of the day, when everybody begins to find out how to read the cards and looks at, instead of sitting on, them. Everything started in a very orderly way. The time schedule was worked out to the minute—bang on time starting, bang on time at Salehurst; Stedman, Bob Major, Oxford Bob Triples, Double Norwich and Kent, 14 ringers taking part, and the card index putting the party 15 minutes late in getting away.

Six musical bells at Sedlescombe were rung to Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Cambridge. Then to Brede, where is a beautiful church, containing many objects of interest, among them being an oak cradle, said to have been that of Dean Swift, author of 'Gulliver's Travels,' 'A Tale of a Tub,' etc. Quite a nice six at Brede, which were got going after juggling with the cards, to the above mentioned methods. After a little light refreshment, the party set off for Rye. No ringing at Rye, but luncheon. The orderliness began to vanish, some of the lighter-minded no doubt had visions of previous outings. Of course, the captain of the band was the last to get his first course, and quite a young Ladd was first to get all the courses. And when it was discovered that it was possible to get something to drink besides water, there was no end of a row, because the captain had filled the glasses with water. However, the young Ladd sitting close to one of the windows speedily disposed of the water, and everything settled down again, with little outbreaks of mirth occasionally, no doubt due to something a man said who used to live at Tenterden.

After lunch, a course of Triples on the handbells, and off to visit the historical old church, with its profusion of different periods of building, stained windows and the peculiar pendulum of the clock, which swings over the heads of the visitors as they enter through the doorway at the base of the tower. Mermaid Street, with its cobbles and quaint old timbered houses, provided the way to the 'charn,' which some of the less educated of the party would call the motor-coach. The journey to Hastings was made in rather a quieter mood; whether this was the effect of the lunch or the fact that the perfect time schedule had side-slipped to the tune of about three-quarters of an hour, it would be hard to say. A stop was made at Winchelsea to renew acquaintance with the wonderful old church. Here again the time of departure got 'hooked up.' You see, the man who used to live at Tenterden is something like the sailor who had wives in every port. He has friends in every port. However, the party didn't have to wait more than half an hour for him, and arrived at All Saints', Hastings, just in time to stop Mr. Levett from going home to tea. A fine peal here, but a little noisy. Off went the card index to Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Stedman Triples, Kent and Superlative Surprise. The non-ringers, who had been consuming great quantities of ice-cream and crossing the Atlantic on the boating pool, were picked up on the front, and the party set off to Bexhill. Owing to the fact that several of them knew Bexhill very well, the 'chara' went quite a long way past the church and the place for tea, and they had to ask a policeman where it was.

It is always a job to get postcards of the various churches on Bank Holiday, but the captain (he's a bit of a 'smart Alec' sort of fellow) found a shop where they sold quite good photographs of the church for one penny each. He bought about a dozen, got late for tea, had to hurry through the first part to be in time for a cream bun or two. He then collected for the waitresses, collected pennies for the postcards, got it mixed up and, well, the waitresses didn't do so badly. But that isn't the end of the story. Owing to their 'punctuality,' the verger at Bexhill thought they had been tipped into the sea or blown up, and, having something else to do besides wait about all night for a band of ringers who seemed to think time was nothing, went off with the key, and the party didn't ring at the place they had postcards of after all. So they went on to Brightling, card indexes came out, everybody knew just which bell to grab, including the lady who made a mistake in the number and rang the tenor at Hastings (Brightling tenor is quite light, too). But disappointment awaited them. They were met by Mr. G. Pont and informed that owing to a death nearby there could be no ringing. Burwash was on the route, and off they went in the hopes of obtaining the use of the bells there. However, it being rather late in the day, other diversions were tried by various high lights of the party, and found to be very successful. So home to Tunbridge Wells after a very enjoyable day.

A. T. R.

HALF-PEAL AS A FAREWELL.

On August 26th, at St. Benedict's Church, Wombourne, Staffs, as a farewell to Mr. E. Lindley, who is leaving Wombourne to take up teaching duties in Kenya, Africa, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes): E. Lindley 1, L. Key 2, H. Howell 3, N. Leach 4, K. Pardoe 5, A. Collins 6, B. Key (conductor) 7, A. Clarke 8. The original intention was a peal, but it was called round at half-way owing to the bad 'go' of the bells.

NOTICES.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Baddow, Essex, on Saturday, September 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Bolsover Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 4th. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Saxton, The Bungalow, Moorfield Lane, Bolsover. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND SUFFOLK GUILD.—A joint meeting of the East Norfolk Branch and Suffolk Guild will be held at Bungay on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells from 3 p.m. Bungay (8), Ditchingham (6). Tea at 5.15. Will members please take note, to send names, or numbers for tea to H. Barrell, 23, Staithe Road, Bungay? Correspondence to E. R. Goate, Smallgate, Beccles, or J. Harwood, 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30. A meeting during the evening in the tower. Please do your best to attend. If you cannot, then persuade your friends.—J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—The next district meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Parish Hall. All welcome.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot, Hants.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Drighlington, on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea in the Schools at 5.30, followed by business meeting. All welcome.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Owslebury on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 p.m. in the Village Hall. Bells available at 2.30. Twyford bells also in the evening. Please let us know if you are coming. Bus leaves Winchester Broadway 3.50.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, Winchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at the six-bell towers at St. Albans on Saturday, Sept. 4th. St. Michael's available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. St. Stephen's after tea.—W. Nash, N. Mimms, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Denver on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wem, Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. — R. R. Pole, Craigmore, Upper Road, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—A ringing meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, 5 p.m. This is specially arranged to make a presentation to our president and former secretary for long and active service. Please, therefore, make it a record meeting. A very hearty welcome to all.—Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (8) available at 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.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Hurworth on Saturday, Sept. 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome.—R. Jeff. Dis. Sec., 29, Reid Street, Darlington.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bishop's Waltham.—The dedication of the bells by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. on the Rectory Lawn, by kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. N. H. Stubbs) and Mrs. Stubbs. All requiring tea please inform Mr. W. Knight, Hoe Road, Bishop's Waltham, Hants, by Saturday, Sept. 4th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, HANTS.—Dedication of the bells by the Archdeacon of Portsmouth on Wednesday, Sept. 8th, at 6.30 p.m. Ring of 6 tuned and peal augmented to 8 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Sept. 16th and 30th, St. Andrew's on the 9th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th, Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at West Clandon on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Please send me numbers for tea by Sept. 9th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cadeleigh on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Monday, Sept. 6th?—R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Sept. 11th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at the George Hotel. Joint meeting and social at Hillingdon on Oct. 16th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Burton District.—Next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Please look up Double Court. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m., followed by meeting. Kindly advise me if requiring tea not later than Sept. 8th. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Northern District). — A joint meeting is to be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea, 1s. each. All ringers cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, 103, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, not later than Sept. 8th.—Mrs. E. D. Kelly, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ladies' Guild; J. H. Ridy, Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A joint ringing meeting, with the East Grinstead and District Guild, will be held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Please come and help make this meeting a success. Tower open 2.30 p.m. There is a ten minute bus service to St. Peter's Church from Central Station or Opera House. Route No. 82. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 7th. — Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western Division will be held at Kirdford on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30, 1s. per head. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Lichborough, near Towcester, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday. — S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stewkley (8 bells), on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Service 3.30 p.m., Names for tea in good time, and good attendance will be welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Malmesbury on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. On bus route and G.W.R.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A joint meeting of the Kent County Association (Tonbridge District) and the East Grinstead Guild at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. A. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough, Kent (or the undersigned) not later than Sept. 7th. All are welcome. — B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A meeting for practice will be held at All Saints' Church, West Bromwich, on Saturday, Sept. 11th, from 3 p.m. All are welcome.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District. — Meeting at St. John's, Leicester, on Sept. 11th. Bells available 2.30. For tea, please notify Mrs. Hardy, 3, Winchester Avenue, Leicester, by Sept. 9th. Gentlemen invited.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — A practice meeting will be held at Ulverston on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Anyone interested in going to the annual dinner please attend. — N. M. Newby, Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sturminster Newton on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Guild office 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business. A hearty invitation to all.—J. Ralph, 9, Orchard Road, Gillingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Stagsden on Saturday, Sept. 11th. 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.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 8th. A hearty welcome to all. — Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The September meeting will be held at Flamstead on Sept. 18th. Usual arrangement. Those requiring tea must notify me by the Thursday previous. A hearty welcome to all, for anything from Rounds to Spliced Minor (Plain and Surprise).—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 13th. — R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, Sept. 18. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Special method, London Bob Minor, No. 6, C.C. Coll. Plain Methods. All members and friends welcomed. Nearest station, Finchley, Church End. Cheap day tickets from King's Cross (L. and N.E.). There will be a twelve-bell practice at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Marsham (bells 8), on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will members please send names, or numbers for tea, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk? Bus leaves Norwich at 2.15.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, the 15th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chipping Campden on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6.30. Will those who require tea please let me know not later than the 14th inst.?—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, Sept. 18th, when the bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee will be held at 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mrs. F. Carter, George Street, Kirkburton, by Sept. 15th. Nominations for the general secretaryship should be handed in at this meeting. The undersigned will NOT be available for reelection: J. E. Cawser, Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

EBBW VALE, CHRIST CHURCH.—The new ring of eight bells, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth on Sunday, Sept. 19th, at 3.15 p.m. The service will be broadcast.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The sixth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 6 p.m. *prompt*. Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8), 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. each) may be obtained up to Tuesday, Sept. 21st, from branch officers, members of the Dinner Committee, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

RICKMANSWORTH (10 bells), Saturday, Sept. 25th. Herts Association meeting. — C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Burbage, nr. Hinckley. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4. Tea 5, followed by general meeting. Names for tea (1s. per head) *must* be sent not later than Sept. 29th to Mr. G. Dudley, 47, Sketchley Road, Burbage, Hinckley.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The Annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Leeds and County Conservative Club, South Parade, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Tickets 4s. each, and early application for same should be made to Mr. F. G. Sherwood, 8, Vesper Walk, Leeds 5.

LADIES' GUILD.—Jubilee Dinner.—To be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Will all who have reserved tickets kindly forward cash (6s.) for same at the earliest possible date, as no ticket can be reserved after Sept. 25th?—Edith K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

JUST A REMINDER.—Book the date for the annual dinner of the Lancashire Association, Oct. 30th, at the County Hotel, adjoining the Palace Theatre, Promenade, Blackpool.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. Raymond Overy is now 94, South Road, Haywards Heath, Sussex.

BIRTH.

LARGE.—On Sunday, August 29th, at Hawford, Worcester, to Mary, wife of George E. Large, a daughter.

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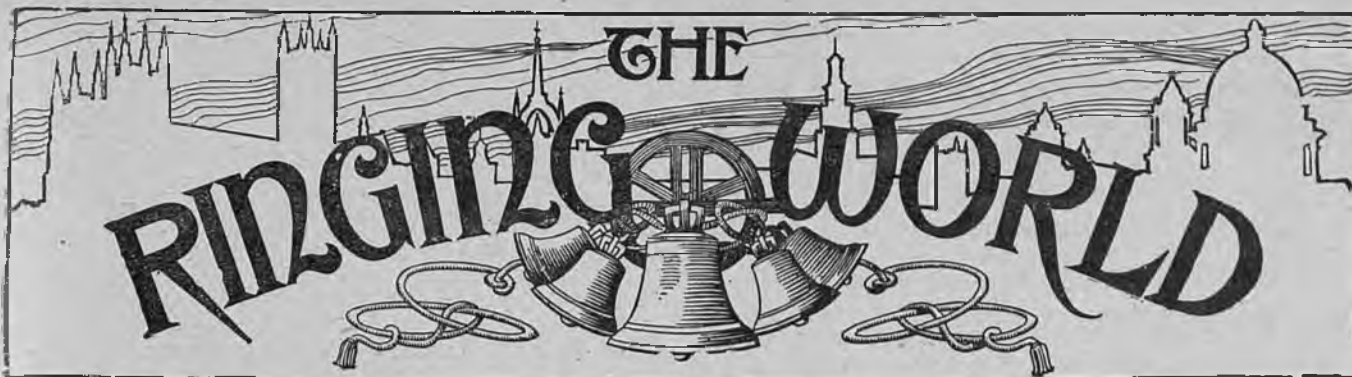
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Very little of the spirit of rivalry exists between ringing associations nowadays, and it is all to the good that it should be so. All associations are working for the same objects and while there is, in some cases, an overlapping of areas, a spirit of mutual understanding and forbearance makes it possible for the societies to promote their own welfare without friction with their neighbours. Among the larger organisations which rub shoulders where diocesan and county status happen to spread partly over the same areas there is, almost everywhere, a noticeably friendly feeling prevailing, while even the existence of district societies within the sphere of operations of larger territorial organisations provides evidence, not merely of toleration, but of a genuine spirit of goodwill. The explanation, of course, is to be found in the good sense of the ringers themselves, exhibited often in the fact that they enjoy a dual membership, and thus have a personal interest in both the major and the minor associations.

There is, however, an interesting exception to the interchange of membership in the rules which forbid a ringer to be a member of both the two old London societies—the College Youths and the Cumberlands—at the same time. This is a relic of the days when the two organisations were jealous rivals and when bell ringing was practised for a totally different reason to that which characterises it to-day. The changed order of things makes this now a totally unnecessary prohibition, but those who set high store on tradition, even when tradition restricts adaptation to modern conceptions of usefulness, would not, we believe, lightly alter the established custom. There is, however, no place in the Exercise for prejudices of past centuries, and those who maintain them are only standing in the light of progress. As a matter of fact there are comparatively few ringers who see any advantage in the mutual barrier between these two old London societies, which in the early days of ringing did so much for the advancement of the art. It is not merely in the matter of peal ringing that one sees the futility of the arrangement; it has its influence in other directions, and there are many members of both, especially in the provinces, where, after all, lie the greatest numerical strength of the societies in these days, who would like to see an end put to this survival of an age when ringing was purely a sport and bands were in as keen rivalry as clubs in many branches of sport now are. It may be that ringers who actually live in London have no desire for dual membership, but often visitors from the provinces would be prepared and, indeed, would esteem it a privilege, to join both societies, if only for the opportunity of

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ringing peals occasionally with some of the well known men on either side. However, while the present attitude exists among the elements in London, any change of policy is quite unlikely.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

*EDGAR T. SMITH Treble	*THOMAS HILL 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	*GEORGE E. OLIVER 8
*HOWARD HOWELL 3	WILLIAM FISHER 9
*BARNABAS G. KEY 4	†GILBERT HARDING 10
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5	†BERT HORTON 11
*JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Kent Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor, and first peal of Kent Maximus on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ... Treble	*STEPHEN H. WOOD 6
*NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
RICHARD CLARK 3	*HARRY J. SANGER 8
ROGER D. ST. J. SMITH ... 4	†RONALD G. BECK 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' S. H. Wood's 100th peal.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*GEORGE SLACK Treble	MICHAEL G. WHEAT 6
*JOHN BAGNALL 2	†FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 7
JAMES E. BURLS 3	WILLIAM LANGHORNE 8
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE 9
NICHOLAS M. NEWBY ... 5	†ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Composed by E. JENKINS.

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOOLWICH.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 5
DEREK M. SHARPE 2	WILLIAM G. GRACE 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 3	JACK DAFTERS 7
WALTER F. TYLER 4	BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by B. W. ALDRIDGE.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. R. G. and Mrs. Bradshaw, who are leaving the parish for Merton.

CHICHESTER.—On Sunday, September 5th, at the Cathedral Campanile for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Stoveld 1, W. Falconer 2, P. S. Wilson 3, T. A. Doick 4, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 5, G. Marshall 6, W. E. Ticehurst 7, A. Carver 8. Arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, West Lavington, Midhurst. It is 30 years since he last rang at this tower.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
*REV. FRANK BONNER ... 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY ... 6
JAMES FERNLEY ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... 7
THOMAS WALLWORK ... 4	JOHN WORTH ... Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal of Bristol away from treble. First peal of Bristol rung in Bolton.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part (2nd observation). Tenor 16½ cwt.

STANLEY ETHERIDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM WENBAN ... 5
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 2	ERNEST BISHOP ... 6
LESLIE JARVIS ... 3	JAMES G. POWELL ... 7
HARRY BAKER ... 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. STEVENSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the grandson of the conductor (aged 2 years), and also to the ringer of the treble.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 1, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT ... Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES ... 5
SAMUEL HUGHES ... 2	WILLIAM DOWDING ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN ... 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 7
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... Treble	FREDERICK PAGE ... 5
JACK M. CRIPPS ... 2	KRITH HART ... 6
RAYMOND OVERY ... 3	NELSON ELLIOT ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS RENE REDPATH ... Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHESMAN ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... 3	DEREK M. SHARP ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT ... 4	ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by H. E. ADDSLEY.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Boniface,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 5
WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 6
ARTHUR PRINCE ... 3	*HARRY PYE ... 7
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN.

Conducted by P. SWINDLEY.

* First peal of Kent 'inside.'

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF EDMONTON BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK CONLEY ... Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	ALAN R. PINK ... 7
GEORGE R. PYB ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM MADDOCK ... Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE ... 5
†JAMES ROBINSON ... 2	JOHN ROBINSON ... 6
*THOMAS ROBINSON ... 3	JAMES GARDNER ... 7
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 4	JOHN W. GARDNER ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by J. W. GARDNER.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

ERNEST HERBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 4	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

CHARLES H. SHEPHERD ... Treble	WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD ... 5
FREDERICK W. STEMP ... 2	ALBERT R. WARD ... 6
FRANK TAYLOR ... 3	LAWRENCE P. COOK ... 7
*E. FREDERICK HANCOCK ... 4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by FRED. W. BURNETT.

* First peal.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

SYDNEY FLINT ... Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 5
*JACK N. A. PUMPHREY ... 2	CLAUDE COUSINS ... 6
MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER ... 3	CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... 7
HANBURY F. CARTER ... 4	NOLAN GOLDEN ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 5, 1937, 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 J. SMITH ... Treble	FRANK L. FISHER ... 5
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	WILLIAM A. WOODS ... 6
A. STANLEY WOODARD ... 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 4	ROBERT MALSTER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK L. FISHER.

Rung in honour of the birth of a grandson to Frederick Crapnell, captain of the local band.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WESTON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores with ten callings.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

R. BREWER Treble	G. CROSS, SEN. 4
A. E. BAVERSTOCK 2	S. S. WOODBURN 5
G. CROSS 3	H. ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by S. S. WOODBURN.

Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of G. Cross, sen.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

*ARTHUR CROWDER Treble	†H. JAMES CHAPMAN 4
JAMES W. GODDARD 2	JOSEPH ATKINSON 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 3	WALTER M. GODDARD Tenor

Conducted by W. M. GODDARD.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. † First peal of Minor.
First peal of Minor in three methods on the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

*RONALD J. SHARP Treble	JOHN CHURCH 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS 5
EDMUND WAGSTAFF 3	HERBERT SHERMAN Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles Sharp, who retired from the offices of vergers and sexton the previous day, after 37 years at this church.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDWARD BISHOP Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 4
LESLIE W. JARVIS 2	ALBERT RELFE 5
FRANK H. HICKS 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in five methods by all except the conductor. A birthday peal for Mrs. Hicks.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, 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, St. Clement's, Bob Minor, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

ARTHUR GRIMWOOD Treble	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 4
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	HARRY D. LISTER 5
ARTHUR R. WOODARD 3	SEELFORD SPARROW Tenor

Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, with 10 callings.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK FLOCK Treble	†ALBERT H. CHESHIRE 4
*JOHN BLOUNT 2	GEORGE E. LARGE 5
ARTHUR J. WHEATLEY 3	SIDNEY MILES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells since their rehanging and tuning by Taylor and Co. last year. Excepting the conductor, all the above are local ringers.

PEAL NOTES.

A NEW PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise in Bolton, Lancs, was rung on August 28th at St. Peter's Church. The composition, by Mr. T. B. Worsley, was rung for the first time. Here are the figures:—

23456 M B W H	23645 M B W H	32546 M B W H
32654 2 — 2 2	26435 1 — 2 2	35426 1 — 2 2
36524 1 — 2 2	23564 2 1 1	24536 — — 2 2
54263 2 — 2 2	25634 1 — 2 2	32465 2 — 2 2
23645 2 — 2 2	32546 2 2 2	34625 1 — 2 2
		23456 2 — 2 2

In this form it is a 5,056, but it can be reduced to 5,024 by using the alternate calling in the tenth course.

There were some veterans in the peal of Bob Major at Netherton on September 1st, conducted by Mr. D. T. Matkin. James George, who is nearly 84, was, we are told, in great form both on the tenor and afterwards. Mr. Samuel Hughes, who is over 70, stepped into a gap at the last moment, and made his first peal attempt for three years.

It is a pleasure, too, to notice the return to peal ringing of Mr. Matkin. It is over a year since he made a peal attempt, owing to an attack of sciatica. We hope his recovery is permanent.

A farewell peal to the Rev. R. G. and Mrs. Bradshaw, who are going to Merton, was rung at Woolwich on August 28th.

Edmonton Bob, a plain Major method in the C.C. Collection, is not often rung, and, if recollection serves us, the peal at Twickenham on Saturday was only the second in the method, the first having been rung at Willesden in 1924.

The tenor at Rolvenden, Kent, was rung to a peal of Grandsire Triples on Saturday by Mr. Alfred Blackman, who is over 70 years of age.

A Sussex Association peal was rung at Lamberhurst, Kent, on Saturday, and in it five of the six ringers scored their first peal in five Minor methods. The only one of the band who had rung five methods in a peal before was Mr. Albert Relfe, the conductor.

After 37 years as vergers and sexton at Maulden, Beds, Mr. Charles Sharp retired on August 31st. The next day a peal of Minor was rung by members of the Bedfordshire Association as a compliment to him.

A peal in the Isle of Wight is not a very frequent occurrence, but one was rung on Saturday at Brading as a birthday compliment to Mr. Albert R. Ward.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on Saturday. The tenor is 50½ cwt.

By ringing the seventh to a peal of Stedman Triples at Crayford, Derek M. Sharp has now 'circled' the tower. This is always an interesting performance, but not a difficult one at Crayford, where, we should imagine, more peals are now being rung than at any other church.

Two first peals, a first of Major 'inside' and a first as conductor, all at the first attempt, marked the peal of Bob Major at Halewood, rung as a 64th birthday compliment to Mr. Edward Caunce, one of Lancashire's stalwarts.

The first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus on the bells at Walsall was rung on Saturday, when no fewer than ten distinctions were earned. There were six first peals of Maximus, three first peals of Treble Twelve and the first peal of Maximus by Mr. T. J. Elton as conductor.

Mr. G. E. Large, having been instrumental in getting the Ombersley band to join the Worcestershire Association and having since taken a personal interest in their progress, has been rewarded by getting five of the band through a peal of Grandsire Doubles. Three rang their first peal and one his first peal of Doubles (his only other peal being a peal of Minor on the treble). Useful spade-work this.

The peal of Kent rung at Bunbury on Saturday was Mr. E. V. Roden-hurst's 350th peal. It was also his 50th peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. His performances in this method include peals of 7,488, 9,344, 10,400 (the longest peal rung in Wales) and 17,280 (the Kent record).

The peal of Cambridge Royal rung at Ewerby during the Lincolnshire tour contained 5,000 changes, and not 5,040 as reported.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

EXTENTS OF TREBLE BOB.

A correspondent, who says he has just learnt to call Treble Bob Minor and would like to attempt a peal, asks us to give him seven 720's, as he is unable to obtain a copy of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' published by the Central Council.

This 'Collection' is at present out of print, but a revised edition will, it is hoped, be on the market ere long.

There are a number of extents of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor, the calling of which keeps the 'tenors' the right way whenever they come behind together, and these are always to be preferred to those which bring them up the wrong way, that is 6-5 at back-stroke instead of 5-6.

There are two useful 'standard' callings which keep the tenors right, and those who begin to call Treble Bob on six bells should make these part of their 'stock-in-trade.' One extent is got by calling the tenor In and Out, in one course, and In, in the next, alternately for the six courses. You can be sure of the course in which only one bob has to be called, because the 5th will make the bob and thus come back to its normal position after the 6th.

The other 'standard' extent is obtained by calling the 5th, Out, in one course, and In and Out, in the next, alternately for the six courses. A guide to the course in which only one bob is called—in this case the omission is the In and not the Out—is when the 5th has been coursing the 6th before the bob is called.

It may seem unnecessary even to suggest that guides are necessary in such a thing as this, but the wise conductor always keeps his eye open for 'landmarks' when studying his composition. It saves many a slip when memory—as it has a habit of sometimes doing—lapses for a moment. Therefore, get into the habit of 'tabbing' your guides from the start.

Other extents cannot be memorised quite so simply as these 'standard' 720's. They are 'one part' extents and really necessitate learning all the positions into which either or other bell is called. But if seven 'different' 720's are desired there is no need to memorise five other extents beyond the two 'standard' callings. In each of these the part ends 42356 and 34256 crop up at regular intervals of two courses, with, of course, 23456 at the end.

Now 42356 and 34256 must occur somewhere in the one part 720's, so that if you take an extent of this kind, you can make it serve the purpose of three by beginning the calling of the two additional ones from the 42356 and the 34256.

In the following these leads turn up plain. We give the bobbed leads and show the other two between lines:—

23456		23456	
23564	5	64235	2
52364	1	35264	3
26435	4	23564	1
54263	2	64523	3
25463	1	35642	2
		63542	1
P.L. 42356	1	P.L. 42356	3
25634	4	63425	2
62534	1	46325	1
45623	2	53462	2
23645	3	36245	4
62345	1	23645	1
45362	3		
P.L. 34256	1	P.L. 34256	4
23456	1	23456	1

You can start the calling of either of these from 23456, 42356, or 34256—they are equally true, and, as the changes come up in a different order, they are different extents.

Thus by learning the calling of two 720's, and marking your 'part ends,' when 5-6 are together behind, you provide yourself with six different extents. Any other one-part can be treated in the same way.

A 4½ CWT. TENOR.

Ringers from Newbury, Thatcham, Beedon, Chieveley, Compton, Kingsclere, East Isley, Peasemore and Woolton Hill, with Mr. D. Cooper, of Croydon, and Mr. T. Lock, of Willesden, had a half-day trip on Saturday, August 21st, and the first place at which they called was Tetsworth, where, having been greeted by the Vicar and Mr. Gibbard, they rang on a new light peal of six, the tenor of which is only 4½ cwt. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung before going on to Haddenham to tea. Mr. D. Chapman welcomed the party, and the bells, a peal of eight (tenor 19½ cwt.), were soon afterwards going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Thame was reached at 7.30 p.m., and the eight bells (tenor 13 cwt.) were rung for an hour in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Newbury was reached via Oxford at 10.45 after a pleasant run over the Downs and a very enjoyable trip.

RINGERS IMPROVISE SERVICE.

GUILDFORD GUILD OVERCOME ABSENCE OF CLERGY.

As no clergyman was available to conduct the service at the meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday at Bagshot, hymns and psalms, announced by the district secretary (Mr. C. W. Denyer) and led by the organ, were sung, and the lesson read by Mrs. M. Welton, one of the Bagshot ringers.

A company numbering 35 sat down to a splendid tea generously provided by Mr. J. Corbett (Bagshot), hon. treasurer of the Guild. A special vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Corbett on the call of the secretary, seconded by Miss W. Manfield (Ash).

The District Ringing Master (Mr. R. Hasted) presided over the business, at which Miss E. Pascoe, of Aldershot, was elected a member and welcomed.

Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh) stressed the importance of ringers purchasing 'The Ringing World' each week, and said it would be a serious thing for the Exercise if for any reason the paper should cease being published. He thought it was a matter for the Central Council to discuss.—Mr. Nye and the secretary also spoke on this matter.

MID-WEEK MEETINGS SUGGESTED.

Another matter brought forward by Mr. Whittington was the holding of ringing meetings on Wednesday afternoons. It was thought that a number of ringers were unable to attend on Saturdays, but could do so if meetings were arranged for Wednesdays. It was suggested that the Farnham and Guildford Districts should combine at some convenient tower for a Wednesday meeting.

A lively discussion followed, and it was finally decided that the secretary write to all district towers enquiring the number of ringers able to attend on Wednesdays; to write to the Guildford District hon. secretary on the matter, and also put the matter on the agenda for the next Executive Committee meeting, with a view to a resolution being made to the annual general meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded the organist, local ringers and caterers, and appreciative remarks paid Mrs. Welton and others concerned with the conducting of the service.

Towers represented at the meeting included Aldershot, Ash, Seale, Farnham, Bagshot, Cranleigh, Chertsey, Uxbridge, St. Stephen's, Westminster, Uckfield, Yorktown, Haslemere and Guildford.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening in the standard methods, and those present spent a very pleasant time.

RINGER DIES FROM WASP STINGS.

ATTACKED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY NEST.

Whilst attempting to destroy a wasps' nest on the farm at which he was employed at High Halstow, Kent, on Tuesday, August 3rd, Mr. Lawrence Hales was attacked by the swarm and severely stung behind the ear. He was, at the time, close to his home, which he managed to reach, but within about 20 minutes had succumbed to heart failure.

Mr. Hales had been a member of and instructor to the Hoo, St. Werberg, band of ringers for about three years and applied himself with great diligence, coupled with distinct credit, to this very uphill task of teaching a completely new band. He was also a very enthusiastic member of the Rochester District of the Kent Association, very seldom missing any of the periodical meetings and also bringing along other members of his band.

The interment took place at High Halstow on Saturday, August 7th. The Rector (the Rev. T. W. Longfield), officiated and those present included the Vicar of Hoo (the Rev. L. J. Walters), his workmates from the farm, members of the Hoo band of ringers, and Messrs. Allen and Belsey, representing the Kent County Association. Amongst the floral tributes was a wreath from the Hoo ringers and also one from the Rochester District.

After the funeral, Hoo bells were rung half-muffled and a 720 of Bob Minor was successfully accomplished by the following members of the association: F. Boorman, A. Bloxham, W. Easter, F. Belsey, H. Springate, E. A. G. Allen (conductor).

The sympathy of the whole of the Exercise will be extended to the bereaved family. The association can ill afford to lose men of Mr. Hales' calibre.

CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES TOUR.

To-morrow another peal ringing tour starts, organised by Mr. C. T. Coles. It is in Cheshire and North Wales:—

Saturday, September 11th: Handbridge, Chester (8).

Sunday, September 12th: Pulford, Cheshire (8).

Monday, September 13th: Eccleston (8), Christleton (8).

Tuesday, September 14th: Northop (8), Wrexham, North Wales (10).

Wednesday, September 15th: Llangollen (8), Barmouth (8).

Thursday, September 16th: Machynlleth (8), Llanbadarn (8).

Friday, September 17th: Portmadoc (8), Bangor (8).

Saturday, September 18th: Llandudno (8), Rhyl (8).

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke for evening service on Sunday, August 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: L. Brown 1, W. Essery 2, E. E. Bish 3, F. Howson 4, A. Newman 5, G. Meyers 6, E. A. Reeve 7, T. Wellbourn 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, A. Williams 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by ringers of 1, 3, 8 and 10.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR.

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SUNDAY AT SURFLEET AND PINCHBECK.

Gosberton Church is very high,
Surfleet Church is all awry,
Pinchbeck Church is in a hole,
And Spalding Church is big with foal.
Local Doggerel.

The morning service on Sunday at St. Lawrence's, Surfleet, was attended by the visitors en bloc, after ringing Cambridge Maximus and Stedman Cinques more or less with success! We received a warm welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. G. H. Clark, and heard a homely sermon with due attention. An old tablet over the stair door—the belfry floor is several feet below the nave owing to tower subsidence—records: 'These bells were new hung in the year of our Lord 1809. The Rev. Sam Elsdale, office minister; Henry Smith, Wm. Baxter, churchwardens.' Although not an ordained minister, he must have made a favourable impression upon the inhabitants of Surfleet, because I found his name upon another stone behind the organ with the heading, 'Many are the friends of the rich,' which states he was



ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PINCHBECK.

a friend of the poor and died aged 83 years. There is a tradition that on the marriage of William Bird and Ann Rose in October, 1801, a wedding peal was rung here by a team of females. North tells us the third bell of the old ring of five was cracked. All was in a very dirty state and the bells seldom used. They were variously dated from 1607 to 1694. From five to ten these bells were augmented by the Rev. Law James—incumbent for 34 years—and other important work carried out in the church, near which he now rests from his labours. Incidentally about 50 years ago I helped him to ring his first peal at Stroud. The Diocesan Guild added the trebles in 1933 'in memoriam' from ringing friends and members, and they are now claimed to be the lightest twelve-bell peal in the Kingdom. Some of our men found they wanted expert 'fickling.'

At Glyn Garth hot luncheon was served at 12.20, fourteen sitting round the jovial board to test the efficiency of the sprained wrist of the carver. He got through his duty as host, with Mrs. Richardson's help, but some of the guests—if they stayed in Surfleet—would soon emulate his 'Slim Girth.'

London Surprise at 1.30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Pinchbeck, was affected by some of the Surfleet 'trifle,' and a third 'go,' or helping, was called before settling down to the real method. During the ringing the dull and rough weather seemed to be leaving us; for the remainder of the week it was very enjoyable.

An altar tomb near the chancel, with richly carved panels, to Sir Thomas de Pinchbeck, 1500, a fine roof with shields and carved oak angels are features of the church. On the porch wall is a panel in memory of John Healey, who died 1850, and 27 children buried near, with seven children surviving him. Mr. George Ladd, captain and churchwarden, in the absence of the Vicar, who was on holiday, welcomed us, and was as pleased as myself with the success of the peal.

There is a fine ringing room similar to Heckington but far more steps up to it. This tower leans to the south-west, but not so much as Surfleet. The belfry walls disclose that Matthew Laxton rang a peal of Doubles on the old five bells in 1816. He and his family were vergers here for 124 years. The old bells had no cannons. They were cast by Tobie Norris at various dates from 1624. The tenor was 48 inches diameter. Now there is a good going octave, upon which some 14 peals have been achieved since their restoration. Here is a local smith's belfry candlestick of four arms, similar to that at Surfleet, preserved with the old weather cock and vane when the tower was struck by lightning in 1893. Amongst the church records is the village carpenter's account, in verse, dated 1769:—

	£ s. d.
Oil for little and great bell,	
T'other three went very well	0 1 0
To eating and drinking at the Bell,	
For ringing Christmas in so well	0 12 6
To a new pulpit, oak the wood,	
As parson Townshend said it should	5 5 0

Returning to Surfleet, service ringing consisted of Grandsire Cinques and Double Norwich Major. After tea a rest, a smoke, a look at Sunday's newspapers and some to a little tennis finished the day's programme before the Cross Keys, Spalding, locked up for the night.

I love ye chimes of Motherland,
With all this soul of mine,
And bless the Lord that I am sprung
Of good old English line!

W. H. Weiss.

To Wisbech. We left the Cross Keys on Monday morning at 9 o'clock upon a bright and promising day, running our cars on level roads that have no boundary, hedgerow or fence, only the deep fen-land dykes, which afford extensive views of the broad acres for miles and lie open to the North Sea breezes. Along these roads I saw here and there quite half a dozen steeples each peeping up above a clump of old trees surrounding the church. The whole landscape is bare in places, only a farmhouse now and then, with a few cottages for the labourers. These steeples, in the morning distance, seemed to offer up an invitation; to ask if we were about to pay them a visit? Amongst our list of 16 there was found the 'Lincolnshire steeple' at 11 of the churches we paid our respects to, and the week's tour could not be extended. At ten of our towers the belfry was on a level with the church, and with a small car one could drive straight into the ringing room, easy going for men who have passed the allotted 'span.' The above verse was selected because I had never visited my mother's native town, so it was a double pleasure to me to ring upon the old church bells she had often listened to about a century ago.

A NOTABLE CHURCH.

SS. Peter and Paul's Church holds a prominent place amongst the notable churches of East Anglia by reason of its large dimensions and extraordinary plan. Beginning with a Norman building of small and obscure origin (some say in the year of 'four ones,' 1111), it has twice been enlarged. Increasing wealth of East Coast woollen trade and a flourishing port on the River Nene created a prosperous market noted for its numerous rich religious guilds.

Controversy arose as to how the various periods of architecture became confused in the construction of the church, which were elucidated by Sir G. Scott L. and the Vicar, Howson, who afterwards became Dean of Chester. The plan of Wisbech Church comprises the following elements: North nave with north aisle, and long north chancel 6ft. wider than the nave; south nave with south aisle, and a short south chancel with a large sacristy beyond it on the east; south porch, west turret and north-west tower.

During Henry VII.'s reign further important alterations and additions were made, the former being necessitated by a partial collapse of the west tower. In 1406 there were ten chantry chaplains serving at Wisbech. There is a large brass, 1401, to the memory of Thomas Brankstone, Constable of Wisbech Castle.

Much of my information is taken from a booklet of the church by P. T. Jones, B.A., in which he also tells us that the present clock was erected in 1866 at a cost of £400 by James Dann as a gift to the town of Wisbech. The belfry of the tower contains a peal of ten fine toned bells cast in 1823 by Dobson, of Downham Market, tenor 21 cwt. 2 qt. 15 lb. The most ancient of the old bells was founded in 1566 and another gave its uses in Latin, translated:

I praise the true God. I summon the people to prayer.
I gather the clergy together. I mourn over the dead.
I drive away pestilence. I add grace to festivities.

My readers will probably agree that such a valuable instrument ought to have been preserved after centuries of six-fold devotion: without the 'ringer' it may as well have been a lump of lead.

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LONG SUTTON'S WONDERFUL SPIRE.

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Our party surveyed the church and admired a very fine ringing room, easy of access, over the north porch with a useful trap door ventilator in the floor between the two tenor boxes. It has four large windows and old beams across the ceiling which give an impressive air of the 17th century apartments. The tower louvres are fitted with shutters, that save complaints from the professional and business people crowding in the narrow streets around the church. A rare ikon is to be seen, brought from Russia and presented by Mr. Bray.

Mr. Freeman, with the keys, did yeoman service to secure our team a good start, but only one hour of Yorkshire Royal could be accomplished. If I ask the popular question, 'Where's George?' I tell no tales out of school—there were four of them in the attempt. We were pleased to learn that Golden Nolan had paid a successful visit here for a peal the week before, and we found the bells going well, having been rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1934. The present Vicar, the Rev. H. K. Stallard, is mastering bellringing.

Rather more than two years ago these bells were rededicated by the Rural Dean, when an address was given by the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Rector of Walsoken. The restoration was practically the last undertaking he promoted before meeting with that tragic accident in the grounds of his home that robbed the Exercise of a valuable minister, ringer and librarian.

We rested at the ringers' house, The Griffin, and left at low tide after lunch without seeing the museum, with its valuable collection, lately increased by the generosity of Mr. J. L. Kirk, of Maidenhead, who is a native of Wisbech.

Arriving at St. Mary's, Long Sutton, soon after 3, it was nearly 4 o'clock before the Bristol Major began. We were kindly received by the Rector (the Rev. H. Gorse, late of Warrington), the captain (Mr. J. Smith) and Messrs. Hammond and Burridge. The old six bells here were founded by Henricus Penn, of Peterborough, in 1716. The tenor, 39½ in. in diameter, was cracked when ringing for the funeral of the Rev. R. Leigh Bennett in November, 1886, the last of three Vicars of that name who covered the century 1784-1886. It was recast as a jubilee bell for Queen Victoria in 1887.

In the belfry is a small miniature model of the old bell (made with metal from it) and presented to the church by Mr. James, of Llewellyn and James, Bristol, and has the original inscription reproduced. Messrs. Taylor and Co. made a good job of the two additional trebles, recasting the old six (tenor 15 cwt.) and rehanging the peal in 1935.

Like many of the steeples in Lincolnshire, this spire has suffered from storms and was struck by lightning in 1934. The old weather cock now rests in the belfry. The church is built of stone containing some good work of all the styles of ecclesiastical architecture—Nor-

man, Early English, Decorated, Early and Late Perpendicular, and consists of a chancel, clerestoried nave of seven bays and aisles, north and south porches, a south-west tower, with angle buttresses, rising in the third storey into octagonal turrets, crowned with tall pinnacles and a lofty octagonal timber spire, sheathed in lead, 162ft. high, was added to the church about the time of King John. This tower and spire constitute one of the most remarkable designs of the Early English or Lancet period in the kingdom. From it Boston 'Stump,' 15 miles away, can be seen, and it is the only one which has survived fire and decay. There are but three similar spires in England, and of these St. Mary's is the best example. As recently as 1820 it was proposed to pull down the spire and replace it with a stone one; fortunately the scheme never came into action. Many years previous to this the four arches of the tower were open. They were built up to strengthen the steeple.

From the Register of Castle Acre Priory, it appears that about 1120 Robert de Haye gave a piece of land to the Priory for the purpose of erecting a church at Sutton. The second step in its history occurs about 1180, when William, son of Erneis, caused a new church to be erected.

Three generations of the Winter family have been organists and choirmasters at the church, serving for 125 years. A large flat stone near the chancel has only three words upon it, 'Alas! Poor Bailey.' He was the doctor of the town, who, while visiting a country patient, was foully murdered on a lonely road at night through an error of identification.

Our party 'baited' at the White Horse, although no wind, no water or petrol was required, and we left for Spalding at 7.40. Query, what was the bait?

W. H. F.

(To be continued.)

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.—At All Saints' Church on Tuesday, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss M. I. Goodship (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss E. K. Fulton 2, Miss F. Clayton 3, C. Dyke 4, H. G. Hart 5, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 6, H. O. Holmes (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 7, F. J. Wilcox 8. All local Sunday service ringers with the exception of C. Dyke, who rings at the neighbouring tower of Stanmore. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Goodship, daughter of the conductor.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, August 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,264 changes): F. A. Turner 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, W. Jarvis 3, S. H. Symonds 4, F. Boreham 5, L. Poulson 6, L. Pryke 7, M. T. Symonds (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

News from the front, in Oxfordshire: The first three peals of the 'Bachelors' tour have been rung—at Magdalen College, Oxford; Banbury, and Great Tew, while Adderbury also looked like turning up 'trumps.' When our dispatch left, London had been going well for 2½ hours.

The meeting of the Hnuckley District of the Midland Counties Association at Claybrook on September 18th has been cancelled.

The customary peal attempt on his birthday was denied to Mr. R. T. Woodley, known familiarly as 'Young' Woodley, on his 78th birthday on August 29th. For some years past—six in succession—he has suitably celebrated the event with a peal, but this year he was indisposed. Although he had recovered sufficiently to accompany the Lowestoft ringers on their outing on September 2nd, a peal on August 29th was impossible.

We regret to record the death at Cuckfield, Sussex, on September 1st, of Mr. William Watts, formerly of Stausted, Essex, at the age of 72 years.

SPALDING BELLS.

OUTCOME OF THE FOURTEENTH CENTURY DISPUTE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Fussell, in his article on the Lincolnshire tour, refers to the dispute between the Priory of Spalding and the parishioners, and says the conclusion is not known. I think I can tell him.

The matter was referred to Rome, and in the Papal archives is a copy of a licence, issued by Pope Boniface IX., by which the parishioners are permitted to ring, whenever they please, the bells in the Chapel of St. Thomas, which the Prior and Convent had converted, at no small expense, into a parish church, notwithstanding the agreement made at the time of its building that the parishioners should not ring the bells while the Convent was in dormitory, except for certain solemn feasts and at divers occasions.

But the monks strongly objected to having their sleep at night disturbed by bellringing. They appealed against this licence and got it revoked (July 2nd, 1401). The Pope ordered that in future, at night, after the ringing of the Priory bell went to be rung *pro ignitegio* (i.e., the curfew) until in the morning it is rung for prime, the bells cannot and shall not without evident necessity be rung in the same church.

The Prior and Convent were directed to build a new church for the parish at a distance from the Priory and across the water (i.e., the River Welland). The parish had to erect its own bell tower, but 'the Priory shall give the parishioners two bells price £20. (This was in 1401, not about 1284 as stated by Mr. Fussell). The parishioners shall not ring in their church at such times as the Convent is reposing in dormitory, except on Christmas Day and night, or for fire, flood or other grave misfortune.'

I have notes of one or two other similar disputes.

I do not quite know what to make of this all night ringing. It was strongly objected to by the monasteries as a nuisance, and later by the Reformers, and was forbidden by royal injunction in 1547 as superstitious. It was done by laymen. Martin Bucer, a famous German and theologian living at Cambridge, wrote about 'a custom still kept up by superstitious men and foolish boys that carry the ringers beer and ale to drink, and that it is against reason to ring all the day time and all the night, too, when they please.'

I think we have here the beginnings of our ringing Exercise.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

P.S.—Mr. Fussell should not attribute Milton's well-known lines from 'Il Penseroso' to Maxwell.

THE LATE CANON E. C. CORFE.

FOUNDER OF TRURO CATHEDRAL COMPANY.

His many friends in Truro heard with deep regret of the death on August 28th at Pulborough, Sussex, of Canon E. C. Corfe, M.A. He was 85 years of age.

Canon Corfe was Precentor of Truro Cathedral from 1904 to 1930 and was mainly instrumental in the formation of the Truro Cathedral company of ringers in 1910. During the 20 years prior to his retirement he was the representative of the company on the Dean and Chapter and watched the progress of the company with keen interest. In 1929, after his completion of 25 years as Precentor, a peal of Grand-sire Caters was rung at Truro Cathedral in his honour. He was well known and beloved by many Truronians, and his death will be greatly felt by all.

On Tuesday evening, August 31st, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples was rung half-muffled at the Cathedral as a tribute of respect. The ringers were A. Treganowan (first quarter-peal) 1, W. H. Southard 2, C. E. Lanxon (conductor) 3, W. E. Minors 4, H. Williams 5, Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, J. Treloar 8.

A CHANGE OVER.

A 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at Waltham St. Lawrence for evensong on Sunday. Half-way through the ringer of the third was changed, to give all present the opportunity of a pull: W. Pearson (first 720) 1, A. Pearson (first 720 'inside') 2, J. Cooper, sen., and W. Mortimer 3, V. Darvill 4, J. Darvill 5, T. Tilley (first 720 as conductor) 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION RINGING MASTER ELECTED.

The Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held a very successful meeting at Drighlington on Saturday, September 4th, when about 60 members attended from a wide area. This fine old church has contributed more peals for the Yorkshire Association than any other tower. The ringing on Saturday was interrupted for a short time by a wedding which was taking place in the church, and as the happy pair left the ringers suitably honoured the event by a nicely arranged touch of Queen's and Stedman Triples, intermixed with firing.

A splendid tea was served in the schools, at which about 45 members sat down, and this was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) and supported by the association's president, Canon Marshall.

The Chairman intimated that the main business of the meeting was the appointment of a Ringing Master, as this office was still vacant. On the proposition of Mr. T. Kendal, seconded by Mr. W. E. H. Ash, Mr. T. W. Strangeway, of Rothwell, was nominated. Mr. Strangeway consented to accept office, and the Chairman, in welcoming him to the position, said his patience would no doubt be sorely tried, but as he was a married man he was sure that it would be equal to the task (laughter).

Canon Marshall proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for kindly granting the use of the bells and for the welcome which they had accorded to the association.—This was seconded by Mr. Sherwood and carried in the usual cordial manner.

A vote of thanks to the local company for providing tea, and also to the ladies and helpers for so ably assisting, was proposed by Mr. Lofthouse, who said the arrangements were admirable and well deserving of the highest praise.—This was seconded by Mr. Gill and supported by Mr. J. W. T. Holgate.

Mr. Jack Stitson replied for the local company and expressed his pleasure at welcoming the association to Drighlington. As it was 21 years since the last visit, he hoped they would not have to wait so long before the association came again to the tower.

Five new members were elected, viz.: Louis Hollas, Philip Murdoch and Edward Hanson, of Elland; Roy Mann, of Halifax, and Jack Leaver, of Ripponden.

The Chairman reminded the members of the annual Snowdon Dinner, which is to be held at Leeds on October 9th, and hoped that as many as possible would attend. He assured them that a good programme had been arranged, and he was able to say that adequate refreshments would be available at reasonable prices. He also reminded the members that the association's financial year closes this month and that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid before then.

After the meeting ringing continued in a large variety of methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise until after 9 o'clock.

The following towers were represented: Armley, Batley, Bramley, Bradford Cathedral, Bolton (Bradford), Birstall, Burley, Drighlington, Denholme, Elland, Guiseley, Holbeck, Hunslet, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Keighley, Lindley, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, Ripponden, Shipley and Newcastle.

It is hoped to arrange the next meeting at Earlsheaton on December 11th, but an announcement will be made in due course.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN TUKE, SHEFFIELD.

A NARROW ESCAPE RECALLED.

The St. Marie's Company, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, regret to announce the loss of one of their members in the person of Mr. John Tuke, who passed away on September 1st at the age of 66 years. Mr. Tuke began his ringing career when a peal of six was installed at Walkley about 45 years ago, being one of the first company.

He later became a member of the Police Force and had to give up his ringing ambitions for some time.

In the course of his duties he was stabbed in the neck, but fortunately recovered. His assailant was sentenced to a long term of imprisonment and was lucky to escape a more serious charge, for Mr. Tuke's jugular vein was missed by only half an inch.

After serving some years in the force he returned to his employment as a bricklayer, during which he had a fall from a scaffold which resulted in serious spinal injuries. From these he never recovered and had gradually got more infirm with advancing years.

He became a member of the belfry at St. Marie's when the company was re-formed after the Armistice, and was a member of the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society. Mr. Tuke had two peals to his credit, but his greatest contribution to ringing was his most punctual and regular attendance as a service ringer.

He was interred on Saturday at Walkley Cemetery in the presence of a large gathering of relatives, friends and ringers. A course of Grand sire Triples was rung at the graveside by four of his colleagues, and the muffled bells of St. Marie's were rung during the evening. The large number of beautiful wreaths sent was a proof of the respect in which the deceased was held.

He leaves a widow, son and two daughters to mourn his passing.

COMPETITIVE RINGING.

EXPERIENCES IN DEVON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have just come back from my holiday to find three copies of 'The Ringing World' waiting for me, and, much as I had looked forward to reading them, I had no idea that I should find anything so welcome as your leading article, 'Improve the Standard of Ringing.' As my friends know, I am a keen advocate of competitions as a means to this end, and your article sets out an unanswerable case in their favour.

In far too many towers a poor striker is rarely reproved, unless he makes a series of really vicious blows, and scores of ringers have never been trained to listen to their own bell (I have often wondered what possible enjoyment a poor striker can derive from ringing). The contrast between this state of affairs and that in districts where competitions are held is remarkable.

I may, perhaps, here mention that this summer I had the pleasure of introducing to call-change ringing in North Devon a well-known College Youth, who has helped to make history for the Ancient Society, and whose dislike of poor striking is as keen as your own. Apart from the lack of open leads, which sounded strangely to his ears, he was delighted with what he found: the almost mechanical accuracy of the striking, the instant reproof by the captain of the band of the slightest irregularity, and the general air of keenness which filled the belfry. He himself rang the tenor to a 'peal,' and he tells me that he will always be proud of the compliment paid him afterwards by the local captain, who was quite unaware of his visitor's reputation. On his way home from his holiday he fell in with a touring band and rang a course of Surprise Major with them. He could not help comparing the quality of the striking with that which he had experienced in the depths of 'Stoney' Devon. There is no need for me to say which way the verdict went.

That competitions are largely responsible for the keenness with which Devon call-change ringers listen to their striking cannot be doubted. I wish that your correspondent, C. F. J., had been with me at the Barnstaple Deanery Festival, held at Atherington a few weeks ago. Several of the competing bands brought their incumbents with them, and the value of competitions was stressed by the Vicar of the parish in his address. The very friendliest atmosphere prevailed throughout the day, and no one was heard to question the judges' verdict. When this had been delivered, the local band, who were debarred by rule from competing, entered the belfry and gave an exhibition of their skill, which a few weeks previously had won for them the six-bell shield in a competition open to the whole county. C. F. J. will be interested to learn that they have attained this eminence, not by discouraging the youth of the village—a very small one—from learning to ring. There are no less than 17 members of the band, every one of whom is given his turn on practice night. Nor is Atherington unique in this respect. Two and sometimes three bands from one tower frequently enter for these competitions.

I sincerely hope that your article will stimulate the interest it deserves. I am convinced that if once the idea took practical shape it would spread with rapid popularity and result in a great improvement in striking generally.

E. J. TAYLOR.

Torquay.

'A HOPELESS CASE.'

Dear Sir,—'C. F. J.' does not say what competitive country he lives in, but he makes me sigh, for his is a hopeless case. I find more stigma in his article than I have found in or around any competition I have taken part in and I am sure that any other competitor will think the same. His letter makes me wonder if he has heard a really good and inspired ring. I would like him, before he writes another article condemning competition ringing and its effects afterwards (and not temporary), to come within the area of Huddersfield Association and visit a few towers. I am sure he will be given the feeling that we do really care for each other and that no selfishness is created.

I appeal to 'C. F. J.' and all ringers for a better understanding with each other and of the bells.

JOSEPH BURGESS.

Greenfield, near Oldham.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK RINGERS MEET.

A joint meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association and the Suffolk Guild was held at Bungay and Ditchingham, adjoining parishes on the border line of the two associations' territory, on Saturday. Early in the afternoon the recently restored peal of six at Ditchingham and the eight at Bungay were set going, and ringing continued at both towers in most of the standard methods until late in the evening, except for an interval for tea.

A gathering of about 30 members sat down to an enjoyable meal at Bungay, where the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Harper) paid a short visit and welcomed the ringers.

The thanks of the ringers are tendered to both incumbents for their permission to ring at their respective towers, to Mr. H. Barrell, of Bungay, for having the bells in readiness and for arranging the tea, and to Mr. C. Woods for having everything ready at Ditchingham.

BOB TRIPLES.

PLAIN BOB AND GRANDSIRE THE SAME METHOD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—When one begins to teach change ringing, the first step is the 'six'—the changes on three bells. First on paper, then on handbells and then on tower bells—by themselves, and then with a covering bell or bells.

The 'eight' on four bells follows, and the 'picture,' seen by the beginner, is compared, row by row, with that seen on the 'six.'

The 'four and twenty' on four bells follows, and until the beginner has mastered this thoroughly—hunting, place-making and dodging—he should not be allowed to go further. Moreover, he will also learn to strike his bell well. He should be taught striking while learning the 'six,' but he probably will not be able to strike well till he has mastered the 'four and twenty.'

His next step will be the plain course of Grandsire Doubles, and he should notice that this is exactly the same piece of ringing as the four and twenty, except that there are two bells in the hunt instead of one. The coursing order and the order of 'duty' of corresponding bells, will be the same: the 'picture' (or 'ropesight') of corresponding rows in each will be the same; and if he can 'strike' the one well he will be able to 'strike' the other equally. All through Grandsire Doubles he will look on the treble and the bell in the hunt as one indivisible entity, which cannot be separated till a call is made.

The step from this to Plain (usually called Plain Bob) Minor will now be seen to be the same as from the Six to the Four and Twenty. There will be another step when the same changes are rung with two hunts, and the method is now called Grandsire Triples; because the name is changed it does not now mean that the method is changed.

It ought not to be necessary to have any intermediate method between this and Plain Major. If Plain Triples be rung, it should only be a course or so, for the sake of practice, and never for a peal. It should be made clear to beginners that this is only a variation, not a new method, and not a variation to be encouraged.

What is to be emphasised is that all these are one and the same method.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Suffolk.

PLAIN BOB MORE BENEFICIAL TO BEGINNERS.

Sir,—My thanks to the boys who rang the course of Bob Triples at St. Mary's, Staines, on August 28th. I was amused when I read of the performance, and regret I was not present to hear those wicked four blows coming up at every lead-end. I hope they enjoyed it.

In any case, it was something fresh to those who had never heard it before, and, as my friends were 'experts,' their striking must have been perfect, and it is likely the listeners may have thought the music not so very awful as it has been made out to be.

But I did not intend the subject to go so far as it already has. I have never said Bob Triples is superior to Grandsire. Nor have I stated it should be substituted for Grandsire in service ringing.

There are always those who will deliberately misconstrue a fellow's meaning and cause unnecessary argument and waste of space in columns that could be used to better advantage.

In my humble way I said I thought it more beneficial to a learner to begin change ringing by being taught Plain Bob first.

Let it not be thought I wish to 'ram' Bob Triples down anyone's throat. I merely support the method on account of its construction being on the Plain Bob principle.

To be quite candid, I (like a few more) prefer to hear the tenor 'in.' That's all.

CECIL W. PIPE.

GRANDSIRE A 'CONVENTION.'

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. C. A. Levett's reply to my letter. He will doubtless agree with me when I say that the purpose of church bells is principally a Sunday one, but if he will agree with me when I say that Sunday service ringing should also be made as interesting as possible, then I will explain why I advocate Plain Bob rather than Grandsire.

If we are going to make ringing as interesting as possible, the sooner a ringer is started on even bell methods the sooner will he become interested. Once a beginner has mastered Plain Bob, it is not a very big step to Treble Bob, Double Norwich and the Surprise methods. But I think I should be correct in saying that to jump from Grandsire to Treble Bob would be rather difficult. What, then, is the intermediate step? Obviously our old friend Plain Bob on six, seven or eight bells. Why, therefore, should a learner waste a considerable time learning Grandsire and Stedman when he can go straight to Plain Bob, the path to those 'illimitable realms,' to use your words in the last issue of 'The Ringing World.'

I think I can prove that, generally speaking, those who commence on an even-bell method are better strikers and quicker to pick up advanced methods than those who start with the conventional Grandsire. I have visited over 30 counties for ringing, and the three best counties for striking, in my opinion, are Yorkshire, Norfolk and Suffolk, and in these counties even-bell ringing is usually the standard fare.

I said previously that I thought Grandsire a 'blind alley method.' I still do, though Mr. Levett mentions the Central Council book on Triple methods. The majority of these are merely Minor methods

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**MARRIAGE OF MR. M. A. NORTHOVER.
A WELL-KNOWN SURREY RINGER.**

Mr. Maurice A. Northover, a well-known member of the Surrey Association and treasurer of the Reigate Society, was married at Reigate Parish Church on Wednesday of last week to Miss Gladys Mary Frost, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Frost, of Reigate.

Mr. Northover is a member of a family long connected with business circles in Reigate and has taken an active part in the public and social life of the town, as well as in numerous organisations associated with the Parish Church. The happy event, therefore, aroused much local interest.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by three bridesmaids, and Mr. Douglas A. Northover was best man. The Rev. O. C. McDowell Morgan, Vicar of Billesden, Leicestershire, and formerly curate at Reigate Parish Church, a very old friend of the bride and bridegroom, officiated at the service, which was fully choral and included the hymn, 'Love divine,' and Parry's anthem, 'Jerusalem.'

The bells rang merrily in honour of the occasion, and after the ceremony a reception, attended by a large number of guests, was held at Hillbrow.

BOB TRIPLES

(Continued from previous column.)

with a bell in the hunt added and are much better rung as Major methods. When one is rung it is usually simply to claim 'first in the method'—they never become popular.

Anyway, my whole argument can be put in a single sentence—why waste time learning odd bell methods, when, before any advanced even bell method can be rung, Plain Bob must be learnt? Why not start with Plain Bob right away? The existing convention is like taking a turning off a main road and rejoining the road two miles later. In ringing language it is generally two years later that the beginner finds himself on the path to success.

Balham.

A. P. CANNON.

STEPPING STONE TO CHAOS.

Dear Sir,—Having had a few colts through my hands at various times, may I be permitted one little bark up the 'odd-num-even tree'? I think most instructors will support me when I say that the colt's chief trouble is not hunting up, but getting down to lead again after the whole pull behind. This being so, I have had a fair measure of success in this problem by emphasising the work from behind and easing the burden of counting by taking the bells in pairs (quite as orthodox as counting in whole pulls). Thus—Grandsire Triples 6-7 down, dodge with your first bell: 4-5 down, pass one pair and dodge with the next; Bob Major, 7-8 down, as 6-7 in Grandsire, 5-6 down as 4-5 in Grandsire, 3-4 down pass two pairs, etc. So perhaps Grandsire does lead us somewhere after all, whereas to try and instil into the mind of a colt the unorthodox action of striking one bell for luck before he starts on his hunt proper is going to lead him 'up the garden'—5-6 down after 7th's place is about as helpful as teaching him to dodge 2-3 up, and, besides, it 'isn't done.' Ring Bob Triples by all means, for a change, for a few 'stars,' or even for a lark, but for heaven's sake keep the colt (at least until he has found his feet) off the stepping stone—to chaos.

Crayford.

T. GROOMBRIDGE, jun.

FRANCIS 'COMES A CROPPER.'

MATHEMATICIAN DISPOSES OF SOME OF HIS ARGUMENTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the last issue of 'The Ringing World' is a letter by one Francis Bacon, in which a number of points are raised relative to the knowledge or lack of same on the part of certain members of the Exercise with whom your correspondent is acquainted. It is, however, unfortunate that the writer of the letter does not follow in the footsteps of his more famous deceased namesake and search more diligently after truth, as not all the points which he treats are the fallacies which he apparently believes them to be. Thus if we take them in order:—

I quite agree with him when he says that most ringers would say that the more a bell is tucked up the faster it will swing, but most would, mentally at any rate, qualify the statement so as not to include the case when the bell is so far tucked up as to be balanced in any position, when its motion will obviously be sluggish in the extreme. To go further and say when this slowing down will begin to occur is, I grant, beyond the powers of the majority of the Exercise, not, however, on the grounds of lack of brains or of intelligence, but solely as a result of a lack of a sufficiency of mathematical training which can occur from a variety of causes, few of which reflect on the person affected. The fact that the majority would say that a bell does swing more rapidly when tucked up is, indeed, a proof that the average ringer is not without intellectual powers, as the effect of tucking a bell up is that stated in the majority of cases and the correlation of observations in this manner is true science.

Without going into the matter deeply it will be sufficient to say that the time taken for a bell to swing can be represented by an equation of the form—

$$T = C \sqrt{\frac{h + k^2}{h}}$$

Where C is a constant for any given set of conditions; including size of wheel, strength of pull, angle through which pull is effected (i.e., length of pull), and angle through which the bell is swinging.

h is the distance of the centre of gravity from a line joining the centres of the gudgeons.

k is the radius of gyration of the bell about a line through its centre of gravity parallel with the line joining the gudgeons.

This time will have a minimum value when $(k^2 + h^2)/h$ is a minimum, i.e., when

$$\frac{d}{dh} \left[h + \frac{k^2}{h} \right] = 0$$

Performing the differentiation, we get

$$1 - k^2/h^2 = 0$$

so that there is a minimum value of the time when $k=h$. Now the value of k is constant for any given bell, so that, as bells are usually hung so that k is less than h, any decrease in h leads to a decrease in the time of swing. Therefore, Francis seems to have been objecting to truth.

In the second case with regard to the purpose of using a box for ringing a tenor or other heavy bell, I have never heard anyone suggest that there is any difference with regard to the pulling of the bell, but there is a reason why one should be used, which I think is quite generally recognised, and it might pay Mr. Bacon to ascertain it.

With regard to the third point, it seems to be merely commonsense which he is attacking, unless he is one of those talented ringers who can set his bell at both strokes when ringing and still strike his bell properly.

When he attacks the Exercise with respect to the time a bell takes to swing when equipped with different sized wheels he again 'comes a cropper' as the following argument will show.

As before, the time of swing is given by equation (1), so that, if we investigate the various points of difference which occur in the two cases, we can say with certainty what will happen on changing the size of the wheel.

Assume first of all that no difference occurs with regard to the pull on the bell, either as to weight or distribution over the angle through which the bell has swung, then, as increasing the diameter of the wheel cannot alter the value of h owing to the mirror symmetry of the wheels, we have

$$T = Ak$$

where A is a new constant involving C and h.

Hence the time will be directly proportional to k, and as the moment of inertia of a large wheel is greater than that of a small wheel, then k, for the system bell+large wheel, is greater than that of the system bell+small wheel, and the times of swing are, therefore, in the same ratio.

With regard to the assumption that has been made with regard to the distribution of pull, it can readily be demonstrated that the effect of any difference is in the same direction. Thus a man ringing his bell properly makes a steady pull from the extent of his easy reach to somewhere in the neighbourhood of his waist. Let this pull be X pounds weight and the distance through which the pull is made be y feet, then the work done is Xy foot pounds. In the case of a bell with a wheel s feet in diameter this work is impressed on the system

while the bell moves through an angle of y/s radians, whereas if the wheel is as feet in diameter the angle will be only y/as radians, so that in this case the bell will be accelerated to a greater extent in the early part of its swing with a corresponding decrease in the time of this part of its swing.

Points (e) and (f) of his letter are matters of opinion, and, as Mr. Bacon does not indicate the method of cutting out the slow in Treble Bob Major to which he refers, it is impossible to discuss it.

With regard to the last point of his letter, Francis again has made an unfortunate choice of an example, as there is a difference in the two ways of making tea as may be shown experimentally. The purpose of putting milk in tea is usually said to be to remove the 'tannin', but, whatever the truth of this statement, the fact remains that prior to the addition of the milk the tea is clear, but immediately on the addition of the milk it goes cloudy, owing to the presence of small globules of fat and small particles of solid matter derived from the 'tannin' and the various constituents of the milk. Now, if the tea was the same if prepared by the two methods we should expect to have equal numbers of these suspended particles in a given volume of the tea; whereas it is an experimental fact that the numbers are not the same, so it is possible that some people can detect the difference by means of taste, which, after all, is only another experimental method. Again F. B., after having left school a few more years, might find himself linked to another for life who would probably insist on him putting in the milk first, merely for the sake of preserving her best china, and he would find then that he could not give up matrimony to associate with the intelligentsia, which might cause him to say the word he does not appear to have the moral courage to write.

G. WILFRED SLACK, B.Sc., Ph.D.

The University, Leeds.

P.S.—I wonder if it would be considered impertinent if one asked how fast F. B. progressed with his ringing and suggest that before he casts the mantle of a ringer from him that he does something requiring a little intelligence, a little work and a little originality, and would suggest that he tried composing a peal of Stedman Triples, say, an exact two part with only two singles.

TOO DEVASTATING TO PASS UNCHALLENGED.

Dear Sir,—Writing in this week's 'Ringing World', Mr. Francis Bacon states that he is giving up ringing because he likes to associate with intelligent people, and gives a number of reasons, from which, I presume, he draws his conclusion that ringers are not intelligent people. This is rather a devastating criticism for us ringers to allow to pass unchallenged. Looking through the reasons given by Mr. Bacon, I fail to see in them—such, no doubt, is my lack of intelligence—any indication of ringers' alleged shortage of brains!

Take one instance only—reason (b), 'That if you stand on a box to ring a tenor, you get a better pull than if you stand on the floor.' Perhaps Mr. Bacon will enlighten me in what way this displays a lack of intelligence on the part of the ringer. The reason, I have always thought, that one stands on a box to ring a tenor is because the larger wheel employed necessarily takes up the rope higher as the bell swings, and consequently the average ringer would not be able to reach the rope at backstroke if he stood on the floor. What that has got to do with a lack of intelligence, I utterly fail to understand!

I will not analyse any of the other reasons given by Mr. Bacon, as none of them will 'hold water.'

The real reason Mr. Bacon is giving up ringing is most probably because he originally approached the art in the wrong frame of mind, and has now ceased to find any interest in it. Or is it, perhaps, that his intelligence is such that he is able to grasp 'Spiced Surprise' at a glance, and, therefore, finds ringing too easy to engage his attention to its full capacity?

ROGER W. DANIELS.

Cheltenham.

LIVERPOOL RINGERS' EXCURSION.

WREXHAM AND CHESTER CATHEDRAL.

A most enjoyable trip was undertaken by the St. Nicholas', Liverpool, ringers on their annual outing. The party of 12 left Birkenhead soon after noon for Wrexham, where they were met by Messrs. Catherall and Jones. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters and a course of Cambridge Major were enjoyed on this fine peal of bells, which hang in a magnificent tower, rightly described as one of the glories of Wales. From there bus was taken to Holt, where was found a nice peal of six. Several methods were rung here prior to walking to Farnon on the English side of the River Dee. Messrs. Richards and Mee had made arrangements for the visit to this tower, and the touches on this very pleasant peal of eight were much enjoyed. It was a matter for regret that the party had to leave for Chester immediately after tea owing to the infrequent bus services, for Farnon is a particularly attractive village, the riverside adding to its fascination. Mr. J. Swindley met the visitors on their arrival in Chester, where they were privileged to ring on the Cathedral bells recently augmented to ten. Several touches were rung, in which Messrs. Swindley and Harris took part. The visitors were pleased to meet Mr. J. Flint, of Bolsover, who they were glad to see had recovered from a recent injury. They were pleased also to have the company of Mr. J. C. E. Simpson to the station, and regretted he had been unable to accompany them to the various towers. The Liverpool men are much indebted to the clergy and local ringers at each place visited for meeting them and making the half-day so very pleasurable.

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cadeleigh on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — R. Harris, Hon. Sec., Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Sept. 11th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at the George Hotel. Quarterly business meeting after tea. Joint meeting and social at Hillingdon on Oct. 16th. — F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iwer Heath, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION (Manchester Branch) and LADIES' GUILD (Northern District).—A joint meeting is to be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea, 1s. each. All ringers cordially invited.—Mrs. E. D. Kelly, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ladies' Guild; J. H. Ridyard, Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—A joint ringing meeting, with the East Grinstead and District Guild, will be held at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Please come and help make this meeting a success. Tower open 2.30 p.m. There is a ten minute bus service to St. Peter's Church from Central Station or Opera House. Route No. 82.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stewkley (8 bells), on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Service 3.30 p.m., Names for tea in good time, and good attendance will be welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Kent County Association (Tonbridge District) and the East Grinstead Guild at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. All are welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Ulverston on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Anyone interested in going to the annual dinner please attend.—N. M. Newby, Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come. Let us have a good meeting.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. John's, Leicester, on Sept. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Gentlemen invited.—I. B. Thompson, 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at West Clandon on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Stagsden on Saturday, Sept. 11th. 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.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, South Shore, on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. Ringing visitors welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for Sunday service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sept. 12th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexley Heath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Sept. 16th and 30th, *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th, Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 13th. — R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head). Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Marsham (bells 8), on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will members please send names, or numbers for tea, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk? Bus leaves Norwich at 2.15.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chipping Campden on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Service 6.30. Will those who require tea please let me know not later than the 14th inst.? — Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants.—On Saturday, Sept. 18th, a practice meeting will be held at Christchurch, when the dedication and unveiling of two peal boards will take place. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform me by Sept. 16th.—G. Preston, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Special method, London Bob Minor, No. 6, C.C. Coll. Plain Methods. All members and friends welcomed. Nearest station, Finchley, Church End. Cheap day tickets from King's Cross (L. and N.E.). There will be a twelve-bell practice at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The September meeting will be held at Flamstead on Sept. 18th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea must notify me by the Thursday previous. A hearty welcome to all, for anything from Rounds to Spliced Minor (Plain and Surprise).—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, the 15th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the association will be held at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, Sept. 18th, when the bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee will be held at 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. for all who notify Mrs. F. Carter, George Street, Kirkburton, by Sept. 15th. Nominations for the general secretaryship should be handed in at this meeting. The undersigned will NOT be available for re-election: J. E. Cawser, Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The meeting at Claybrook on Sept. 18th has been cancelled. Next district meeting will be held in October. Details later.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual Crawford Cup Contest will be held at Sutton-on-Trent (8) on Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Ringing for non-competitors and visitors after tea. All welcome.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting will be held at Long Wittenham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Please notify by the 15th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service 5 o'clock, with tea in the Church Room after. Will those requiring tea please send a p.c. to Mr. W. James, 18, Freeland's Road, Cobham, by the 16th?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drake-lowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. It is important that I should have names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 15th, so please drop me a p.c.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—A meeting will be held at Willingham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells ready early. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at a moderate charge, to all who inform Mr. C. Hooton, Stedman House, Willingham, Gainsborough, by the Wednesday previous.—J. Bray, Hon. Branch Sec.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Special invitation to the Burton district ringers. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. E. Roberts, 46, Ashbourne Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs, not later than Sept. 15th?—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea (9d. each), for which please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan. — S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch. — Clapton-in-Gordano is our next meeting place on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Please come along and be ready to start at 5 o'clock. The bells will be ready and waiting.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —Next meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James, Milnrow, Rochdale.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Sept. 18th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service will be followed by tea and business. May I hope for a good attendance of both old and new friends?—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

THE OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD.—Appealing name? Yes. Well, come round and hunt out the M.C.A. Loughborough District meeting on Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. The change will surprise you; *courting* allowed; *now double up*; no *dodging* out. Tea a *minor* (?) detail at St. Joseph's Café.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Northleach on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Short service at 6 p.m. Please send card for tea to Mr. J. C. Acock, Mill End, Northleach, Cheltenham.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gilmorton on Saturday, September 18th. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by 16th inst.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. — H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury branch.—Meeting at Chaceley on Sat., Sept. 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify by Wed., Sept. 15th.—A. G. Pulley, Dumb'edon, nr. Evesham.

EBBW VALE, CHRIST CHURCH.—The new ring of eight bells, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth on Sunday, Sept. 19th, at 3.15 p.m. The service will be broadcast.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The sixth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 6 p.m. *prompt*. Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8), 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. each) may be obtained up to Tuesday, Sept. 21st, from branch officers, members of the Dinner Committee, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgemoor, Evesham.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upton Grey on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 21st to Mr. F. E. Brasington, 3, Compton Place, Upton Gray.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. James', Poole.—Dedication of two new trebles in commemoration of Coronation year by the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Guildhall at 5. Special services on Sunday, 26th, at 11 and 6.30. Ringing from 10.15 and 5.45.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Doncaster and District Society at Conisborough on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at 9d. each. Please notify Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by Friday, the 24th, for tea.—F. Clark and E. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5

p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 21st. All ringers welcome. — W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Willesborough on Saturday, Sept. 25th (Ashford bells not available, owing to illness). Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15. Please send numbers for tea by Sept. 21st.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Burbage, nr. Hinckley. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4. Tea 5, followed by general meeting. Names for tea (1s. per head) must be sent not later than Sept. 29th to Mr. G. Dudley, 47, Sketchley Road, Burbage, Hinckley.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LADIES' GUILD.—Jubilee Dinner.—To be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Saturday, Oct. 23rd. Will all who have reserved tickets kindly forward cash (6s.) for same at the earliest possible date, as no ticket can be reserved after Sept. 25th?—Edith K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

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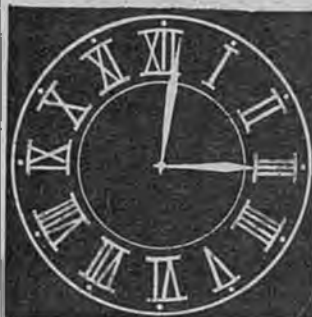
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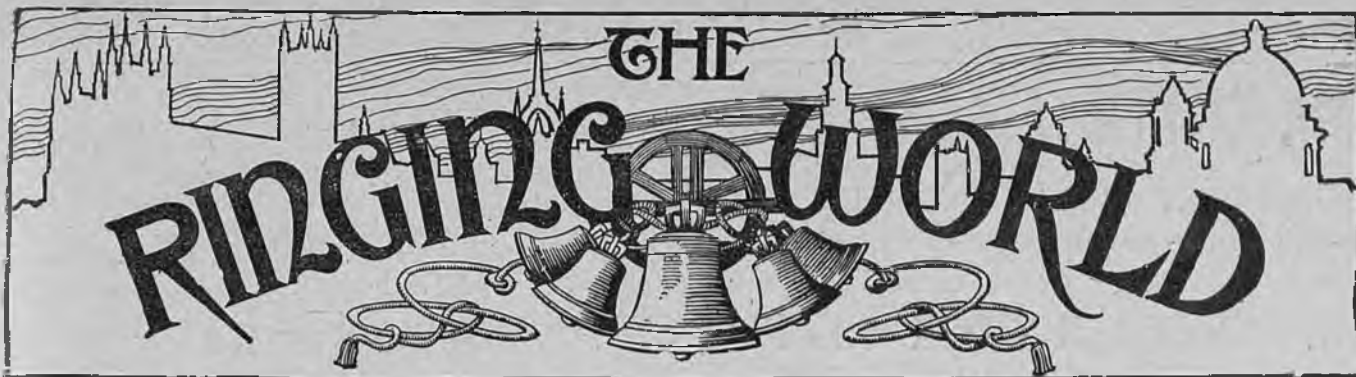
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Composed by H. G. MILES.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.'

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

ROYDON DAVIES Treble	*DUDLEY BUXTON 6
FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 2	†FRANK E. MITCHELL ... 7
MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN ... 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 8
MRS. F. W. HOWSDEN ... 4	WALTER CLAYDON 9
RIDHARD I. FULLER 5	DANIEL D. COOPER Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F. sharp.

*BARRY D. ELLIOTT Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	†COLIN A. HOPPER 7
*DORIS G. DOBBIE 3	*WALTER H. DOBBIE 8
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
†ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 5	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method and first on ten bells. The conductor's 1,150th peal.

BLETCHLEY.—On August 21st, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal in the same method: J. Marks 1, H. Sear 2, A. N. Wood 3, W. J. Chester 4, Rev. J. E. F. Tredennick (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, H. V. Sear 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, E. W. Smith 8.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

ROBERT H. VIGOR Treble	WILLIAM HARGREAVES ... 5
*MISS DOROTHY M. HAWLEY 2	†EDWARD BRADLEY 6
FRANK POPPLEWELL 3	FRANK RHODES 7
RONALD H. DOVE 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by D. Woods.

Conducted by R. H. VIGOR.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Kent.

NORTHOP, PLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS ... 5
FREDERICK R. EVANS 2	JOHN A. RANGLES 6
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS 3	ARTHUR PRINCE 7
LEWIS J. EVANS 4	ARTHUR TILSTON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY HARRISON Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP 5
JOHN GRUNDY 2	RALPH NARBOROUGH 6
G. RONALD EDWARDS 3	ARTHUR DAVIS 7
LESLIE STEVENS 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDWARD TIMPSON Treble	†MISS KATH. E. FLETCHER 5
JAMES W. WILKINS 2	PERCY NEWTON 6
MISS DOROTHY FLETCHER 3	ROLAND BIGGS 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First peal of Double Norwich and first attempt. † 100th peal.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Arthur Newton, a member of the local band, and Miss May Burrows.

SALISBURY.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*REGINALD LOWE Treble	WILLIAM SHUTE 5
*LEONARD F. HARRIS 2	†FRANK A. PENN 6
†DENNIS BROCK 3	FRANK W. ROMAINE 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	*JACK MUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. ROMAINE.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung to commemorate the first peal on the bells and the first in the city of Salisbury on September 3rd, 1887, and also as a Coronation peal for King George VI.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON Treble	HARRY NEWTON 5
HARRY C. WALTERS 2	ALBERT J. STRANGWARD ... 6
ARTHUR WALKER 3	CHARLES BROWN 7
THOMAS HOLDER 4	FRED NEWTON Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

Rung with bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. T. J. Sides, Mayor of Pontefract, who was interred the same day. He had been Mayor seven times since 1918.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation).

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	JAMES E. BAILEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 6
DEREK M. SHARP 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	ROBERT MALSTER Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN SUMMERHAYES.

First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

GEOFFREY HARRISON Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... 5
COLIN HARRISON 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 6
JOHN P. FIDLER 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 7
JOHN SADDINGTON 4	A. PATRICK CANNON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. CANNON.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, FYLINGSDALE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... Treble	HARRY SHORT 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*GEORGE B. M. DEAN ... 6
ALBERT V. COATES 3	RONALD H. DOVE 7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 4	ARTHUR WEST Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

* First attempt for a peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAM TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES BENNETH Treble	*DEREK M. SHARP 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	*EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	*HARRY HOVERD 7
*HARRY HOSKINS 4	*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Tenor

Composed by S. MARSH.

Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

* First peal of Cam.

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EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 8½ cwt.	
FREDERICK H. DALLAWAY ... Treble	1	*RONALD W. J. PANKHORST	5
HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... 2	2	CHARLES A. SAVAGE ...	6
JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 3	3	EDWARD W. BRAY ...	7
HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS ... 4	4	LOUIS W. FAULKNER ... Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES A. SAVAGE.

* First peal. First attempt as conductor.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS KATH. BURCHNALL ... Treble	1	THOMAS VESSEY ...	5
*MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 2	2	RICHARD M. HARVEY ...	6
FRANK VERNON ... 3	3	ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ...	7
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4	4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor	

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.

* First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. R. Forshaw and Miss Garrow.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Three Hours

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	1	*WILLIAM A. WOODS ...	5
FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 2	2	ERNEST SYDNEY BAILEY ...	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	3	JAMES A. BAILEY ...	7
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4	4	ALDERMAN LING ... Tenor	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal on the bells since their restoration.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 20 cwt.	
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	1	REGINALD W. REX ...	5
WALTER V. WEBB ... 2	2	†WILLIAM LAMBELL ...	6
*BERTRAM L. J. BROWN ... 3	3	ALFRED H. WEBB ...	7
JOHN NOBES ... 4	4	WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH Tenor	

Conducted by ALFRED H. WEBB.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal as conductor in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. A. Goodenough and Mr. V. P. A. G. Scardfield.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Treble	1	STANLEY A. CARTER ...	5
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER ... 2	2	JOSEPH LADLEY ...	6
*MISS CONSTANCE DITTON ... 3	3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...	7
GEORGE GRAY ... 4	4	SIDNEY CADLE ... Tenor	

Conducted by MRS. E. K. FLETCHER.

* First peal of Stedman.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 extents with 14 variations of calling, 30 of Grandsire and 12 of bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*MRS. HANBURY F. CARTER Treble	1	*HANBURY F. CARTER	3
†MISS E. JESSIE C. ANGINW 2	2	†ARTHUR S. ROBERTS ...	4
NOLAN GOLDEN ...		... Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in two methods. First peal on the bells.

TRYSELL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, September 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

THOMAS G. MARTIN ... Treble	1	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	4
HAROLD SMITH ... 2	2	BARNABAS G. KEY ...	5
ALBERT D. COLLINS ... 3	3	HOWARD HOWELL ... Tenor	

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

First peal in three Minor methods for all except the ringer of the 4th. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. F. Bennett and Miss J. Nock, who were married at Trysell the previous Saturday.

WONSTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Treble	1	†GEORGE SMITH ...	4
*RICHARD SMITH ... 2	2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ...	5
†REGINALD DOLTON ... 3	3	REGINALD A. REED ... Tenor	

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal.

FELKIRK, NEAR BARNSELEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents: (1) Charlwood and Neasden Delight; (2) St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (3) College Exercise and Ockley; (4) Duke of Norfolk and Norbury; (5) Chapel and Sandal; (6) London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston; (7) Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ROLAND HILL ... Treble	1	HAROLD CHANT ...	4
*WILFRED LIBBLE ... 2	2	ARTHUR GILL ...	5
JOHN THOMAS WHITE ... 3	3	DANIEL SMITH ... Tenor	

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* First peal in 14 methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, who entered his 80th year on September 2nd.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,
At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

ALFRED BARNES ...	1-2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY ...	3-4	HARRY ASHTON ...	7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 368). Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Ashton and Miss J. Stevens on the occasion of their marriage at St. George's Church, Stockport, on August 21st.

SEPT. 18th! See page 614

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 29th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples; F. Nash 1, T. Lock 2, H. Currell 3, Miss K. M. Bradford 4, W. Nash 5, C. Nash 6, A. W. Coles (conductor) 7, W. Tyler 8. Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 4th.

THE COTSWOLD TOUR.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At MAGDALEN COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... ..Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE... .. 3	C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 8
JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 9
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR... .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

BANBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in E.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS... ..Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE... .. 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 7
GEORGE POPNELL... .. 3	FREDERICK PAGE... .. 8
C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 9
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor

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

GREAT TEW, OXON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, September 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D.

GEORGE POPNELL... ..Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 5
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Treble	FREDERICK PAGE... .. 5
KEITH HART... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 6
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal of London on the bells.

SWINDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON AND CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

KEITH HART... ..Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 8
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 9
C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Spiced Surprise in the county and by the association.
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.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

NELSON ELLIOTT... ..Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 5
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Spiced Surprise in the county and of Spiced Surprise Major by the association. This peal contains 2,432 London, 1,088 Bristol and 768 each of Superlative and Cambridge, with 104 changes of method.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

KEITH HART... ..Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6
C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 8
JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 9
OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells; first peal of Yorkshire Royal in the county and by the Guild.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... ..Treble	FREDERICK PAGE... .. 5
WALTER F. JUDGE... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7
NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor

Composed J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of London on the bells.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK PAGE... ..Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 5
KEITH HART... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 6
C. ERNEST SMITH... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 10, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

GEORGE POPNELL... ..Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 2	NELSON ELLIOTT... .. 6
JACK M. CRIPPS... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING... .. 4	C. ERNEST SMITH... ..Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

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Have you ordered your copy of 'A History of the College Youths'? See next page

THE LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR.

(Continued from page 599.)

A HOLBEACH PUZZLE.

Holbeach and Fulney towers, not far away, were our venue for Tuesday. The two steeplekeepers were faithfully waiting to receive the party at the respective churches. Holbeach has a very handsome church, dedicated to All Saints, with an exceedingly fine battlemented tower with inset tall spire. A framed panel tells us the electric lighting was in memoriam George Lamb, 48 years organist at this church. Another frame gives the list of approximate dates of the several parts of the building: Nave and aisles 1340, chancel 1355, clerestory 1380, tower and spire 1380, turret of north porch 1526. The tower and spire was restored in 1932.

Looking from the chancel down the nave to the west, the general view of the interior is equal to that of the reverse direction. A bold, lofty arch open to the nave; a ground floor ringing room; three immense windows (that to the west filled with stained glass); a bold stone groined ceiling with the ropes falling in a circle in the centre of the room with their coloured sallies, altogether form a unique picture.

Whilst we were ringing people came to look round the church, forgetting the spring latch on the north door, which closed with a loud bang as each visitor left. 'Go, Lincoln,' was called at 9.57 a.m. by the bold belfry clock. At one o'clock the conductor had the misfortune to call out 'Set 'em up!' How the bells went into a 'heap' after safe ringing for so long is a Holbeach puzzle.

The bells, musical and in excellent order, are a pleasure to handle and listen to. North describes them as a fine ring of bells in perfect time. In his day the inscriptions told of a ring of eight, cast in 1770 by Joseph Eayre (with two of the old bells of 1648 retained). The tower is in E flat and 45 in. diameter. In 1776 the clock and chimers were installed, and amongst nine items played on the bells, 'Ladies of London' and 'Lady Chatham's Jig' are mentioned.

Owing to the Vicar being on holiday, the local captain, Mr. F. Lightning, and Mr. F. W. Bennett met us, and offered condolence at our sad loss, but did not remind us that 'sweet are the uses of adversity.'

INTERESTING BELLS AT FULNEY.

St. Paul's, Fulney, the church of the flowers, was found to be a modern building, the foundation stone laid in 1877, with vicarage, schools and endowment similar to All Saints', Maidenhead. It stands prominent beside the main road, upon a sector of the county somewhat above the usual level of the fen areas, and it is noted for the fertility of its soil. In season many acres of brightly coloured blooms from bulb cultivation are a striking feature of the landscape. In this belfry J. G. Ames learnt to ring, and it was the favourite of the late Law James. Here we were met by the Rev. J. E. Callister (Vicar) and Mr. A. Farr, and the peal of Cambridge duly scored. These bells are interesting from the fact that they were cast at Shepherd Lane, Brixton, London, by the firm of T. C. Lewis and Co. and hung in substantial cast-iron cradles. They were presented by Miss Charlotte Charinton, the foundress of the church, who gave the site, built the church and schools and endowed it.

All reported at headquarters at an earlier hour than usual and compared notes—Rupert Richardson with 260 miles added to his 'taxi' after driving his daughter to her girl guide camp in Yorkshire.

The visit to Lincoln on Wednesday provided a big day, with 50 miles to travel via Sleaford and Walesby. On this route we had an agreeable change of scenery, with hedgerows and big timber at the roadside, and, as we climbed the hills, beautiful views of the district with the distant Cathedral crowning its valleys.

All Saints', Walesby, is a time-worn mellow old church, upon an eminence, which necessitated empty cars for the last quarter-mile. The whole place is reminiscent of West Wycombe, or the Welsh churches by Brecon. The building consists of a western tower, nave and chancel in line, north and south aisles and a south porch. During repairs in 1931 examination revealed the ancient stairs to the rood loft, which were replaced in 1933, in lieu of the remnants of the original of 1566, that had been burnt, portions being used to repair the church benches. The isolated position of All Saints' probably saved its destruction, as proposed when erecting a new church in the rapidly growing under part of the parish.

THE COTSWOLD TOUR

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BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

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JACK M. CRIPPS	4	WILLIAM T. BRERSON	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

The three ancient bells of 1553 did duty at the new church for about 20 years. They form a useful little octave to-day, after additions, and restored fittings, by Mears and Stainbank in 1935.

In the absence of Rector Arnold, we were met by the Rev. N. S. Harding, the promoter of the bell restoration, who also took a rope with us, and Mr. J. Freeman, of Lincoln. After a good peal of Superlative Major, during which the conductor must have recalled North Stoneham we left All Saints' crouching upon its mount as if to defy the North Sea storms and the unkind efforts of time and mankind.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL.

'And when evening shadows soften
Churchyard-cross, and tower, and aisle;
These shall blend their vesper summons
With the day's departing smile.'

At Ashton-under-Lyne, 1871.

We pulled up at 3 o'clock on the north side of the Cathedral, scarcely realising the gradient of the winding roads up through the older parts of the city surrounding the venerable pile. A nearer view of this magnificent building impressed one with its huge proportions: its monster central tower, its wonderful west-front and the remarkably good material preservation of the whole structure. This Cathedral stands pre-eminent among the many cathedral churches of Great Britain, besides being one of the most ancient. Ruskin said that it was worth two of any others and that it was out and out the most precious piece of architecture in the British Isles.

We went 'down' to luncheon at Boots' establishment via the Exchequer Gate, down Steephill, which cars never use, past the house of Aaron the Jew, said to be the richest man in England in the reign of Henry II., and another, belonging to a Jewess, Balaset of Wallingford, who was hanged in 1200 for debasing the King's coin. Down, down until my knees went over a bit, into the High Street that connects with Ermine Way, a Roman thoroughfare. The Newport Gate, and part of the town wall, is the oldest Roman arch in Britain, built some time before A.D. 45, the walls of the city enclosing some 40 acres on the crown of the hill.

Under the guidance of brother Lindoff (a resident here 40 years ago) the half-dozen tourists not ringing in the morning were able to explore many more historical features.

At 4 p.m. we were all united again at the west front, listening to two deep-toned bells tolling for evensong, joined by Mr. Freeman (tower warden) and others, and kindly shown the way in, through the Ringers' Chapel, up the south-west 'Hugh' tower to the handsome ringing room.

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A MODEL RESTORATION.

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There followed the usual preliminary proceedings, and when all was ready 'Go, Stedman,' was called. Very little was said afterwards until 'This is all' by the conductor, when a most enjoyable performance became a thing of the past and with no errors to regret.

Like Ipswich tower, if you cannot ring well at St. Hugh's there must be something below first-class standard at the rope's end, because circle, draught, light and sound give testimony to a first-class piece of workmanship.

This restoration scheme constitutes a model for other church authorities to learn and profit by. Bellfounder, architect and engineer have all combined to secure perfection. Its recent completion has been so fully reported in 'The Ringing World' that further reference to it now is unnecessary, except to add that the 'Lewis paneling' in the ringing chamber will be an everlasting tribute to the science of its inventor.

As our team were leaving the room an active dozen of strapping young men of the Cathedral company congratulated us and kindly offered to lower the bells in peal. As listeners outside this was a real treat to us all. An excellent fall, the rich notes of the bells echoing across the green forecourt, with a full moon peeping over the ancient houses opposite, roused personal feelings and emotions not easily described in cold print.

Ye ancient ringers' house, The Black Boy, near the Hugh tower, has been converted into a private residence. It has been the scene of many a Christmas and New Year's gathering and patronised by past ringers whose names are in black letters on the tower walls to-day. It once possessed a 'Jack,' or black leather jug, which for centuries distilled sweet sustenance, but is now an object of veneration in the City Museum. However, another ancient hostelry, the Black Horse, housed us until 10 o'clock, when our party left to enjoy a moonlight drive back to Spalding.

'Dark grow the windows, and quench'd is the fire;

Sound fades into silence, all footsteps retire.

No voice in the chambers, no sound in the hall!

Sleep and oblivion reign over all.'

W. H. F.

(To be continued.)

FOREMAN RINGER MARRIED.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Honey, foreman of the local band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung at Sunningwell, Berks, on Saturday, September 4th: R. White 1, F. Clinkard 2, J. Nobes (conductor) 3, C. Betteridge 4, W. Cudd 5, J. Wilks 6.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM WATTS.

CLOSE OF A LONG RINGING CAREER.

Mr. William Watts, who, as already briefly mentioned in our columns, passed away at the age of 72 years on September 1st, began his ringing career about 50 years ago in the Eastern Counties, and was for long a ringer at Staunsted, Essex. He rang many peals for the Essex and Norwich Diocesan Associations.

He migrated to Sussex in 1918 and joined the band at Lindfield. He went to Lower Beeding in 1923, and after retiring in 1936 lived at Cuckfield, where he died. He was an ever-ready helper in any district in which he resided, and in the mid-Sussex area will be greatly missed.

He was an excellent ringer and conductor and had called 104 of his 228 peals; in fact, he had called peals in all the methods he had rung except Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Court Bob Triples. In some methods, among them London and Bristol Surprise, he had called all he had rung. Appended is his list of peals, as far as they can be ascertained.

	Rung	Conducted
Bristol Surprise Major	2	2
London Surprise Major	3	3
New Cambridge Surprise Major ...	13	7
New Cumberland Surprise Major ...	3	2
Superlative Surprise Major	32	12
Cambridge Surprise Major	17	13
Double Norwich Major	20	6
Stedman Caters	5	
Stedman Triples	37	12
Kent Treble Bob Major	20	5
Oxford Treble Bob Major	9	2
Bob Major	10	2
Bob Royal	1	
Grandsire Caters	8	
Grandsire Triples	2	1
Duffield Major	1	1
Stansted Triples	2	2
Pennings Triples	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	1
Court Bob Triples	1	
Double Oxford Bob Major	1	1
Minor 8,120 in 9 methods	1	1
Minor in 7 methods	38	30
Totals	228	104

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

His friends will regret to hear that Mr. W. D. Smith was suddenly taken ill while in Eastbourne on Saturday. He was removed to his home in Folegate, where latest reports indicate, we are pleased to say, satisfactory progress.

Mr. Smith is one of the oldest members of the College Youths. He was Master first in 1891 and again in 1903 and 1904. He was for years connected with the ringing at Hackney.

Congratulations will be extended by the Exercise to Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Master of St. Martin's Guild, and Mrs. Pritchett, of Hill Top, King's Norton, on the celebration of their golden wedding day on Tuesday.

There is to be a meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Lawford, near Rugby, to-morrow, and a quarterly meeting at Stratford-on-Avon on October 16th.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association celebrates its diamond jubilee this year, and particulars of the arrangements for the annual meeting and dinner on September 25th will be found in our notice columns.

Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, writes: Your remarks in 'Peal Notes' about 'circling a tower' has reminded me of Mr. J. R. Sharman, of Cogenhoe, Northants, whose record in this, I should imagine, is unique. At Easter, in the years 1901-2-4-5, he visited Quex Park, Birchington, rang 12 peals in 12 attempts, and each on a different bell.

MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

CHANGE OF HON. SECRETARY.

Mr. A. A. Savage has resigned the hon. secretaryship of the St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, Australia, which he has filled since 1925. Mr. Savage, who learned to ring at Turvey, Beds, first migrated to Australia in 1912, served in the Great War, and returned to Australia in 1919, but it was not until 1924 that he joined the Cathedral Society. He has done splendid work as secretary and his resignation is much regretted.

He is succeeded in the office by Mr. J. Roper, one of the younger members of the society.

Recently the society has received an influx of 'recruits,' four young men and one young lady having joined. It is hoped that this acquisition of strength will ensure the maintenance of ringing at the Cathedral.

OLD BELL METHODS HELP BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Cannon may have visited over 30 counties for ringing, but it is evident, from the conclusions he draws, he has never been to Birmingham. When he does come to 'grab' a few towers round that district, he will be able to hear striking equalled by very few bands. And, sir, may I point out to him that, in that home of Stedman, most of the ringing is done in odd bell methods.

In my humble opinion, good striking can only be obtained when the bells lead correctly, and how can the beginner do this when the bell he has to lead off is constantly changing?

MALCOLM MELVILLE.

Exhall, Coventry.

BOB TRIPLES.

THE BIGGEST WORRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is not my intention, nor do I wish to waste valuable space in 'The Ringing World' by entering into a lengthy correspondence with Mr. A. P. Cannon. The letters by Messrs. H. Drake, C. W. Pipe and T. Groombridge should effectively silence him (if that is possible). He has failed to grasp the meaning of my letter. I will say again that if a band is not strong enough for Major, stick to Triples. The Triples methods, he says, are merely Minor with a bell in the hunt added. That may be, but the fact remains they are *Triples*. By taking Bob Minor and adding a hunt bell we get Grandsire Triples. The so-called Bob Triples are not Triples at all. I call it Plain Bob spoilt.

If ever Mr. A. P. Cannon takes up Sunday ringing he will find his biggest worry is not how best to get a learner on to Surprise, but how to keep his bells ringing at all.

C. A. LEVETT.

Hastings.

FRANCIS BACON REPLIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—My thanks to Dr. Slack. His equations are better than crossword puzzles. But why should he recommend me to try to compose a peal of Stedman Triples in two exact parts with only two singles? Surely any person of average intelligence can see at a glance that that is impossible. It cannot be that Dr. Slack does not see it.

Mr. Daniel's reason for using a box when ringing a tenor is delightful. Personally, I have usually found that the best thing to do when one cannot reach a bell at backstroke is to lengthen the rope.

FRANCIS BACON.

RINGING IN DISTANT LANDS.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP FOR THE ART OVERSEAS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your article in 'The Ringing World' of September 3rd on 'Australian Lady Ringers' and the excellent work being done among them by Miss Joan H. Kynaston is a timely one, and raises important questions for the ringer who is interested in 'Empire ringing.' Quite recently, also, we have read of the dedications of new peals at Victoria, British Columbia, and at Hobart, Tasmania, and of the training of boys at both places to ring them.

What is to happen to these new and isolated companies of ringers? Are they to be left to their own fate in their struggle for existence, or are they going to receive active encouragement and support from their richly endowed brothers in the 'old country'? The task of keeping the bells rung in this country is hard enough, especially in some country districts. But it is infinitely harder in a dominion tower. It usually depends on the goodwill of the few 'immigrant' ringers who happen to be in the neighbourhood. The training of native sons and daughters usually ends in complete failure, partly because of the lack of tradition and the 'pull' of counter-attractions, but chiefly because of a dearth of fresh towers and ringers with whom the keen youngster can associate. His early enthusiasm soon flags, and there is no peal ringing to act as an incentive to higher effort.

It would seem that the least we can do is to ensure visiting ringers from the Dominions a hearty welcome and plenty of instructive practice. The impression made by her visit on Miss Joyce Layton, for instance—the lucky girl from Mittagong—will do much to encourage or discourage her less fortunate friends in Australia.

But cannot something more be done in the course of time? Could not regular visits be organised on the lines of that excellent 1934 tour of ringers to Australia. The British Columbia ringers are eagerly looking forward to such a visit. And could not the visits be in both directions, because a visit to this country by Dominion ringers would be of more real value to those ringers than vice versa? Or are exchanges of visits the sole prerogative of test match cricketers and rugby footballers?

Another suggestion one could make is that disused peals like that at the Church of St. Peter-in-the-East at Oxford might be sent to a city or town in the Empire. I could name many such in Canada which would be only too glad to have them. There must be numbers of other ways, too, by which we can lend a helping hand to these struggling bands of ringers. But the purpose of this letter is merely to point to the need for help.

This year, at the time of the Coronation, we witnessed Dominion troops taking over the 'guard' at Buckingham Palace, each contingent for a week. Is it too much to hope that at the next Coronation the bells of Westminster Abbey will be rung by representatives of Dominion ringers? A. E. F. TROTMAN.

Long Bredy, Dorset.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BARTON CAPTAIN'S LONG SERVICE.

A meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Barton-on-Humber on Saturday, September 11th. The lovely peal of eight at St. Peter's Church was kept going during the afternoon and evening by ringers from Ulceby, Grimsby, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Barrow-on-Humber and the local members. Mr. and Mrs. J. Brothwell, of Treeton, and Mr. Chamberlain, of Hull, were also among those present. The service was conducted by the Rev. Goulding (curate). The address was a very homely talk.

After service the members adjourned to the Assembly Rooms, where an excellent tea was awaiting them. Twenty-five sat down, including the Vicar, Canon W. E. Varah, R.D., the Rev. and Mrs. Goulding and Dr. F. P. H. Birtwhistle (an honorary member). The Vicar, in the absence of the president of the district, presided over the meeting. Mr. E. Brittain proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the curate for conducting the service and for his address, to the caterers for an excellent tea, and to all those who had made the arrangements.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Bray and carried.

In reply, the Vicar said it was always a pleasure to welcome ringers to Barton. Bells were made to be rung, he said, and they were rung at Barton. He was greatly indebted to the Barton band and to Mr. A. W. Hoodless for his untiring interest in the bells, as captain of the band during his (the Vicar's) 26 years in the parish. Canon Varah also welcomed the Vicar of Ulceby (the Rev. R. Marsden).

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

VALUABLE SERVICES RECOGNISED.

The long service rendered to the Barnsley and District Society by its president (Mr. C. D. Potter) and a former secretary (Mr. A. Panther) have been marked by presentations to these two gentlemen in recognition of their ungrudging work for the society for many years.

Each has been the recipient of a walnut-cased clock with Westminster chimes and suitably inscribed, and the presentation took place at a happy gathering at Barnsley on September 4th, when about 40 members were present, and the following towers were represented: Adwick, Arksey, Almondbury, Bolsterstone, Cawthorne, Eastwood, Earlsheaton, Felkirk, Friezland, Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Hands-worth, Metham, Rotherham, Sandal, Shelly, Wath, Wortley and the local company.

Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and later a service was held, conducted by the Vicar, Canon Wilkinson.

The presentations were made after tea in the new Parish Room. The Vicar (Canon Wilkinson), who presided, said it was the first time he had had the opportunity of meeting the ringers, and he was very pleased to be present on such a memorable occasion. He gave the society a cordial welcome and hoped it would not be long before they came again.

Mr. Ricketts spoke of the early days of the Barnsley Society and of the good work that had been done both by Mr. Potter and Mr. Panther. Mr. Potter was one of the founders of the society, and Mr. Panther was secretary and treasurer for a long period.

Mr. Brearley supported these remarks and praised the good work done by the society in improving the ringing in the district, both in methods and striking. He had done a lot of judging in the society's shield contests, and it was very worthy of note how this competition had improved the ringing.

Mrs. Wilkinson, with a few happy words, then presented the clocks, first to Mr. Potter and then to Mr. Panther; both of whom suitably acknowledged the gifts and the honour thus done them. Mr. Moxon moved the usual vote of thanks to all who had made this meeting such a happy gathering, and this was endorsed by all.

A social evening followed at the Royal Hotel, with handbells and other items, while some returned to the tower to ring various touches of Minor and Major.

The meeting was one of the happiest events in the history of the Barnsley and District Society.

A peal in 14 methods of Treble Bob Minor was rung at Felkirk on September 7th in honour of Mr. Potter's 79th birthday, which occurred on September 2nd.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ENTERTAINED AT SYDLING.

The Dorchester Branch was again favoured with glorious weather for the quarterly meeting at Sydling—a village nestling between the hills and still unspoilt—on Saturday, September 4th. Coming as it did within a fortnight of the practice meeting at Hilton, the attendance of members and friends was very gratifying.

The bells, a fine mellow peal of five, tenor approximately 19½ cwt., were available from 3 p.m. The party in the touring coach were there on time and found the local band in the tower with everything in readiness. Practice with mixed bands was continued until the service, conducted by the Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey). The Vicar (the Rev. J. Wynn Wernick) gave an excellent and helpful address. The service was choral and very bright. Afterwards all adjourned to the Vicarage lawns, where, as a fortnight previously, an alfresco 'Dorset' tea was awaiting them. The members and friends, numbering 47, were the guests of the Vicar and local ringers. Needless to say, out in the lovely sunshine and amid such surroundings, this was greatly enjoyed.

The business was cut to a minimum. In the absence of the chairman (the Rev. A. W. Markby), the vice-chairman (the Rev. R. P. Farrow) took the chair. Two new members were elected.

The usual vote of thanks was proposed by the chairman and seconded by the Rev. A. F. Godley (Vicar of Bradford Peverell). The Vicar was particularly thanked for his great kindness in allowing the members the use of his gardens and lawns during the whole afternoon and evening.

In supporting the vote of thanks, the Rev. A. S. Bryant paid a great tribute to the excellent work the Vicar had done, and said at the end of this month he would complete 60 years in the ministry of the Church. A thanksgiving would be held at Sydling to commemorate this.

The lady ringers of Sydling, who had done their part so well, were not forgotten in the speeches.—The Vicar, replying, thanked them all. He said it was always a pleasure to welcome the Guild.

The members again returned to the tower, where under the guidance of the Ringing Master one or two were piloted through their first 120. Some went on to Cattistock and had a short touch on the eight bells hung for ringing, after which the visitors heard the carillon, which consists of 35 bells, play two well-known tunes. A short halt was also made to ring on the handy peal of six at Maiden Newton.

Thus ended another happy gathering, at which the following towers were represented: Bradford Peverell, East Lulworth, Hazelbury Bryan, Preston, Stratton, Stoke Wake, Sydling, Wyke Regis and a welcome visitor from North Cadbury.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

PROPOSED WEDNESDAY MEETINGS.

The meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild at West Clandon on Saturday attracted nearly thirty ringers, and some good practice was put in in the 'standard' methods on the eight bells of St. Peter and Paul's Church during the afternoon and evening. The hon. secretary had received names of 16 who had said they would be present at tea; courageously he ordered tea for 30 and, as things turned out, made a very good guess, despite the fact that some of the 16 did not put in an appearance.

In the absence of the Vicar, the Guild service was taken by the Rev. L. Starey, Vicar of the adjoining parish of Merrow, who has himself begun ringing and took part in some rounds before service.

He also presided at the business meeting when two new members were elected, including Mr. A. J. Corrigan, until recently of North Stoneham, who has now come to reside at Woking.

The members discussed the question of holding occasional meetings on Wednesdays. The matter had been before the Farnham District the previous week, and was introduced to the Guildford District by Mr. R. Whittington.

Mr. R. Gordon Cross, who was present, said in one of the branches of the Oxford Guild in which he was interested, Wednesday meetings were instituted and proved successful the first year, but afterwards they were attended chiefly by those who were also present at Saturday meetings.

It was pointed out that the object of the meetings would be specially to encourage the attendance of those who were at present unable to attend Saturday meetings, and it was thought that steps might be taken to ascertain how many members there were in the district who were thus situated and who would attend Wednesday meetings if they were arranged.

The subject is to come before the next meeting of the Executive Committee.

A vote of thanks to the Rector of West Clandon, to the Rev. L. Starey and to the organist was passed on the motion of the general hon. secretary (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith), and acknowledged by the Rector of Merrow.

The bells of West Clandon are a good ring of eight, very noisy in the ringing chamber and several of them 'odd struck,' but they go well. The trebles were added about five years ago, almost entirely by the efforts of the West Clandon ringers, but there has been no peal rung on the octave yet—the first 'local' peal being still awaited.

In 1913 the old ring of six perished in a fire that destroyed the contents of the tower. Thomas Lester had cast the peal in 1714, but 3, 4 and 5 had been recast in 1875 by Mears and Stainbank.

In the second inventory of the reign of King Edward VI. there were three bells in the steeple, of v, iij, iij cwt., with a saunce bell.

This second inventory was taken because of the disappearance from many churches of the goods enumerated in the earlier catalogue, some having been sold for legitimate purposes, others purloined.

There does not seem to be any record, in Surrey at any rate, of bells being stolen, but in West Surrey the churches seem to have suffered from an epidemic of thefts of more portable goods. At West Clandon the second inventory records, 'The rest of the former inventory stolen and robbed by thieves,' and there is a similar endorsement in the case of a dozen or more adjacent parishes.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT GREAT WALTHAM.

The meeting of the South-Eastern Division at Great Waltham proved to be very enjoyable, about 50 ringers from 21 towers being present.

In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. R. F. Burnett), the service was conducted by the Rev. Egerton Ward, Vicar of Finiscliffe, Lancs, who gave a very inspiring address. The singing was accompanied by the organist and the lesson read by the Divisional Master (Mr. H. Mansfield).

Tea was served in the Village Club, after which the business meeting was presided over by the Divisional Master.

The election of W. Dawkin, of Boreham, previous to a peal was confirmed, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rettendon on Saturday, October 9th.

To avoid the clashing of dates for the divisional annual meetings it was proposed that the South-Eastern Division hold theirs on Saturday, November 27th, at Writtle.

The thanks of the meeting was tendered by Mr. W. Chalk to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, to the Rev. Egerton Ward for conducting the service and for his address, and to Mr. Day and the local band for having everything in readiness.

The following towers were represented: Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Danbury, Ford End, Fryerning, Goldhanger, Maldon, Springfield, Great Waltham and Writtle, and visitors from Popping, Newmarket, Woodford, Hornchurch, Melbourne, Great Bardfield, Leyton, Stoney and St. Lawrence Jewry.

PULFORD.—On Monday, September 6th, at St. Mary's Church, after a peal attempt had failed, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Arthur Prince (conductor) 1, Rev. Arthur Minns 2, Harry Lewis 3, George Williams 4, Thomas R. Griffiths 5, William E. Fletcher 6, John W. Best 7, Arthur Tilston 8.

PEAL NOTES.

THE COTSWOLD TOUR.

Eleven peals were rung out of fourteen attempted on the tour of the Cotswold country which concluded last Saturday.

The successes included two peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal, one of Yorkshire Royal and one of these two methods spliced; two peals of Bristol Surprise Major, two of London and one each of Yorkshire, Cambridge and Spliced Surprise Major in four methods. The three peals lost were Spliced Surprise, Cambridge and Superlative. A good week, with a very Royal touch about it!

Mr. Cyril Pooley, of Northrepps, Norfolk, introduced Mr. Nolan Golden (now hon. secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association) and Mr. Hanbury F. Carter to change ringing at the Parish Church, where he is the leader of the local band. After long effort Mr. Pooley succeeded in getting the bells, a ring of five, restored this year, Messrs. Taylor and Co. completing the work in May.

The first peal on the bells was rung on August 31st, conducted by Mr. Nolan Golden, and Mr. and Mrs. Hanbury Carter took part. It was their first peal of Doubles and the first peal of Doubles in two methods by Miss E. J. C. Angwin and Mr. A. S. Roberts, of Truro, Cornwall. The ringers wish to associate Mr. Cyril Pooley's name with the peal.

It seems strange to notice that Mr. Dan Cooper, who has taken part in so many peals, particularly at Beddington, where all sorts of Surprise peals on ten bells have been rung, has just called his first peal of Royal—a peal of Treble Ten. But Dan, the leader of the band at Croydon Parish Church, from which we have heard such excellent broadcasts, is like that. He prefers to keep in the background.

A handbell peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung at Stockport on September 9th as a compliment to a newly-married couple, Mr. H. Ashton and Miss J. Stevens. The bridegroom rang the tenors to the peal.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at East Hagbourne, Berks, on Saturday. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. A. Goodenough (whose husband rang the tenor) and Mr. V. P. A. G. Scardfield, nephew of Mr. Williams.

Victor Scardfield learned to ring at St. Peter's, Brighton, many years ago, when living with his uncle and aunt, but, entering the journalistic profession, his opportunities for following the art disappeared. His interest in ringing, however, continues.

The first peal on the bells at Ufford, Suffolk, where the Rev. Herbert Drake is Rector, was rung on Saturday.

Cam Treble Bob, which is one of the methods by the Rev. E. B. James for cutting the tenors out of the 'slow,' is not often rung, but a peal was scored at Eritia on September 8th, with five of the band ringing their first in the method.

Miss Constance Ditton, who rang her first peal of Stedman Triples on Saturday at Cheshunt, Herts, is only 15 years of age.

A peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on September 8th, was rung in celebration of the birth of a daughter to Mr. Harold S. Hobden. It was conducted by Mr. C. A. Savage, who thus was successful in his first peal attempt as conductor.

The first peal in the city of Salisbury was rung on September 3rd, 1887, at St. Martin's Church, and to commemorate the jubilee another peal was rung in the same tower on September 4th last. The first peal was in honour of Queen's Victoria's Jubilee, that rung a fortnight ago was a Coronation peal for King George VI.

The first peal was Holt's Ten-Part, and those who took part were H. D. Adams, the Rev. F. J. O. Holmore, W. E. Tydeman, C. A. Clements, J. R. Jerram, T. Blackburn (conductor), W. W. Gifford and C. Gaisford.

A board in the ringing room commemorates the peal, and, in addition to the usual details, bears the names of John Wordsworth, Bishop of Sarum; Felk Griffin, Mayor of Salisbury; C. N. Wylde, Rector; and A. Tucker and W. T. Webb, churchwardens.

Miss Kathleen E. Fletcher scored her one hundredth peal on September 4th, when she took part in a peal of Double Norwich at Hughenden. The ladies, whose peals run into three figures, are now growing numerous.

The ubiquitous Mr. Pat Cannon has just had a holiday in Yorkshire. At Marsden he 'turned in' his fiftieth different tenor to a peal, and at Pontefract rang his fortieth peal as conductor, spread over 39 towers. On the way back he rang a peal at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough. As he rang the tenor at both the last-named places we suppose his total of tenors 'turned in' is now 52.

The peal of Bob Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry on September 2nd was arranged for Mr. Arthur Davis, of Bourne-mouth.

The peal of Grandsire Triples, rung at Dartford, Kent, on September 6th, was arranged for Mr. R. Malster, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, who was spending a holiday in the district.

A wedding peal at Trysull, Staffs, was the first in three Minor methods by five out of the six ringers.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Wednesday, September 1st, at St. John the Baptist's Church, 1,020 Grandsire Doubles (longest touch by ringers of 1, 2 and 3): Lionel Royal 1, Sydney Smith 2, F. Arthur Braybrooke 3, Charlie Lord (aged 80) 4, Tom Collins (conductor) 5, Tommy Humphreys (aged 73) 6.

LANCASHIRE INTEREST IN LADIES' GUILD.

GROWING MEMBERSHIP.

The jolly sound of Ashton's lovely peal of eight at St. Peter's Church greeted members of the Ladies' Guild on their arrival for their quarterly meeting. After an all-round introduction in the belfry a good hour's mixed ringing was enjoyed before service, at which Canon A. Scott, of Bolton (president of the Lancashire Association), and the Rev. F. Bonner, of St. Mary's Church, Stockport, officiated.

After the service a hurried departure was made to the tearooms, a biting cold wind making speed a necessity. Mrs. Wolstencroft received the company, having prepared, with helpers, a delightfully original tea, to which a large gathering sat down.

Later Canon A. Scott put into words what the ladies and visitors had already felt—a very warm welcome to Ashton. The Canon thanked Mrs. Wolstencroft and helpers, also Mr. Ridyard and all those who had worked so hard to make such a good meeting.—The secretary of the Ladies' Guild thanked Canon Scott and his seconder for their welcome.

At the meeting six new members were elected to the Guild, four from Bolton and one each from Stockport and Ashton.

Owing to the greatly increasing interest in this district, an invitation to hold the annual meeting at Bolton was accepted and provisionally fixed for June 18th, 1938.

After returning to the tower, the ladies 'manned' the bells for a while. Then Mr. Hulme, who stated that he had been a ringer for the last 60 years and had seen a few changes since he first learned to handle a bell, told of things that had happened in the old days and thrilled his listeners also with the account of the introduction of ladies to the Ashton belfry to fill the gaps left by men during the war. In his own words, 'when the bells needed ringing the Lancashire girls were the "boys" to do it.'

He went on to tell how they had advanced since then and hoped that they would keep on striding ahead. He was pleased to see in the belfry the oldest lady ringer in England, a jolly good ringer at 65, also Mr. Harrison, the oldest ringer of Ashton, who is now 85.

Time sped all too quickly and those with long journeys had to make their departures, the writer to make a long ride over the wild, wind-swept Derbyshire moors by Kinder Scout, accompanied by a bus load of jolly Yorkshire folk and the pleasant memory of yet another successful meeting.

A MEETING AT LEICESTER.

Saturday was a busy day for Leicester. All trains and buses for that city were packed and visitors seemed to pour in from all parts. We may as well admit at once that the chief attraction was the football match between Leicester and Arsenal.

Compared with their gate, the meeting of the Ladies' Guild, Northern Branch, was a very small affair, but the members were none the less enthusiastic. The venue was the Church of St. John the Divine, and visitors were pleased to meet there such old ringing friends as Mr. William Willson, Mr. W. E. White, Mr. George Ladd and members and friends from Anstey, Collingham, Duffield, Lincoln, London, Nottingham and the local ringers.

The bells are a very nice peal, very suitable for ladies to handle. Unfortunately, owing to illness near the church, they were only available until 4.30, but good use was made of them until that time, when an adjournment for tea was made.

After this the ringers betook themselves to St. Margaret's, these bells being placed at their disposal for the evening through the kindness of the Vicar and Mr. Ernest Morris, F.R.Hist.S., who met them at the church and gave them a very hearty welcome.

Here some availed themselves of the rare opportunity of ringing on 12 bells, and a good course of Grandsire Cinques was rung with two ladies taking part. This was followed by various touches of Caters, Major and round ringing for learners. To finish up, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the heaviest peal of handbells in existence, a lady ringing 1-2.

Sincere thanks are tendered to the Vicars for the use of the bells, to Mr. Clark, Mr. E. Morris and especially Mrs. Hardy, who had considerable difficulty in finding a spot for tea, owing to the large number of visitors to the city.

CENTRAL DISTRICT ELECTS SEVEN NEW MEMBERS.

A very enjoyable and pleasant meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Great Baddow, Essex, on September 4th, when ringing commenced soon after 3 p.m. A service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Holmes), assisted by Mr. Gray at the organ. A bountiful tea was provided in the Church Hall by members of the local Ladies' Institute and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

After tea, the Vicar said how glad he was that the Guild had visited his church for their meeting, and he was pleased to know that Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president of the Central Council, had also honoured them with his presence.

Mr. Lewis thanked the Vicar for his welcome and said that was the first ladies' meeting he had been able to attend.

The company were delighted with the handbell ringing, provided by Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mr. Lewis and Mr. G. Cross.

A short business meeting followed, Mrs. J. Davis presiding.

Seven new members were elected, viz.: Miss Linn and Miss French, of Great Baddow, Miss Waldoek, of Maldon, Essex, and Miss M.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

HOW METHODS ARE VARIED.

The peal of Edmonton Bob Major recorded last week is another reminder that there are numerous easy methods which ringers of Plain Bob ought to make a practice of ringing, by way of variety. In these days there is no need for stagnation, for quite a number of plain methods (all of which can be found in the Central Council's 'Collection' published at 1s. 9d.) can be learned with comparatively little effort.

For instance, this Edmonton Bob has no fewer than seven relatives, the whole family being descended from the same method, and if you can master one member of it, it needs only a little study and application to ring the rest.

If you ring Bob Major, you know that when the treble leads and a bell makes 2nd's place over it, all the other bells above dodge in pairs. In Reverse Bob, instead of making 2nd's over the treble when it leads, you make 7th's under the treble when it lies a whole pull behind; and the dodging which you get in Bob Major when the treble leads, you have, instead, in Reverse Bob when the treble is behind.

When you reverse a method you just substitute work from behind for work from the front, and vice versa. And that is what happens in the production of many methods.

Numerous plain methods have as the basis of their construction places 'made across the treble,' that is to say the bell hunting (up or down) in front of the treble stops to make a whole pull in some place, steps back across the treble, and, making another whole pull in the new place, takes up a hunting position behind the treble.

This placemaking across the treble necessitates dodging by the bells on that side of the 'place' farthest from the treble. Thus, if the places made are 4th's and 3rd's as the treble goes up, the bells in 5-6 and 7-8 dodge when 4th's is made, and the bells in 1-2 dodge when 3rd's is made.

Perhaps you will see it better from this:—

13	25	4768
12	34	5678
21	43	6587
24	13	5678
42	31	6587
24	36	1857
42	63	8175

In regular methods the work in each half of a lead is similar, and, if there are places in 3-4 when the treble goes up, there are places in 3-4 also when it comes down. And that is just what Shipway's Court consists of. (It is No. 4 in the Collection.)

Its variations can be extended by adding 2nd's at the treble lead, or 7th's when it is behind, or both. In actual ringing you get a different method, because those places in 2nd's or 7th's add extra dodging to the work. But you can realise the relationship between them all.

Now if you reverse Shipway's Court, that is, move the places from 3-4 to 5-6, or, in other words, do from the back what was done in Shipway from the front and vice versa, you have a method known as Lavenham Court, and to this you can also add 2nd's, or 7th's or both, so that you actually have eight methods of this type in their simplest form.

Then, of course, you can join them together and have double methods, by making places both in 3-4 and 5-6 and you get another group of four, of which Double Norwich corresponds to Shipway, and is varied by the addition of 2nd's or 7th's or both.

Shipway's Court would make a simple method for a Bob Major company to start on. Try first to construct a course on paper, by writing out the figures lead by lead. In the first lead make 4th's and 3rd's with the 3rd across the treble as the latter goes up through 3-4, and 3rd's and 4th's with the 5th across the treble as it hunts down through 4-3. This will produce 15738264 as a lead head. Make sure of this first and the other six leads should follow without trouble, if the construction is closely followed.

The placemaking bells in the second lead will be 7 and 8; in the third lead 6 and 4, in the fourth lead 2 and 3, in the 5th lead 5 and 7, in the sixth lead 8 and 6 and in the last lead 4 and 2.

When you have written out your seven leads, draw a continuous line from top to bottom over one of the figures, say 2 or 8, and you will have a diagram which you can use, not only to ring Shipway Court, but which will help you, in a way we hope to explain later, with the other methods. By the way, keep your figures in regular column and not too close together. The advantage of this you will find when you want to use them again presently.

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Delves, Miss G. Jennings, Miss B. Reeve and Miss M. Sinker, all of Ipswich, Suffolk.

It was announced that the next meeting would be held at Isleworth on Saturday, November 13th.

The place proposed for the meeting in January was St. George's-in-the-Borough, London.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. Holmes for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist for his services, to the ladies for providing tea, and also to Mr. George Green, who so kindly made all the necessary arrangements. Further ringing afterwards took place.

NOTICES.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—A meeting will be held at Marsham (bells 8), on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will members please send names, or numbers for tea, to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk? Bus leaves Norwich at 2.15.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch, Hants. — On Saturday, Sept. 18th, a practice meeting will be held at Christchurch, when the dedication and unveiling of two peal boards will take place. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel at 5 o'clock.—G. Preston, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Special method, London Bob Minor, No. 6, C.C. Coll. Plain Methods. All members and friends welcomed. Nearest station, Finchley, Church End. Cheap day tickets from King's Cross (L. and N.E.). There will be a twelve-bell practice at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — A meeting will be held at Witham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) from 2.30. 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 Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, Sept. 18th, when the bells (8) will be available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. A meeting of the General Committee will be held at 4.15. Tea (1s. 6d.) at 5 p.m. Nominations for the general secretaryship should be handed in at this meeting. The undersigned will NOT be available for re-election: J. E. Cawser, Cragdon House, Ashton Lane, Braithwell, near Rotherham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual Crawford Cup Contest will be held at Sutton-on-Trent (8) on Sept. 18th, at 3 p.m. Ringing for non-competitors and visitors after tea. All welcome.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—Autumn meeting will be held at Long Wittenham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow, on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. Bells (8) of St. Leonard's, Heston, available from 7 to 9 p.m.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on Sept. 18th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service will be followed by tea and business. May I hope for a good attendance of both old and new friends?—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea (9d. each), for which please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan. — S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The next meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Service 5 o'clock, with tea in the Church Room after.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drake-lowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Milnrow on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James, Milnrow, Rochdale.

THE OAKS-IN-CHARWOOD.—Appealing name? Yes. Well, come round and hunt out the M.C.A. Loughborough District meeting on Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. The change will surprise you; *counting* allowed; *now* double up; no *dodging* out. Tea a *minor* (?) detail at St. Joseph's Café.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern Division will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5 p.m. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., allowed to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton 6.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gilmorton on Saturday, September 18th. Ringing commences at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by meeting.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Church Lawford, near Rugby, to-morrow, Sept. 18th. Bells (6), recently augmented, available. Tea at the White Lion Inn. Please note October 16th, when a quarterly meeting will be held at Stratford-on-Avon.—M. McIlville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Exhall, Coventry.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Litton Cheney on Saturday, Sept. 18th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All are welcome.—C. H. Lathey, Middle Street, Bradpole, Bridport.

EBBW VALE, CHRIST CHURCH.—The new ring of eight bells, by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth on Sunday, Sept. 19th, at 3.15 p.m. The service will be broadcast.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Sept. 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. James', Poole.—Dedication of two new trebles in commemoration of Coronation year by the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Guildhall at 5. Special services on Sunday, 26th, at 11 and 6.30. Ringing from 10.15 and 5.45.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The sixth annual dinner will be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Tything, Worcester, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 6 p.m. *prompt*. Bells available: All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8), 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tickets (3s. each) may be obtained up to Tuesday, Sept. 21st, from branch officers, members of the Dinner Committee, or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upton Grey on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 21st to Mr. F. E. Brasington, 3, Compton Place, Upton Gray.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Doncaster and District Society at Conisborough on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at 9d. each. Please notify Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by Friday, the 24th, for tea.—F. Clark and E. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Please send me numbers for tea not later than Tuesday, Sept. 21st. All ringers welcome.—W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks & South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head for those who notify me not later than Sept. 21st.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Willesborough on Saturday, Sept. 25th (Ashford bells not available, owing to illness). Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15. Please send numbers for tea by Sept. 21st.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Church of the Saviour, Bolton, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Seven eight-bell towers will be open from 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. P. Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Smithills, Bolton, before the 22nd. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Hulme.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Enville, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Bus service from Stourbridge bus station direct to Enville.—Herbert Sheppard, 49, Hellier Street, Dudley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. by kind invitation. All welcome, but names for tea by previous Wednesday. No rail fares.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25th, Rickmansworth. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 5.45. Excellent train and coach service from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270. (Herts Association.)

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, Sept. 25th. 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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Tidenham on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Room. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 22nd.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—By permission of the Rev. Dr. W. Irwin, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (6) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Frampton Cotterell, Bristol.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Staverton (5), Saturday, Sept. 25th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting, Dore, Saturday, Sept. 25th. Will all expecting to be present, please let me know by Thursday, Sept. 23rd, so that suitable arrangements can be made?—H. L. Warburton, 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, near Sheffield.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, Sept. 25th. St. Clement's tower open 3 o'clock. All Saints' bells available after tea. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeck on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Sept. 21st?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeck (St. Matthew's) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 7.30 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping Upland on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Lymm, Cheshire, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3 p.m. It is necessary that those requiring tea advise me not later than the 23rd.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 60th annual meeting will be held in Durham on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Cathedral bells available from 1 to 2.45 p.m. and after service to 5.45 p.m. Service in conjunction with the Cathedral Evensong at 3 p.m., with address by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Auckland (the Ven. Leslie Owen). Committee meeting

in Cathedral Choir Vestry immediately after service. Dinner and annual meeting in the Three Tuns Hotel at 6 p.m. This is the Diamond Jubilee year of the association. Will members endeavour to make the meeting an outstanding success? Acceptances for dinner to reach me not later than the morning of Wednesday, the 22nd inst.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Long Melford (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at Lion Hotel 5 p.m.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—The Clyst St. George bells, which have been rehung by John Taylor and Co., will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter on Thursday, Sept. 30th, at 7 p.m. All ringers invited.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHAMPTON.—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3 p.m.—a ring of five, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Burbage, nr. Hinckley. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4. Tea 5, followed by general meeting. Names for tea (1s. per head) must be sent not later than Sept. 29th to Mr. G. Dudley, 47, Sketchley Road, Burbage, Hinckley.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held at Metheringham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) ready early. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at a moderate charge to those who inform Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln, by the Wednesday previous.—J. Brav, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells: St. Benet's, available from 3 p.m., Great St. Mary's from 6 to 8 p.m. Service at St. Benet's 4.30 p.m., followed by annual district meeting. Please make own arrangements for tea. May I ask members to make an effort to attend both service and meeting, as the Vicar of St. Benedict's is anxious to meet members of the association?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS with LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Leytonstone (St. John's) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea advise E. J. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, by Wednesday, Sept. 30th, without fail?—E. J. Butler, W. H. Lawrence, C. T. Coles, E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Secs.

LEZANT, LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.—Rededication service by the Lord Bishop of Truro on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at 3 p.m.—a ring of six, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Old Bell Inn at 4.30 p.m., 1s. 3d. per head. Those requiring same must advise Mr. H. Bradley, Station Gatehouse, Norton, near Doncaster, by Tuesday, Sept. 28th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch. —The half-yearly meeting will be held (D.V.) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Stratton Audley. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ambrosden, Bicester and Launton bells also available at times which will be announced at meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Penn on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.45, with an address by the Rev. Edgar Hartill, M.A., R.D., Vicar. Tea (1s.) in the Parish Hall at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, Sept. 28th. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. —The next meeting will be held at Lambeth Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.30. Service 7.30. All ringers and friends welcome. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 6th?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

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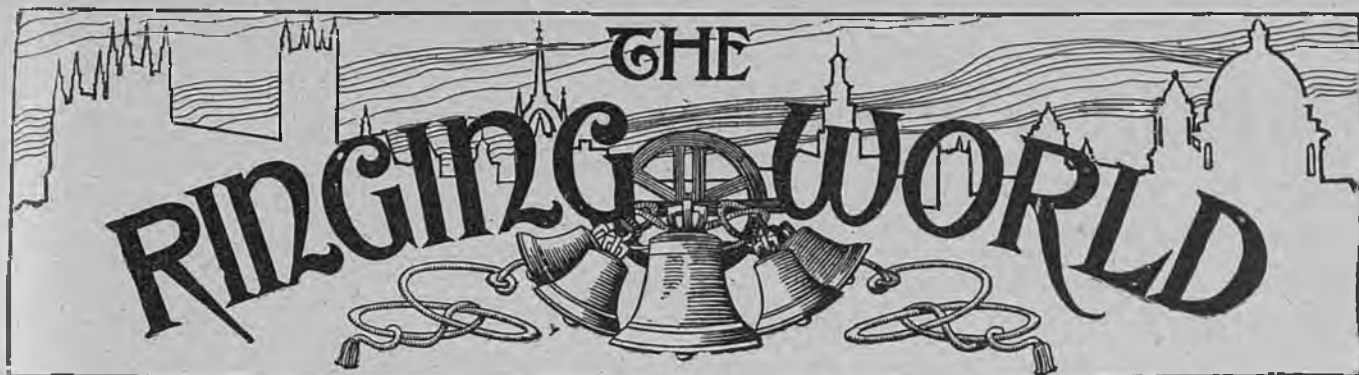
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HANDICAPS OF BEGINNERS.

The subject of the best way to instruct beginners must always be an important one, and the recent discussion on the advantages of Plain Bob over Grandsire, as the first method to teach, has led Mr. Stephen Wood to traverse the ground fairly exhaustively in an article, in this issue, which may well be read with close attention. Many of the points which he makes have been urged previously in our columns, especially in the articles for beginners (which have often been equally useful as hints to instructors), but they cannot be too frequently stated. With all of Mr. Wood's deductions there is unlikely to be universal agreement, but experienced ringers will admit the truth of many of his statements.

There is no question that indifferent ringers are often made by the reluctance of instructors to correct early faults, either through fear of offending the sensitive beginner or, as sometimes, happens, through his own incompetence as a teacher. Too frequently, also, in the anxiety to encourage the pupil and maintain his interest the beginner is pushed much too soon into an attempt to ring changes. There is no exaggeration in the statement that some men have learned to ring Surprise Methods before they have learned to handle a bell properly. These are the two main causes of bad striking and should be guarded against by those who are responsible for training young ringers. The hand, the ear and the eye all need to be instructed, and of these probably the ear is the most neglected. In good ringing it is the rhythm that counts, and one indifferent striker can mar the efforts of all the rest of the band. Good handling comes first and, before the young ringer goes on to the stage when rope sight becomes imperative, the ear should be trained so that he may be able to distinguish his own bell among the rest. While admitting that there are some ringers who, from various causes, are never likely to be good strikers, much bad ringing could be avoided if there were less anxiety to push beginners so quickly into change ringing.

Another serious handicap to beginners is that instructors are themselves sometimes indifferent ringers. They very willingly give up their time to teaching others, and are to be commended for the spirit which they thus display, but it is not infrequently the case that they themselves do not handle their ropes properly and are poor strikers. They probably are not aware of it, but they pass on their own defects to their pupils and the young ringer is trained in a school of bad striking without knowing that there is anything better. The ringing chamber is not a barrack square, but there are many places where the advent of a 'sergeant-major' is badly needed. Unfortunately, for

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improved ringing, candid criticism is not always taken very kindly by the not-too-average ringer, and, as there are no visible honours to be gained by submitting to the kind of treatment which, for instance, rowing men quite well understand, there is a tendency to resentment which frequently leads to resignation when plain speaking is indulged in. This brings us back to our earlier statement that many indifferent ringers are made by the reluctance of instructors to correct early faults, but, if, assuming they are competent enough to recognise these errors, they would be firmer in the beginning, the way would be open for a more effective training throughout the tuition of the pupil, who, when he reached even a fairly advanced stage, would take instruction in the spirit in which it is intended.

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A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 8040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

* MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... Treble	* KENNETH W. MAYER ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	* GEOFFREY M. MAYER ... 6
† RAYMOND F. SMITH ... 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 7
* JOHN FREEMAN ... 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. HOBBAID.

Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal inside and first peal of Major.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD AND

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Treble	FRANK VERNON ... 5
* MISS DOROTHY VESSEY ... 2	* KENNETH W. MAYER ... 6
* MISS ETHEL MARSHALL ... 3	† NOEL B. THORLEY ... 7
* G. LESLIE LUNN ... 4	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. A. VESSEY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is leaving the district.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
* ARTHUR DURLING ... 2	HARRY HOSKINS ... 6
JAMES BENNETT ... 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... 7
DEREK M. SHARP ... 4	EDMOND MOUNTER ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 80).

Conducted by J. BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWIN M. SMITH ... Treble	ERNEST STITCH ... 5
EDWARD T. BAILEY ... 2	CHARLES H. PERRY ... 6
FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... 3	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 7
ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. E. T. Bailey.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LEONARD STILWELL Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
*EDNA F. BEDFORD 2	FRANK CORKE 6
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	*WILLIAM H. BRANTS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.
Conducted by L. STILWELL.
* First peal in the method. Rung on Mr. W. H. Fussell's 76th birthday.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WALTER LONGMAN Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
REV. FRANK BONNER... .. 2	JAMES A. MILNER 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	LIONEL CLOUGH 7
JAMES FERNLEY 4	JOHN WORTH... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.
Conducted by J. WORTH.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung in honour of the wedding, earlier in the day, of Mr. G. Biddulph, a member of the local band.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight 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.

ARTHUR G. THOMAS Treble	ARTHUR R. MOSELEY 5
*CHARLES R. SMITH 2	JOHN H. COLLEY 6
ERNEST WILSON... .. 3	GEORGE E. LARGE 7
REGINALD WOODYATT ... 4	WALTER H. RAXTER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.
* First peal in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CLOWN, DERBYSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JOHN NORRIS Treble	*FREDERICK FLINT 4
*JOE READER 2	RICHARD REECE... .. 5
†CHARLES W. METCALF ... 3	HERBERT T. ROOKE Tenor

Conducted by F. FLINT.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

SELLACK, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TESSELIACHUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being five 120's of Plain Bob and Grandsire, ten 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, five 240's of Pitman's and six 240's of Morris', 24 callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble	ERNEST F. SALMONS 3
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 2	JAMES P. HYETT 4
JOHN J. WEBB Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal on the bells in three methods. The conductor's 225th peal.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*HERBERT SUTTON Treble	HARRY THELWELL 4
RICHARD T. HOLDING 2	HARRY W. HAWARD 5
HAROLD G. SMITH 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in three methods.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR.

The following four peals were rung during the Cambridge University Guild's tour in Somerset.

WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) Treble	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) 5
REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 2	REV. E. BENSON (St. Cath's) 6
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin) 3	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 7
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 4	S. H. WOOD (Magdalen) ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

BRISTOL.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 8, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AMBROSE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) Treble	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... 5
S. H. WOOD (Magdalen) ... 2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 6
REV. B. F. SHEPPARD (Trin) 3	R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 7
REV. E. BENSON (St. Cath's) 4	REV. A. THURLOW (Selwyn) Tenor

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

BITTON, GLOS.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, September 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

S. H. WOOD (Magdalen) Treble	REV. E. BENSON (St. Cath's) 5
REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 6
E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's) 3	R. D. ST. J. SMITH (Selwyn) 7
*REV. A. C. BLYTH (Selwyn) 4	C. W. WOOLLEY (Selwyn) ... Tenor

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.
Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

* First attempt for an eight-bell peal on tower bells. First peal on the bells since their recent rebanging and augmentation to eight.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, September 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE GOLDEN LION HOTEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

On handbells. Tenor size 15 in G.

M. B. SHAW (Peterhouse) ... 1-2	S. H. WOOD (Magdalen) ... 5-6
REV. H. G. BENSON (King's) 3-4	D. F. C. HAWKINS (Clare) ... 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS.
Conducted by S. H. WOOD.

Are you a College Youth ?

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CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES TOUR

The ringing tour in the Chester District and in North Wales, which took place last week, was a success both for peal ringing and for sightseeing.

Eleven peals were rung out of thirteen attempts, nine of the party sharing in the conducting. Some hundreds of miles were covered and some of the finest beauty spots in Wales visited.

A brief account of the tour will be given in a later issue.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..	...Treble	CHARLES T. COLES	5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	*RUPERT RICHARDSON	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* 650th peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... ..	...Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF	5
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... ..	...Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	...Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
GABRIEL LINDOFF	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	7
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

NORTHEOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

RUPERT RICHARDSON ... ..	...Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
GEORGE R. PYE	2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	6
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method in the county and by the association.

OROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, September 5th, at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Gardsire Caters (1,259 changes): D. Cooper 1, F. E. Darby 2, H. G. Pratt 3, G. H. Humphries 4, D. Buxton 5, A. W. Clark 6, J. Rumble 7, F. E. Mitchell 8, R. Davies (longest length of Caters as conductor) 9, F. E. Collins 10.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... ..	...Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	7
CHARLES T. COLES	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	8
GABRIEL LINDOFF	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	9
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	5	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

A birthday compliment to Messrs. E. H. Simpson and T. B. Kendal, of Shipley, Yorks.

BARMOUTH, MERIONETHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... ..	...Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	5
ERNEST C. S. TURNER	2	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

MACHYNLLETH, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... ..	...Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
GABRIEL LINDOFF	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	6
CHARLES T. COLES	3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method in the county.

LLANBADARN FAWR, CARDIGANSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Padarn,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. (approx.).

REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	RUPERT RICHARDSON	6
MRS. R. RICHARDSON	3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	GABRIEL LINDOFF	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. David,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR E. PEGLAR ... ..	...Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
*JAMES H. SHEPHERD	2	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	6
GEORGE R. PYE	3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

* 400th peal.

LLANDUDNO, CARNARVONSHIRE.

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... ..	...Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	5
*GEORGE R. PYE	2	GABRIEL LINDOFF	6
RUPERT RICHARDSON	3	ERNEST C. S. TURNER	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER.

* 1,800th peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

THE COTSWOLD TOUR. A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL WEEK.

The 'Bachelors' sixth annual ringing tour began on Saturday, September 4th, the district selected being amongst the Cotswold hills, mainly in the counties of Oxford and Gloucester. A full programme of 14 peal attempts had been arranged by Mr. Wilfred Williams. There were 12 in the party, of whom eight are bachelors, and the headquarters for the week was at the Old New Inn, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos.



THE FINE TOWER OF MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD.

A coach, complete with driver, was hired for the week, and, starting from Brighton, collected various members of the party on the route, at Crawley, Guildford and Reading.

A run through very pleasant scenery in the Thames Valley brought the party to Oxford in good time for the first peal attempt, scheduled to start at 3 p.m. Magdalen College has a fine square, lofty tower and is the first tower seen on entering the city, on the right of the road immediately after crossing the River Charwood. Messrs. W. F. Judge and F. E. Taylor, of Oxford, who were in the band, were waiting and had the bells up in readiness. Eventually a start was made for Cambridge Royal and an excellent peal was rung in 3 hours and 21 minutes. It was the first Surprise peal on the bells, a pleasant, tuneful peal with tenor 20 cwt. in E, but very seldom rung. The tourists greatly appreciated the privilege of being allowed to ring a peal there.

After a late tea and a wait to pick up the two remaining members of the party, who arrived at Oxford by train, a move was made on the 30-mile run to headquarters at Bourton-on-the-Water, where our host for the week, Mr. Morris, extended a hearty welcome.

Some interest was aroused as to our mission in coming to Bourton, as the organiser, Mr. J. M. Cripps, had only mentioned that 'a party of 12' would require accommodation for a week. It was surmised that we were cricketers, until someone 'let the cat out of the bag,' then all sorts of questions had to be answered. They could not imagine a party going around the countryside ringing bells for a week's holiday.

Before ringing for service on Sunday morning we had a walk around the lovely little village, certainly very peaceful in the morning sunshine, until numbers of coaches arrived to disturb the quiet of the place. Bourton is well known locally as a 'beauty spot'; we were told quite confidently that it is the most beautiful village in the country.

The River Windrush ambles alongside the main street and is crossed in half a dozen places by very low pointed stone bridges, giving the place quite a Venetian aspect. With the numerous stone cottages with their stone roofs, the effect was very pleasing and we were quite ready to endorse what we had been told.

VILLAGE BLACKSMITH JOINS IN.

Mr. Bernard Phillips, the local blacksmith, is the captain of the Bourton ringers, and, when we finally ran him to earth in his allotment, he was only too eager to unlock the belfry door and let us have an hour's service ringing. The Church of St. Lawrence has a peal of eight, with tenor 14 cwt. in F, fair in tone and quality. The original six were cast by Rudhalls, of Gloucester, and in 1913 the two trebles were added by Mears and Stainbank.

Mr. Phillips took part, to his great pleasure as expressed by him, in the first touch, Stedman Triples, then, with another local man, Mr. O. Pratley, in a touch of Bob Major. A course of Superlative and a touch of Spiced Surprise, well struck, completed the ringing.

The second peal of the tour was due to begin at Banbury, Oxon, at 2.30. We arrived in good time, to be welcomed by Mr. H. Impey (captain) and other local ringers. Banbury Church is of unusual design, giving one the impression of being a museum rather than a church. It is built of the local yellow Horton stone and has a circular dome and tower over the entrance porch. In 1930 the old peal of eight were recast and augmented to ten by Taylors, and there is now a splendid peal, with tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E. The bells were set going to Cambridge Royal, and a well-struck peal was successful in 3 hours 32 minutes. It was W. T. Beeson's 300th peal. With the help of the local ringers the bells were lowered in peal prior to the service, and later the tourists returned to Bourton well pleased with having rung the first two peals.

On Monday morning an early start from headquarters was necessary to cover the 25 miles to Great Tew, Oxon, but the coach covered the ground quickly via Stow-on-the-Wold and Chipping Norton, and we arrived according to schedule. The Church of St. Michael is situated in glorious surroundings in a park, formerly the property of Lord Falmouth, but now owned by the Misses Bolton. The bells are a really beautiful peal of eight, with tenor 22 cwt. 10 lb. in D, the gift of Anthony Keck in 1709. They were rehung in a steel frame by Mears and Stainbank in 1925. A really well-struck peal of Bristol Surprise was brought round in 3 hours and 31 minutes, and, on these fine bells, the method was ideal. Being their centenary year, it was decided to credit the peal to the College Youths.

A MAGNIFICENT CHURCH.

After lunch at the Falkland Arms and an entertaining hour with the landlord, Mr. Davies, the six-mile run was made to Adderbury, Oxon, to be met by Mr. Parrott, the sexton, who was very anxious that we should view his wonderful church before commencing to ring. Dedicated to St. Mary, the building is magnificent, of almost cathedral-like proportions, surmounted by a tall spire. Arriving at 3 p.m., we were greeted by a tune on the carillon, 'Hard times come again no more.' A different air is played each day, at intervals of three hours.

We were shown a brass tablet in the floor of the church, bearing the date February 30th, 1508, and a wonderful stone chancel built by William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester, in the 14th century and restored in the 19th century. Transepts, nave and tower are all 13th century, and the vestry has a fine bay window, reputed to be the only one of its kind in the country. The original peal of six bells were recast in 1789 into a peal of eight by John Briant, of Hertford, and the whole peal were rehung by Taylors in 1928, the present tenor being 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D. We had been told that we should have our work cut out to ring a peal, and certainly the task was not an easy one. However, the bells were set going to London Surprise, and an excellent peal was completed in 3 hours and 20 minutes, the first peal of London on the bells.

On Tuesday morning the organiser had the party up early for the 30-mile run due south, via Burford and Lechlade, to our only tower in Wiltshire, Swindon. Arriving at 9.30, we were greeted by Mr. C. J. Gardiner, who had everything in readiness. The church is a local landmark and is situated in the older part of Swindon on high ground to the south-east of the town. Christ Church has a fine easy-going peal, recast and augmented from eight to ten by Taylors in 1924. Coming into a new diocese it was necessary to elect quite a number of the band to membership of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

FIRST FAILURE OF THE TOUR.

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Eventually a start was made for Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal, the methods being changed at the Wrong and Home, and a really well-struck peal was brought round in 3 hours and 25 minutes, the first Spliced Surprise peal to be rung for the association. After the peal Messrs. Gardiner, Palmer and Kynaston, of the local band, were waiting to conduct us to an excellent lunch at a place which, we understand, is much frequented by ringers.

Bampton, Oxon, 18 miles away, was on the programme for the afternoon. The Church of St. Mary the Virgin is very old and of large dimensions. It has a tall, pointed spire, the belfry, being central and enclosed, has artificial light. There are eight bells, with tenor 26 cwt. in D, rather a heavy turning peal. Several ropes had first to be taken up on the wheels, but eventually a start was made for Cambridge Surprise Major. After ringing well for half an hour, however, 'stand' had to be called in the fourth course owing to imposition of one of the band, and our sixth attempt of the week became the first failure, it being too late to start again.

After tea at Witney, famous for its blankets, the coach was directed to Oxford, where the party joined with the thousands who were merry-making at St. Giles' Fair. This is held annually on two days in September and occupies the whole of one of Oxford's main streets for half a mile—a sight well worth seeing.

Hearing the six bells being rung up in peal at the Carfax tower, by the cross-roads at Oxford's centre, some of the party proceeded there, to be greeted by Mr. F. E. Taylor and other local ringers, and we had a few touches with them. The bells are rung only occasionally, one of the occasions being for this annual fair. It was, indeed, very late when our coach was headed on the 30-mile run to Bourton. Let it not be told at what time we arrived, but our organiser managed to get us in all right, without (we hope) disturbing any of the other guests at the Old New Inn.

(To be continued.)

A TOWER BUT NO CHURCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Malmesbury on Sept. 11th. The tower and spire, which contain five bells, are all that remain of the Church of St. Paul, which was demolished many years ago, the bells being rung for services in Malmesbury Abbey.

A fair number of visitors and members attended and some of the local men were put through their first 120.

At the business meeting the places for the next three meetings were provisionally arranged as St. Mark's, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret and Christ Church, Swindon.

CORNWALL GAINS ANOTHER OCTAVE.**A NEW RING OF EIGHT AT LANSALLOS.**

The district of Looe, south-west of Liskeard, Cornwall, has had its rings of bells enriched by the provision of a complete new ring of eight at Lansallos, about two miles from Polperro on the south coast. 'Lan Salus' means the place of deliverance. The ancient Parish Church is dedicated to St. Ildierna and has an embattled western tower of three stages, built in the 15th century. Until recently there was only one ancient bell. This has now been placed inside the south door of the church. It is inscribed 'Sancta Margareta ora pro nobis' in Gothic lettering. There are also three shields, two with coats of arms, while the third is considered to be the stop used by John Bird. The bell is, therefore, thought to be of 15th century date.

In May, 1936, the Rector (the Rev. N. A. Rivers-Tippett) issued an appeal for funds for a ring of bells. The task at first seemed too great, but the money came. A generous gift from the Barron Bell Trust gave great encouragement to the whole scheme, which, now completed, has cost approximately £300. The tenor of the new ring is 10½ cwt., and the casting and hanging has been done by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Two new floors have been erected in the tower.

The whole of the work was dedicated on Saturday last by the Bishop of Truro (the Rev. J. W. Hankin, D.D.). Unfortunately the Rector was unable to be present at the service through illness.

The Bishop, in his address, said he had just had a few words with the Rector, who was indeed disappointed at not being able to be present, but, he added, 'he will be listening to the bells from his bedroom, and I am sure they will put new life and joy into his heart.'

The service was conducted by the Rev. R. de C. Marley (Rector of Lanreath). Canon W. H. Rigg (Vicar of Launceston) was also present and his band of ringers from St. Mary's, Launceston, opened the bells. Many other Cornish ringers were present also.

FOUR-SCORE YEARS.**PENDLEBURY VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.**

Mr. Thomas Lingard has been a ringer at Christ Church, Pendlebury, Lancs, for 64 years. On Saturday he celebrated his 80th birthday, and the event was suitably honoured. A long touch of Grandsire Triples (3,220 changes) was conducted by Mr. Lingard, and when the bells came round they were 'fired' 80 times. Mr. Lingard was the recipient of congratulations and good wishes from the band: Frank Sharples 1, Thomas Lingard 2, Fred Green 3, Norman Tompkins 4, Albert Wallwork 5, James Kershaw 6, Alfred Thomas 7, Bernard Smith 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Robert Brundle, of Ipswich, has just celebrated his 86th birthday, and a peal in honour of the event was rung at Stowmarket on Saturday.

There are four nominations for the office of vice-president of the Lancashire Association, and the election takes place at the annual meeting to-morrow: The Rev. J. A. Briggs (Liverpool), Mr. E. R. Martin (Preston), Mr. J. Ridyard (Southport) and Mr. C. Sharples (Blackpool). Mr. C. Crosthwaite and Mr. T. Wilson have been nominated for the office of ringing secretary.

A number of alterations to rules, chiefly in relation to the constitution and election of the committee, are to be considered at the meeting.

The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association celebrates its diamond jubilee to-morrow.

The report of a peal at Colne Engaine has been sent without the name of the conductor.

Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, of Holbeck, Leeds, was last Saturday elected general secretary of the Yorkshire Association in succession to Mr. J. E. Cawser, who has resigned owing to increased business engagements.

We are glad to be able to report that Mr. W. D. Smith, of Eastbourne, one of the oldest College Youths, has made excellent recovery from the illness which suddenly overtook him a fortnight ago. Mr. Smith is in his 80th year.

RINGING FROM A BOX.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It may interest Mr. Bacon to know that it is not quite as silly as he seems to think to stand on a box when ringing a heavy bell, because a heavy bell means a large wheel; a large wheel means a long length of rope below the sally; a long length of rope below the sally means (unless the ringer stands on a box) a lot of slack rope round the feet when the bell is set at handstroke. Further, if the rope should be at all stiff, the sally tends to jump when the rope hits the floor; and this is also largely overcome by using a box.

I think any heavy-bell ringer (which I certainly do not profess to be) will agree that it is more comfortable to ring a big bell from a box than from the floor.

R. D. St. JOHN SMITH.

Heanor.

BOB TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I suppose I ought to feel properly squashed and remain silent after reading Mr. C. A. Levett's reply to my letter. Unfortunately, his uncalled for remarks have no effect on me! I merely feel sorry for him, because he, like so many otherwise very pleasant ringers, is unable to argue without entering into personalities. That line of argument usually shows that the writer does not understand his subject properly.

Mr. Levett is so full of his Sunday service gospel that it is *he* who cannot grasp the meaning of our argument. The question I raised, supporting Mr. Pipe's first letter, was—Which is it best to learn first, Grandsire or Plain Bob? And, if the latter, then Bob Triples is a useful member of the method. I have already enumerated my reasons in support of Plain Bob, but Mr. Levett is so eager for the chance to attack me personally that he simply cannot follow them. It is, therefore, no use continuing the argument.

Before finally closing, however, I must answer his reference to my Sunday service ringing. The remark in his last paragraph is deliberately misleading, and should be withdrawn. I have been a Sunday service ringer since I left school in 1930. Wherever I have been living, I have always attended the nearest tower at least once a Sunday, when I have been at home. And for the other Sunday service, when at home, I have always assisted somewhere. On many occasions I have made up the number for the eight bells at Mr. Levett's church at Hastings, when staying there. I would add that I have always had a pleasant welcome and enjoyed myself. I expect I shall be in the neighbourhood again soon, and shall look forward to ringing some well-struck Bob—no, Grandsire Triples, of course!

A. PATRICK CANNON.

Balham.

P.S.—Mr. Mcville is quite correct! I have not yet been to Birmingham, but I am looking forward to a visit soon.

THE SECOND IN TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note with pleasure Mr. F. E. Darby's figures of a peal of Treble Bob Royal in your issue of the 3rd inst. with the 2nd at home every course-end.

I constructed a similar 5,040 Treble Bob Maximus, as below. Like Mr. Darby, I do not claim originality.

23456	M	W	H
23564	2	2	1
26435	2	1	1
24365		1	2
24653	2	2	1
24536	2	2	1
25346		1	2
23456		1	2

G. E. SYMONDS.

THE INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

WHY EVEN-BELL METHODS ARE BETTER THAN ODD-BELL METHODS.

By STEPHEN H. WOOD.

I do not wish to join in any controversy as to whether or not Bob Triples is worth ringing, but I am interested in the recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' because it has touched the fringes of a subject of wider interest and far greater importance, namely, which is the best method on which to start beginners?

Mr. Pipe may or may not be right in saying that Bob Triples is a useful stepping-stone from Grandsire Triples to Bob Major; and Mr. Cannon may or may not be correct in his assertion that the average ringer, brought up on Grandsire, finds difficulty in mastering the different dodging places of Bob Major (though personally I should have thought that a man brought up on Bob Major would find an exactly similar difficulty when he first tackles Grandsire).

But the matter goes far deeper than that; and if we can find a convincing answer to the question of which is the best method for a beginner to learn first, we shall, in the process, have answered the subsidiary question of why it is that so many ringers who start on Grandsire never master anything else.

I think it will be universally admitted that, at the present time as in the past, the majority of ringers start their change ringing career on Grandsire Triples; yet I have no hesitation in saying that the wisest instructors are those—still unfortunately the few—who start their pupils on even-bell ringing. I will go further and say that a great deal of the thoroughly bad change ringing which is still heard up and down the country, and accepted with tolerance if not complacency, is directly traceable to the traditional practice of learning the odd-bell methods first.

MISTAKEN RELUCTANCE TO POINT OUT FAULTS.

Now I do not expect this statement to meet at once with universal agreement, and I should not be so bold as to make it if I were not prepared to substantiate it in the chapter and verse. Before doing so, however, I might add that next to this the most important contributory factor is a well-meant but mistaken reluctance on the part of the good ringers to point out the bad ones' faults and endeavour to correct them. It would be a thousand times better for the community and kinder in the long run to the individual, to tell him straight that he is a thundering bad ringer, provided, of course, that this naturally not very welcome information is accompanied by useful advice which will help him to eradicate his faults and improve his standard of ringing. For I am convinced that the majority of bad ringers—and there are plenty of them—have no idea how bad they are. It is not their fault; the blame must be laid at the door of the instructors who allow them to ring badly without criticism or comment.

We will assume that a beginner has reached the stage when he is ready for his first lesson in change ringing; this *should* mean (though I am afraid that in many cases it does not) that he has complete control over his bell and can ring it perfectly in Rounds. The first thing that his instructor has to teach him is to Plain Hunt—first in theory and then in practice. It is a good idea before actually putting him into changes to let him get some experience of how much he has got to hold up or cut down in order to change his position by the place; this can best be done by means of a few call-changes and by making him dodge with the bell next him (first one way and then the other). Nearly all instructors teach the same method of Hunting Up—namely, by striking after the bell that strikes after you in the previous change until you get up behind, thus introducing him to 'ropesight,' i.e., the ability to pick out the various bells with his eyes. On no account allow him to learn off a string of numbers and strike the bells in this order through thick and thin (even at the beginning). This kind of beginner (the parrot type) is easily recognised, because the first time the bell he expects to find in a certain position is not there he tends to set his bell in and wait for him—and nothing so completely destroys the 'beat' as this. Teach him, rather, to hold up a little bit at each stroke and gradually learn to pick out the order in which the other bells pass him on their way down, thus instilling him with a sense of rhythm and the determination to stick to his place no matter who else goes wrong.

THE USE OF EARS.

Different instructors favour different methods of teaching hunting down; my own preference is for making him follow his course-bell, not bothering too much at first about the actual bells he is striking over (though this must come later), because in this way the beginner is introduced as early as possible to the absolute necessity of training himself to pick out the bells with his ears as well, so that he can listen to his own bell and the one he is coursing and learn to judge correctly the interval between them.

When he can Plain Hunt reasonably well the next step has to be decided upon; and this is, perhaps, the most important moment in a man's whole ringing career, because on the selection of the next step depends to a great extent what kind of a ringer he is likely to make. So many instructors at this stage immediately rush their pupil on to an inside bell and teach him a method—probably Grandsire Triples—and by this one action put him well on the way to becoming a thoroughly bad ringer, because there are two points of the greatest importance which it is absolutely necessary for him to learn and thoroughly master as early as possible, and if he does not learn them at this stage it quite often happens that he never does so at all.

These two points are GOOD STRIKING and PROPER LEADING, and it is in these two points that the essential difference between starting on odd and even-bell ringing lies. By good striking is meant putting your bell *exactly* into, say, 4th's place, as opposed to being satisfied with roughly half-way between 3rd's and 5th's. And by proper leading is meant striking your bell *exactly* in 1st's place, wide at handstroke and close at backstroke—the correct 'width' at handstroke being obtained by leaving sufficient interval after the end of the last change for one extra (imaginary) bell—as opposed to striking roughly at the beginning of the change and leaving the others to follow as best they may.

Now it is not possible to lay down hard and fast rules for teaching good striking. Some ringers have an inherent sense of rhythm which enables them to understand exactly what is required; these will know at once whether they are striking correctly or not, and with them it is just a matter of practice. Others, however, are not so fortunate and have to be told whether they are striking too wide or too close. Nearly always it is because they cannot pick out the sound of their own bell amongst the rest; this is a common difficulty in the early stages, but in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred it can be overcome with a little patience and determination, provided the pupil has two reasonably good ears.

START ON A SMALL NUMBER OF BELLS.

Various useful ways of helping him will occur to any instructor with a little imagination, perhaps the most obvious being to start him on a very small number of bells, say four, and gradually work up to the higher numbers. But it is the bounden duty of every instructor to tell his pupil when he is striking badly—and to go on telling him, I know that the reason why so many ringers will not do this is the well-meant one of not wishing to discourage a beginner or hurt his feelings; but what are one man's feelings against the nerves of the rest of the band and all the listeners (willing and unwilling) outside? And how often does the well-meaning instructor pause to realise that by refraining from telling his pupil his faults (and he need not be told unkindly) he is depriving him of all the future enjoyment which he would otherwise obtain from his ringing and aiding and abetting him to become a thorough nuisance both to his fellow-ringers and the general public?

There is, however, one definite rule about striking which every beginner can and should be taught; if he has a sense of rhythm and good ears he may soon find it out for himself, but if not it should be explained to him at the earliest possible opportunity. This is that heavier bells have a longer period of swing than lighter bells; consequently when following a heavy bell it is necessary to strike wider over him than when following a light one, and vice versa. This fact, self-evident though it may seem to those who know, is one which is not so very obvious to a complete beginner; remember that he can never discover it in ringing rounds, and when he first starts change ringing he will find plenty of other things to occupy his mind to the full; and so, if it is not explained to him, it may be years before he discovers it—particularly if he is started on Grandsire Triples.

ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCES.

This is the first of the two essential differences between Triples and Major that I am leading up to. True it is only a difference of degree; if you are ringing the treble to Triples you have got to strike wider over the 7th than over the 2nd, but not so very much; and if you do not make the necessary allowance it may not be very noticeable on a light peal. But when you come to Major and the tenor is turned into the changes the difference in weight is probably half as much again, and even on a light peal the gap that must be allowed when striking over the tenor becomes definitely noticeable. This, much more than the different dodging places, is one of the main difficulties which a man brought up on Triples has to contend with when he first tries to ring Major. If, on the other hand, he is started on Major, and has this point properly explained to him, he will have an immediate opportunity of observing how it works out in practice and learning to allow for it. And when he has mastered this he has learnt something of real value, something, moreover, which he could not have learnt so thoroughly on Triples; the Triples man may have been told about it and understood it in theory, but he does not get the same opportunity to put it into practice.

The other main point of difference between odd and even-bell ringing is in the Leading. If a man starts on Triples he will probably be taught to 'lead off the tenor'; this may answer reasonably well as long as he sticks to Triples, but when he gets on to Major he will come up against a serious difficulty, because there will be no tenor for him to lead from; he will, in fact, have to start all over again and learn to lead *properly*—i.e., with his ears. It is better, therefore, to start him on Major and let him learn to lead properly from the first.

Now it may be argued that, even admitting the points I have tried to make (indeed, *because* of them), it is better to start a man on Triples, because there is not so much for him to learn as there is in Major. On the face of it, this argument is reasonable enough, but my experience has been that in actual fact it is unsound, for this reason; most beginners think that, when they have learnt to ring one method reasonably well, all they have to do to ring other methods is to learn the different 'work.' If the one method they can ring is Bob Major this may be true, but it is not *necessarily* true; it depends on how well they have mastered the real elementary principles of their art—i.e., good striking and proper leading, on which depend the

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BAD HABITS IN RINGING.

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rhythm or 'beat,' which is the first essential of all good change ringing. And I have shown above that if you start on Triples you do not get the same opportunities of learning these things thoroughly, which in my opinion is the reason why so many Grandsire Triples ringers never master them at all.

It is a truism that in every walk of life it is easier to fall into bad habits than to get out of them when once acquired. This is, perhaps, especially true in ringing; once let a man get into bad habits such as wrong handling of his rope or lazy leading or slipshod striking, and it may take years to cure him of them. Therefore, it is worth while going to a little extra trouble to ensure his getting a thorough grounding in these essential points while he is learning his first method; and in my opinion even-bell ringing affords the best opportunities for this, for the reasons given above.

It will be appreciated that, although I have referred almost exclusively to Triples and Major, exactly the same arguments apply to Doubles and Minor. In fact, the average beginner will do better to make his first attempt at change ringing on six bells—with Bob Minor as the method. With only six bells to worry about he will find it easier to pick them out individually with his eyes and his ears, and furthermore the wider gap between each bell—in addition to helping still further with this picking out process—will necessitate his moving the position of his bell a greater amount between each change, thus teaching him better bell control. But when he has mastered Bob Minor, get him on as soon as possible to Bob Major, and let him come back to Triples later.

To sum up, therefore, if you are an instructor with a prospective pupil and you are wondering whether to start him on odd or even-bell ringing, you have got to look ahead and decide what is your ultimate object. If you are only concerned with getting him up to the stage of ringing one method reasonably well in the shortest possible time, then by all means start him on Grandsire Triples (or Doubles). But do not be upset if in 20 years' time he can still ring nothing else!

If, on the other hand, you take the wider view and are really interested in your pupil's future career; if you are anxious to give him the best possible grounding in the essential principle of change ringing, so that by the time he can ring one method he is properly equipped to go ahead and conquer fresh fields in the more complicated ones, then start him on Bob Major (or Minor). It may take a little longer in the early stages, but it will be worth it in the long run; for if he is worth teaching at all, the time will come when he will be grateful to you for your wisdom and foresight. And when, in later years, you call 'That's all' to a peal of Double Norwich or Cambridge Royal, in which he has struck his bell perfectly throughout and set a perfect beat at the lead, you will have your reward.

HANDBELLS OVER BARHAM'S GRAVE.**SEVENOAKS RINGERS' TRIBUTE.**

On Saturday, September 18th, the band of the Parish Church, Sevenoaks, had their annual ringing day. The party, made up to 25 by friends from neighbouring towers, left at 9 a.m. for the Weald of Kent. At Leeds several members had their first pull on ten bells, courses of Stedman and Grandsire Caters being brought round, but Treble Ten came to grief. Before leaving, a course of Bob Major was rung on handbells over the grave of that wonderful old ringer, James Barham, who, with the Leeds Youths, scored the first peal on the bells of Sevenoaks (1770). And so to Headcorn, where some good touches in various methods were brought round, the party being joined by Mr. E. H. Lewis, who, unfortunately, could not be with them earlier. Several of the local band met them at High Halden, a most interesting church with shingle spire. Here the six-bell ringers came into their own, successfully spicing St. Clement's, Oxford, Plain and Little Bob. Another short run brought them to Tenterden, where the grand peal (tenor 30 cwt.) was made good use of, although some members found the majestic pace and 'left-handed' circle a little disconcerting. Just across the road a true ringers' tea awaited the party and delayed their arrival at Benenden by half an hour. The bells were set going to Double Norwich, etc., and all too soon a move was made for Goudhurst, the last tower of the day, where 'heavy going' was expected, but the bells had been recently rehung and were kept going from rounds to Cambridge. Home was safely reached at 10.30 p.m. after a very enjoyable day. Thanks are due to the steeple-keepers who had everything in readiness, to the incumbents for the use of their bells, and to Mr. F. W. Housden, who acted as Ringing Master for the day.

INTERESTING PERFORMANCE AT PENGE.

On Monday evening at St. John's Church, Penge, as a farewell to the Rev. A. M. and Mrs. Stibbs, a quarter-peal, consisting of ten and a half differently called six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, was rung: E. J. Barrett 1, P. A. Corby (conductor) 2, D. G. Brown 3, N. T. Hext 4, J. E. Pullin 5, R. W. Darvill 6. Longest length by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5 and first quarter-peal of Doubles by ringers of 2 and 6. All but the tenorman, who is from Hillingdon, ring regularly at St. John's. This is the longest length on the bells since they were put in ringing order about four years ago, and probably the first quarter-peal since 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Stibbs are to take up residence at Southgate, where Mr. Stibbs is to become a tutor at Oakhill Theological College.

PEAL NOTES.**MR. G. R. PYE'S 1,800th PEAL.**

The peals which were rung on the tour in Cheshire and North Wales last week are recorded elsewhere. Eleven were scored in thirteen attempts.

The last of the series, Superlative Surprise, rung at Llandudno was Mr. Bob Pye's 1,800th peal. Only his brother, the late Mr. William Pye, rang more than this number.

Honour was paid to Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on Tuesday, September 14th, on which day he and Mrs. Pritchett celebrated their 'golden wedding.' A peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's Church by members of the Guild the first time such a compliment has been paid to a Birmingham citizen.

It is interesting to note that the peal was called by an old member of the society, Mr. William H. Barber, of Newcastle, who used to ring in Birmingham—well, we hardly like to say how many years ago.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, young as ever, reached his 76th birthday on September 16th and celebrated it with a peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Wraybury.

The district round Gainsborough is losing an enthusiastic ringer by the removal elsewhere of Mr. Clifford Vessey, who has put in some excellent work in North Lines and Notts. A farewell peal was rung on September 14th.

Beddington and Wallington have received a charter of incorporation, and Beddington bells played their part in celebrating the auspicious event. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung on the morning of September 15th.

Mr. Jim Bennett, now rapidly reaching his one thousandth peal, rang his first peal of Bob Royal as conductor last Saturday at Prittlewell.

It is not often that two peals of Oxford Bob Triples are rung in a week, but, in addition to the one at Wraybury on Thursday, another was rung at Claines, Worcestershire, on Saturday.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Biddulph, of Lawton, Cheshire, on Saturday, a peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung later in the day.

By ringing in the peal of Bristol Surprise Major on Saturday, September 11th, Mr. R. H. Bartram, of Melton Mowbray, has taken part in 'the first in the method' of all peals rung on the eight bells at Ashby Folville. This was his 150th peal.

Two Suffolk Georges, George Pryke and George Bennett, have now rung 200 peals together. They completed the double century at Woodbridge on September 11th.

During the Cambridge University Guild's recent week in Somerset, the Rev. E. Bankes James reached his jubilee as a ringer, September 6th, 1887, being the foundation date of the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, of which he and his brother were distinguished members. The Rev. Bankes James had the satisfaction of celebrating the occasion with four peals on successive days, one with the Bath and Wells Association and three with the Cambridge Guild.

Three members of the Cambridge University Guild, who had just finished their 'week' in Somerset, and five Bath and Wells Association ringers, met on a recent Saturday morning for Stedman Triples at a church not far from Bristol. After half an hour's excellent ringing a loud knocking on the door started, and as this persisted the band came to the conclusion that the Vicar wished to stop the ringing on account of illness or other reasonable cause, and the conductor therefore reluctantly called 'Stand.'

The unlocking of the door revealed the Vicar, who explained that he had 'just come up to see how the ringers were getting on,' and added that 'when they went on with their peal he would like to come in and watch for a few minutes.' The situation was explained to him as tactfully as possible, and he left his belfry richer by the knowledge that, although ringers are always pleased to see the clergy in their belfries, the middle of a peal of Stedman Triples is not the most appropriate time for such visits!

RINGERS' PROGRESS AT SHERBURN-IN-ELMET.**THREE FIRST QUARTER-PEALS ON THE BELLS.**

The band at Sherburn-in-Elmet are to be congratulated on the excellent progress they have made during the last 2½ years, largely through the enthusiasm of Mr. R. H. Vigor, late of Bromley, Kent, who has been living in the village. With the assistance of Mr. A. P. Cannon, who was on holiday with Mr. Vigor, the following quarter-peals were rung recently, each being the first in the method on the bells: On Sunday, August 29th, 1,264 Bob Major: *W. Hawley 1, *H. Bradley 2, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 3, †Miss D. M. Hawley 4, †Mrs. E. Bradley 5, *Mrs. S. Render 6, †E. Bradley 7, R. H. Vigor 8. On Monday, August 30th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: †Mrs. S. Render 1, †Miss D. M. Hawley 2, †E. Bradley 3, R. H. Vigor 4, †Mrs. E. Bradley 5, †F. Terry 6, †W. Terry 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal. † First quarter-peal in the method. On Sunday, September 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: *H. Bradley 1, Miss D. M. Hawley 2, Mrs. E. Bradley 3, R. H. Vigor 4, A. P. Cannon 5, *Mrs. S. Render 6, E. Bradley (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 7, *W. Hawley 8. * First quarter-peal of Triples.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**HOW A RINGERS' HYMN CAME TO BE WRITTEN.**

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held a very enjoyable meeting at Ruislip on Saturday, September 11th. A fine sunny day, although tempered by a keen wind, helped to attract an attendance of 33. The ringing was of a very good standard for a meeting, and Mr. George Kilby had a busy time in his capacity as acting Ringing Master. Rounds and various methods, including Surprise Major, were rung.

The usual service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon E. Cornwall Jones, assisted by the Rev. K. H. Jocelyn. The district vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope) read the lesson. The new hymn for ringers, 'Ruislip Bells', was sung, the music of which was composed by the local organist, Mr. A. W. Owen, who was at the organ.

A visit to the George Hotel, opposite to the church, was made for tea, with the Vicar, curate and organist all present. At the subsequent meeting the hon. secretary announced details of the forthcoming joint meeting with the Ladies' and Oxford Diocesan Guilds at St. St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, October 16th. A feature of the social would be a handball (balloon) contest. Teams of seven aside from any tower were invited to enter forthwith. He trusted there would be less bloodshed than on previous occasions!

It was provisionally arranged to visit Twickenham on November 13th and Feltham on December 11th. The annual supper was fixed to be held at Heston on Saturday, January 22nd, while the district annual meeting would be at the same place, probably on February 5th.

Mr. Trollope, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, stressed the point that ringers were rather apt to take for granted the hospitality offered to them on visits to towers for peals, meetings, etc. He thought that, on the whole, the clergy were very generous in their treatment of ringers. Continuing, Mr. Trollope said he would like to take the opportunity of congratulating Mr. Owen on the new hymn, which had been aptly entitled 'Ruislip Bells.' The speaker had studied English literature fairly extensively and he thought the words a good deal above the usual. The tune was also attractive and good.

Mr. Owen replied on behalf of the Vicar and himself, and said he had noticed that two hymns containing references to bells pealing were sung frequently at ringers' meetings, although not written specially for that purpose. They were 'When morning gilds the skies' and 'Hark, hark, my soul.' He mentioned the matter to a business colleague (Mr. James Benson), who was also a very fine poet, and suggested they might collaborate in producing something for ringers. One day he produced the four verses and in each was included a bell-ringers' prayer. He, Mr. Owen, was struck by the beauty of them, and when he had produced the music for them, obtained the Vicar's permission to call the hymn 'Ruislip Bells.' He added that all proceeds of sales of the hymn sheets (1d. each) went towards the maintenance of the Parish Church.

Before and after business some change ringing on Mr. C. W. Taylor's fine handbells took place. The welcome extended by the clergy, laymen and ringers (especially Mr. Tom Collins) was much appreciated.

DEATH OF MR. R. T. CLARK.**A POPULAR DOVER RINGER.**

His many friends will hear with sorrow of the death of Mr. R. Thos. Clark, of Dover, at the age of 47 years. After undergoing two operations at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, deceased rallied for a time, but his strength gradually ebbed and he passed away on Friday, September 10th. 'Tom,' as he was popularly known, was ever ready to discuss ringing with a smile. He was always foremost to assist in ringing for any service at the church, his advice to learners was looked upon as a most valuable help coming from one who had made a study of ringing for many years. He was a member of the Kent Association and also the Bath and Wells Association.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday, September 15th, when among those present at the church were the Mayor and Mayoress of Dover. The numerous beautiful floral tributes spoke of the esteem in which he was held. The following were sent from the ringing societies with which deceased had been connected: The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Timsbury; Frome Branch, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers; St. James' belfry, Dover; St. Mary's, bellringers, Dover. Following the service at the graveside, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. H. Whitehead, H. J. Saunders, C. Turner and L. Leach, concluding with the ringers' final salute.

In the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled at St. Mary's Church by a band representing the Kent Association: G. Eagles 1, S. A. Wells 2, W. Terry (Deal) 3, F. A. Rye (Walmer) 4, W. Kitchen (Folkestone) 5, H. J. Saunders 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, H. Whitehead 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES

HURSTPIERPPOINT, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, September 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Diplock 1, W. Stenning 2, H. Richardson 3, G. Mansbridge 4, A. Backshall 5, G. Lucas 6, J. Dearlove (conductor) 7, J. Woolgar 8.

HANBURY.—On Sunday, August 29th, for service at St. Mary the Virgin's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Lewis 1, W. Powl 2, J. Checketts 3, J. Woolyatt 4, R. Rowe 5, A. Hill (conductor) 6, W. Lewis 7, G. Colley 8.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NEWBURY BRANCH MEETING AT BUCKLEBURY.**

The autumn meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's Church, Bucklebury, on September 4th, when about 40 members attended, including visitors from Abingdon, Kingsclere, Bramley, Overton, Reading and Stratley. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. M. Thorp), who also gave an address. Mr. Sidney Lodge, of St. Laurence's tower, Reading, played the organ.

Tea was provided in the Victory Hall by Mrs. N. J. Blunden, and was followed by the business meeting. The chairman of the branch (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) presided, supported by the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) and Mr. H. W. Curtis (hon. branch secretary).

The next meeting was fixed for Farnborough on Saturday, October 2nd.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. E. M. Thorp for his address and welcome, to Mr. Lodge for playing the organ, and to Mrs. Blunden for providing the tea, was proposed by the chairman and carried with applause.

Various methods, including Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

DIAMOND WEDDING.

At Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on September 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in honour of the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sandford, residents of the parish, which they celebrated that day: C. R. Goodburn 1, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 2, H. Argent 3, F. A. Mitchell 4, J. Burles 5, G. Morrad 6, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, F. Seabright 8.

Among the many munificent acts of Mr. and Mrs. Sandford in the town was the gift of a new bell to the church when the peal was augmented to eight in 1930 in memory of their son, who was killed in the Great War.

In company with their fellow-townpeople the ringers sent heartiest congratulations.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**TERCENTENARY DINNER: FINAL NOTICE.**

Four hundred tickets have now been allotted. If any more members wish to attend, they should apply at once, so that the committee may reserve for them any tickets which may be returned.

Detailed arrangements for the day will be published about a fortnight before the date.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. James', Poole.—Dedication of two new trebles in commemoration of Coronation year by the Very Rev. the Dean of Salisbury, on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Guildhall at 5. Special services on Sunday, 26th, at 11 and 6.30. Ringing from 10.15 and 5.45.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upton Grey on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held jointly with the Doncaster and District Society at Conisborough on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., at 9d. each. Please notify Mr. S. Harrison, 11, Church Street, Conisborough, by Friday, the 24th, for tea.—F. Clark and E. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Clayton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks & South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Cookham (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 25th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Church of the Saviour, Bolton, on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Seven eight-bell towers will be open from 3 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Hulme.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

RICKSMANSWORTH (Herts Association).—10 bells. Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 5.45. Usual business meeting after. Ringing till 8.15. Excellent train or coach service from all parts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Willesborough on Saturday, Sept. 25th (Ashford bells not available, owing to illness). Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. by kind invitation. No rail fares.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeach on Saturday, Sept. 25th. 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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Epping Upland on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 60th annual meeting will be held in Durham on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Cathedral bells available from 1 to 2.45 p.m. and after service to 5.45 p.m. Service in conjunction with the Cathedral Evensong at 3 p.m., with address by the Ven. the Archdeacon of Auckland (the Ven. Leslie Owen). Committee meeting in Cathedral Choir Vestry immediately after service. Dinner and annual meeting in the Three Tuns Hotel at 6 p.m. This is the Diamond Jubilee year of the association. Will members endeavour to make the meeting an outstanding success?—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Long Melford (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 25th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at Lion Hotel 5 p.m.—Harold G. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 61, Acton Lane, Sudbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The next meeting will take place to-morrow (Saturday), Sept. 25th, at Chelmarsh. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me as soon as possible.—H. G. Thomas, Hildon, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHAMPTON.—The bells will be rededicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, Sept. 26th, at 3 p.m.—a ring of five, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sept. 26th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice at Shoreditch on Thursday, 30th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Assistant Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Wednesday, Sept. 29th. 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., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells: St. Benet's, available from 3 p.m., Great St. Mary's from 6.30 to 7.30. Service at St. Benet's 4.30 p.m., followed by annual district meeting. Please make own arrangements for tea. May I ask members to make an effort to attend both service and meeting, as the Vicar of St. Benedict's is anxious to meet members of the association?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Metheringham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) ready early. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at a moderate charge to those who inform Mr. F. W. Stokes, Blankney, Lincoln, by the Wednesday previous.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Burbage, nr. Hinckley. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4. Tea 5, followed by general meeting. Names for tea (1s. per head) must be sent not later than Sept. 29th to Mr. G. Dudley, 47, Sketchley Road, Burbage, Hinckley.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS with LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Leytonstone (St. John's) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea advise E. J. Butler, 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, by Wednesday, Sept. 30th, without fail?—E. J. Butler, W. H. Lawrence, C. T. Coles, E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Secs.

LEZANT, LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.—Rededication service by the Lord Bishop of Truro on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at 3 p.m.—a ring of six, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Old Bell Inn at 4.30 p.m., 1s. 3d. per head. Those requiring same must advise Mr. H. Bradley, Station Gatehouse, Norton, near Doncaster, by Tuesday, Sept. 28th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held (p.v.) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Stratton Audley. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ambrosden, Bicester and Launton bells also available at times which will be announced at meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Kendal, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penarth on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. The Rector is providing tea for those who notify me not later than Sept. 28th.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Coleshill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Please notify regarding tea not later than Wednesday, 29th inst.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Penn on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. Edgar Hartill, M.A., R.D., Vicar. Tea (1s.) in the Parish Hall at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, Sept. 28th. Reports ready for distribution.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 8 (tenor 18 cwt.). Tea will be provided at the Bungalow Café at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, Sept. 30th. United buses, No. 63 or 65, service from Middlesbrough, half-hourly service.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley Church (bells 8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. For tea please notify Mr. William Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley, near Sheffield.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (5) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. H. L. Puxley, Farnborough Rectory, near Wantage, Berks, by Wednesday, Sept. 30th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Ringing 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Advise me early how many will attend the tea.—W. C. West, Branch Hon. Sec., Semington Road, Melksham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Orlingbury (5 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the Crewe Branch will be held at Acton (6 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me have a card on or before Sept. 30th?—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

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ST. PAUL'S, WALDEN.—The next meeting of the Northern District of the Hertford County Association will be held at St. Paul's, Walden, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. Major Guy M. Kindersley has kindly offered tea to those who notify Mr. East, 3, Hill View, Whitwell, Hitchin, *on or before Wednesday, 22nd inst.* Don't 'let the side down,' chaps!—Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Tilehurst on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, at 5 p.m., at the Rectory. Service at 6 p.m. Buses from Reading Stations. All ringers welcome. Number for tea by Sept. 29th, please.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at West Haddon on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday next of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS. ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Crich on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Please send number requiring tea to Mr. W. Piggan, near Church, Crich, by Thursday, Sept. 30th.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Lambeth Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.30. Service 7.30. All ringers and friends welcome. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 6th?—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone (10 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Details later.—A. Waddington, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, in memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon (founder and first president) and past officers of the association, will be held at the Leeds and County Conservative Club, South Parade, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be had on application to Mr. F. G. Sherwood, 8, Vesper Walk, Kirkstall, Leeds 5, or reservation of same not later than Oct. 7th. Bells available during the afternoon: Parish Church (12), St. Michael's, Headingley (8), St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the South-Eastern Division will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will all those who require tea please let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 6th, certain?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston St. Mark's, on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all those who notify the Rev. J. Maddoch, St. Mark's Vicarage, Preston, not later than Oct. 7th.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Oct. 9th. The following bells will be available: St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege's (6) and St. Dunstan's (6) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Cathedral (12) after meeting only. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall. Please send your names to reach me, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 6th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The last general meeting of this branch for 1937 will be held on new ground, on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at Bergh Apton. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the George and Dragon, Thurton. Also Brooke bells, one mile distant. Special methods: Oxford Bob Minor and London Surprise Minor. Names for tea by Oct. 5th, please.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Tonbridge District annual meeting to be held at Tonbridge will take place on Saturday, Oct. 30th, and *not* on Oct. 2nd. Details later.—A. E. Richardson, Dis. Sec.

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WILTSHIRE RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of Lydiard Millicent, Wiltshire, accompanied by a few friends, held their annual outing on Saturday, September 18th, and the clerk of the weather looked with favour upon them. A start was made at 7 a.m., the first call being Wheatley, where the Vicar met the party and some Grandsire Doubles was rung, despite the very bad arrangements in the ringing room, where the clock case, etc., is an impediment. Aston Clinton was then visited and some ringing enjoyed on this good going ring of six. Here again the Vicar was in attendance. A halt was made at Ivinghoe Beacon to enable the more energetic members of the party to do a little mountaineering, and the view obtained was ample compensation for the energy expended. The real objective, Whipsnade Zoo, was reached at 12.30, and the afternoon was spent in making acquaintanceship with animals and birds of all sorts and sizes. The journey home was begun soon after tea and a call was made at Dinton, where more Doubles were rung. A halt was made at Thame, where the autumn fair was in progress, and it is reported that three well-known Swindon ringers were seen riding on the hobby-horses. After the fearsome beasts of Whipsnade they wanted a change, something nice and tame! Home was reached safely at midnight after an enjoyable day, and thanks are extended to all who helped make it enjoyable. W. B. K.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Mary Magdalen's Church, Holloway, on Sunday, September 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: R. Charge 1, A. Turner 2, F. Barker 3, H. Franks 4, R. Newman 5, G. Charge 6, A. Darnell 7, J. G. Nash 8. This was in honour of the wedding of Miss E. Dixon and Mr. F. Akers, which took place at Unity Church on the previous day. As there are no bells at the church, handbells were rung at the reception, after the wedding.

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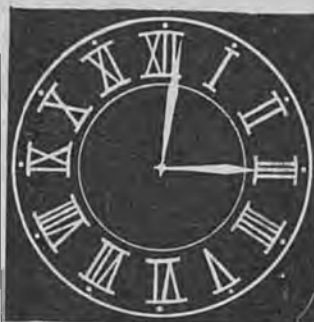
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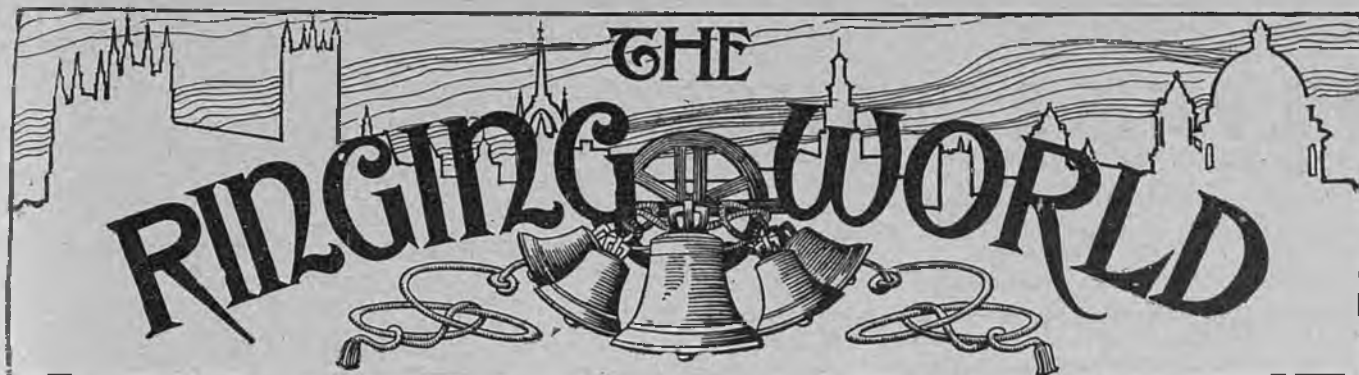
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Recently we have been hearing of churches being equipped with amplifiers to 'broadcast' bells from a gramophone record when their towers have not been equipped with the genuine article. In place of the often discordant note of a single bell, with its irritating monotony, there is something to be said for such an installation, at any rate temporarily. There can, however, be little excuse for using mechanical substitutes in churches where a ring of bells is already in existence. Yet this is what appears to be happening at the celebrated Church of All Hallows, Tower Hill. The Vicar is the respected founder of Toc H, the Rev. 'Tubby' Clayton, and it is reported that a gramophone has been introduced to take the place of the bells, because the latter are unsafe. Such an action will be deeply deplored by all ringers. All Hallows' has a peal of eight, and if they have been allowed to get into a dilapidated condition, as so many other London bells have been, the fault lies first with the church authorities, whose responsibility it is to see that they are maintained in good order. The provision of a gramophone, which the authorities no doubt regard as a cheap way out, is, in our view, a deplorable means of escaping a liability to the church and a trust which has come down to them to be handed on to the future. We shall probably be told that there are no funds to carry out the necessary work to the bells. This is so often the excuse, yet time and again we hear of the bright example of poor parishes shouldering successfully the task of restoring or renewing their bells. Ebbw Vale, in the distressed area of South Wales, is an instance which we record this very week. We wonder if any real effort has been made to obtain the money for the work at All Hallows'. We can hardly imagine failure for such an appeal in connection with a church so justly famous as the home of Toc H.

But, having said this much, let us not be blind to the fact that one of the reasons why the bells have got into an unsafe condition is from lack of any interest in them by a regular band of ringers. Where there is a company of ringers the bells are naturally better cared for, and the defects brought to the notice of the authorities. It may be that long neglect has resulted in the present dilapidations. There are other London churches where the bells are similarly falling into decrepitude. Quite a number of peals of bells have dropped out of use from absence of interest on the part of ringers, even for occasional visits. London has far more bells than there are ringers to ring them, but it is a great pity that something cannot be done by the societies which cover the area to act jointly in getting a review of the whole position, with a view to a comprehensive reorganisation. It might save other bells

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WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

JAMES S. EASTWOOD 1	EDGAR T. SMITH 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON 8
GEORGE W. HUGHES 3	AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 9
GEORGE E. OLIVER 4	HOWARD HOWELL 10
BARNABAS G. KEY 5	THOMAS J. ELTON 11
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AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble	ROBERT C. HEAZEL 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	*PHILIP A. CORBY 8
ERNEST J. KING 3	JOHN R. CRAMPION 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	EDWARD D. SMITH 10
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 5	FRANK E. DARBY 11
RAYMOND G. COUSINS 6	JACK A. WAUGH Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

* First attempt for peal on 12 bells. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 16, 1937, in Three Hours & Thirty-Seven Minutes

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND GERMANUS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE F. WILLIAMS Treble	HORACE S. MORLEY 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	SIDNEY F. PALMER 7
JOHN H. LENTON 3	RONALD H. DOVE 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	JOHN W. HOBSON 9
HARRY C. WALTERS 5	*ARTHUR ARMITAGE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

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* First peal on ten bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	REGINALD W. REX 6
*LEONARD KNOIT 2	REGINALD A. REED 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	OWEN H. GILES 8
GEORGE PULLINGER 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 9
†LESLIE TREMER 5	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Norah Kathleen Dumper to Mr. Gordon Leslie Green, solemnised at the above church previous to the peal. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. E. Dumper, a member of the local band.

MINEHEAD.—On September 7th, for practice, a touch of 539 Grandsire Caters: R. Cook 1, J. Pugsley 2, C. Strawbridge 3, F. Date 4, W. Knight 5, L. Mason 6, G. E. Debenham 7, I. Farmer 8, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 9, W. Thorne 10. The longest touch on ten bells by all the band except ringers of treble, 2nd, 7th and 9th.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	HARRY OVERTON 6
JAMES H. RIDING 2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 7
*FRED HARTMAN 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 8
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	PERCY SWINDLEY 9
GEORGE A. PACKER 5	†JOHN R. PRICE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. S. Jones' 200th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 18 lb. in F. sharp.

WILLIAM H. BARBER Treble	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 2	DANIEL T. MAYKIN 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 4	ERNEST G. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung as a compliment to Alderman J. S. Pritchett, a vice-president of the association, and Mrs. Pritchett, on the celebration of their golden wedding.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	WALLACE COUSINS 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 6
*WILLIAM BUCKENHAM 3	ARTHUR G. BASON 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 5
FREDERICK CARDWELL 2	HAROLD CHANT 6
*JOHN E. TURLEY 3	DANIEL SMITH 7
ARTHUR PANTHER 4	NORMAN CHADDOCK Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. This composition (No. 259) is now rung for the first time.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN W. EDSTON Treble	WILLIAM H. COLES 5
*PHYLLIS HUMPHREY 2	FRANK CORKE 6
FRANCES BOTHAM 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
JOHN H. BOTHAM 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by CYRIL E. LANXON. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal 'inside' in the method. The composition, rung for the first time, has only 4, 5 and 6 in 6th's. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Cecil W. Pipe.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

PERCY NEWTON Treble	JESSE HARRISON 5
GEORGE MARTIN 2	†WILLIAM WELLING 6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
*REV. R. F. R. ROUTH 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING

* First peal in the method. † 400th peal.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 6
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE W. ABLITT Treble	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5
ARTHUR R. WOODARD 2	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL 6
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD 7
GEORGE A. FLEMMING 4	HARRY D. LISTER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. Brandle, of Ipswich, on his 86th birthday.

SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE Treble	LOUIS J. LOCKYER 5
*MRS. J. THOMAS 2	HARRY SMALE 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	*ARTHUR V. DAVIS 7
*WILLIAM G. YOUNG 4	FREDERICK G. COLE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by F. G. COLE.

* First peal in the method.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CHARLES E. GREGORY Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
MARGARET E. REYNOLDS ... 2	RICHARD A. POST 7
*FREDERICK JAMES 3	WILLIAM GREENOUGH Tenor
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	CECIL CORDERY Tenor
WILLIAM LAMBELL 5	

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal in the method.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDBIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

PARKER'S ONE-PART.	
ERNEST PAULSON Treble	J. HENRY PAULSON 5
BERNARD ALLSOP 2	RONALD ALLSOP 6
*HAROLD E. AUSTIN 3	GEORGE H. PAULSON 7
JOHN AUSTIN 4	HERBERT E. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell.

BRECHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

MRS. T. FENNER Treble	LESLIE W. JARVIS 5
WILLIAM GORRINGE 2	TOM SAUNDERS 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	LUTHER J. HONESS 7
HARRY BAKER 4	WILLIAM H. DARTNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

JACK BRAY Treble	*PHILIP BARNES 5
MARTIN WALKER 2	*FRED JEFFERY 6
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 3	JAMES CHAPMAN 7
FRED LACEY 4	HAROLD EASTOE Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by H. EASTOE.

* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

GREAT TORRINGTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES SANGWIN Treble	JOHN W. SANGWIN 5
A. WILLIAM MYERS 2	G. HARRY MYERS 6
H. FREDERICK MYERS 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
FREDERICK SANGWIN 4	WILLIAM J. SHEARS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. MYERS.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1937, in Two Hours & Forty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	GEORGE L. ROSEN 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY ... 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CHARLES DRAPER 4	*GEORGE RIDGEWAY Tenor

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Arranged and rung for the harvest festival.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HENRY GOLDING Treble	*ERNEST S. BRISTOW 5
BERNARD H. SWINSON 2	J. WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6
HERBERT GATES 3	WILLIAM J. RANDALL 7
WALTER AYRE 4	HORACE L. WAITE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal and first attempt.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF PULFORD BOB MAJOR, 5185 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAM Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	DEREK M. SHARP 6
JAMES BENNETT 3	EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

First peal in the method (O.C. Collection No. 40). E. A. Barnett's 250th peal.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF EALING SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES Treble	STEPHEN H. HOARE 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 6
FRANCIS KIRK 3	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The first peal in the method on the bells, by all the band and by the association, and rung at the first attempt. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN Treble	BASIL REDGWELL 5
*MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 2	REGINALD MARTIN 6
*RONALD SUCKLING 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. Miss Snowden's fiftieth peal. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Wall, a prominent churchworker in Halstead.

SIX BELL PEALS.

COLNE ENGAINNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

An extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

GEORGE R. TOWNES Treble	ALAN R. ANDREWS 4
*DOUGLAS JENNINGS 2	RALPH BIRD 5
ALBC M. GENERY 3	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

* First peal in seven methods.

FONTWELL MAGNA, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN S. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4
EDWARD C. CHANT 2	W. JAMES JACKSON 5
WILLIAM G. DAMEN 3	HAROLD A. WOOLRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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.

HERBERT FROSSELL Treble	REGINALD WEST 4
CHARLES W. CLARE 2	*CHARLES BROCHETT 5
MISS EVELYN STEELE 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

* First peal in seven methods. Arranged and rung on the anniversary of the Vicar's induction to the parish.

HARSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY WEBB Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 4
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
BERRY WAYMAN 3	CHARLES W. COOK Tenor

Conducted by C. W. COOK.

First peal on the bells.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK BAILLESS Treble	JOHN A. TIMSON 4
*GEORGE A. CHARLTON 2	ERNEST W. TIPLER 3
JOHN H. BAILLESS 3	FRANK K. MEASURES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

WILLIAM E. FLEICHER ... Treble	FRANK VARTY 4
*FRED HARTMAN 2	PERCY SWINDLEY 5
LESTER L. GRAY 3	THOMAS ROGERS Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band and by the Guild.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

FRANK H. HICKS Treble	BERT STANDEN 4
LESLIE W. JARVIS 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
WILFRED BOOTH 3	FREDERICK BAKER Tenor

Conducted by W. A. KITCHENSIDE.

Arranged to enable B. Standen and F. Baker to ring their first peal.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

*JAMES H. EDWARDS ... Treble	ALBC M. GENERY 4
GEORGE R. TOWNES 2	RONALD SUCKLING 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3	†RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt.

*RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 4
ALAN R. ANDREWS 2	EDGAR RIVERS 5
JAMES W. JENNINGS 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

* First peal in seven methods.

TILSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS HILDA M. WINTLE ... Treble	GEORGE JONES 4
ROBERT SPERRING 2	I. J. WILLIAM CLARKE 5
*ALBERT E. RICHARDS 3	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

* First peal. † 50th peal. Rung on the eve of St. Matthew's Day. (Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

MANY CELEBRATIONS.

At Barton-on-Humber the local ringers gave up their practice on September 22nd to enable a band to ring a peal on the eve of the harvest festival. Their kindness was much appreciated.

In this peal, which was Bob Major, Mr. Harry Eastoe scored his first as conductor, and he and Mr. Jack Bray 'completed the circle' in the tower.

The first peal on the bells of Great Torrington, Devon, since their restoration by Messrs. Taylor and Co., in 1931, was rung on September 22nd.

Mr. Edgar Rivers conducted a peal in seven Minor methods at Hintlesham, Suffolk, on September 20th. It was here that he rang his first peal nearly 40 years ago, namely, in 1898.

A peal of Minor was rung at Biddenham, Beds, on September 18th, in honour of the anniversary of the Vicar's induction to the parish.

In honour of the wedding of Miss Norah Kathleen Dumper to Mr. Gordon Leslie Green at North Stoneham, Hants, on Saturday, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung on the light ring at St. Nicholas' Church. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. E. Dumper, one of the local band at North Stoneham.

A peal in another method from the Central Council's Collection—Pulford Bob Major—has been rung for the first time, at Crayford on September 24th, and was conducted by Edwin A. Barnett, who, at 18 years of age, has scored his 250th peal.

Miss Hilda Snowden rang her fiftieth peal and her first of Bristol Surprise Major on Saturday, when at Halstead, Essex, the bells were rung half-muffled for the death of Mr. Wall, a prominent church-worker.

Miss Hilda Wintle, who rang the treble to a peal of Minor at Tilston, Cheshire, on September 20th, is deserving of congratulations upon a faultless performance, although she had not rung Minor until a few days before the peal.

Arranged for Mrs. T. Penner (nee Miss C. Hoverd), of Matfield, the peal of Grandsire Triples at Brenchley, Kent, on September 22nd, was rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Powell, of Hawkhurst, and as a 71st birthday compliment to Mrs. Dartnell, mother of the ringer of the tenor.

The peal of Ealing Surprise, the first in the method by all the band and the Herts Association, rung at Aldenham on Saturday, was the 25th peal together by Messrs. J. E. Rootes and M. F. R. Hibbert.

Two men were required to ring the tenor to the peal of Stedman Triples at Blawbury, Berks, on September 18th. It was the first in that method on the bells since 1906, when the late Rev. F. E. Robinson conducted one after the dedication of the two trebles. The band then comprised the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, W. H. Fussell, F. W. Hopgood, E. Humphrey, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, W. Newell, Rev. F. E. Robinson and R. White.

Three generations of the Paulson family were represented in the band that rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Darley Dale, Derbyshire, on September 20th. It was arranged as a farewell to Ernest Paulson, who has entered Chester College as a student in the teaching profession, and for Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, who was visiting the district. It also celebrated the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Paulson.

The first peal of London Surprise Minor by the Chester Diocesan Guild was rung on September 18th at Capenhurst. It was also the first by all the band, and one of the ringers, Fred Hartman, had never rung a touch in the method before.

Mr. William Buckenham has now rung each bell at Hilgay, Norfolk, to a peal, completing the circle last Friday by ringing the 3rd to his first peal of Double Norwich.

The first peal on the bells at Harston, Cambs, rung on Sept. 18th, was a birthday compliment to Mr. Percy Webb, of Ickleton.

A peal of Double Norwich with 4, 5 and 6 only in 6th's was rung at Ealing on Sept. 18th, conducted by Alan R. Pink. The special interest in the composition is that it was produced by a young Cornishman, Cyril Lauxon, who is probably the first ringer of Cornwall to compose a peal.

Cyril Lauxon, who is a representative of the Truro Diocesan Guild on the Central Council, has produced several compositions and is a young ringer of great promise, who is handicapped by the isolation of Cornish change ringing.

Mr. William Welling, of Old Windsor, rang his four hundredth peal on Sept. 18th, when he called a peal of Superlative at Beaconsfield.

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THE COTSWOLD TOUR.

(Continued from page 631.)

The first tower on Wednesday was Northleach, Glos., only six miles from headquarters and situated on the main Oxford to Cheltenham road. The Church of SS. Peter and Paul is very large and has a square tower 100ft. high. As it was necessary to wait, owing to a short service, some of the party made the long climb to the top of the tower, where a wonderful view was obtained. It is recorded in the church that the squinces were left on as a spire was intended, but it was never built. Six of the bells bear the date 1700 and the name of the founder, Corr, of Aldbourne. The peal were rehung in new fittings and frame and two trebles added by Mears and Stainbank in 1897. The tenor is 18½ cwt. in E. Mr. R. W. Daniels, of Cheltenham, came over to have a short pull with the non-pealers before the peal commenced.

The bells are rather quiet in the ringing chamber, in fact it was quite difficult to hear one or two of them, and the draught of rope is long. A fine peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major was rung in 3 hours and 13 minutes, the first of 'Spliced' on the bells and of Spliced Surprise Major by the association. The Vicar met the ringers after the peal and expressed great pleasure with the ringing.

After lunch, an eight-mile journey took the party to Burford in Oxfordshire. The assistant priest, the Rev. Lancelot Andrewes, welcomed us on behalf of Canon Emeries, who has held the living for 30 years and is shortly retiring. The Church of St. John the Baptist has associations with Cromwell, and it is recorded that quite a number of delinquents were locked in the church for refusing to fight. The church dates from about 1170 and shows traces of many alterations and different styles through the centuries. Three or four different roof levels can be seen and the tall spire is a landmark for miles.

The bells are rather a mixed lot. The tenor is 19 cwt. in E and pre-Reformation, but we thought them very musical and appropriately Superlative was the method chosen. The ropes hang anti-clockwise. Some excellent ringing was heard, but the peal 'went west' after 1½ hours. Outside the tower the band were met by Mr. Thomas Bond, a local bellfounder, who has recast and rehung quite a number of bells in the neighbourhood.

A TOWER OF RECORDS.

Appleton, in Berkshire, was visited on Thursday morning. Our arrival was a little after schedule, but Mr. Richard White was waiting and had everything in readiness. Most of the band had not previously visited this village, and there were many exclamations of surprise at the smallness of the tower. It did not seem possible that there could be room for a peal of ten bells. However, Appleton is very famous for peal ringing, and on the walls of the ringing chamber peal tablets record almost every conceivable length of Caters, from a mere 5,000 to the record length of 21,363 Stedman Caters rung on April 22nd, 1922, conducted by Herbert Langdon, and in which Mr. R. White rang the 9th.

However, we had not come to break any records as to length, and a start was made for Yorkshire Royal, which was successfully completed in 3 hours and 11 minutes, the first peal of Surprise Royal on the bells and of Yorkshire Royal by the Oxford Guild. The belfry is only about 8ft. square, but every bell is heard perfectly in the ringing chamber and the striking was excellent. There was one hitch about a course from home, when the 8th rope slipped, but fortunately regained the wheel at the next stroke. Mr. White was outside to offer congratulations, as also were the Holifields, senior and junior. A welcome visitor was Mr. George Williams, of Southampton, who called in on his way to friends in the district, and he heard the last hour of the peal.

All the week up to this point perfect weather, with glorious sunshine, had been experienced, but it rained hard on the short six-mile journey into Oxford. The Church of St. Martin and All Saints which we visited is situated in the High Street, but, being early closing day, no annoyance was caused by ringing. The church and tower were designed by Wren and are very like so many seen in London. This is Mr. W. F. Judge's 'home' tower and he rang in the almost perfect peal of London Surprise, completed in 2 hours 51 minutes, which brought our total of successes up to eight. It was the first peal of London on the bells and F. S. Bayley's 300th peal. The bells are a light, handy peal, easy to ring, with tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in A flat. The old six were rehung and augmented to eight by Mears and Stainbank in 1927. It was a long run home to Bourton, but good time was made.

HEAVY PEAL AND LONG DRAUGHT.

On Friday morning we had the shortest journey of the week, the 3½ miles run, practically all uphill, to Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos., situated over 800ft. above sea level and the highest point on the Cotswolds, with wonderful panoramic views. The tower captain, Mr. F. Davis, was waiting to welcome us. The bells are a heavy peal with long draught of rope. The third and sixth bear the date 1606, and the peal were augmented from six to eight and rehung by Taylor and Co. in 1897, the tenor being 30 cwt. in D. It was decided to attempt Bristol and this method certainly sounded wonderful on these grand bells. The peal was successful in 3 hours 34 minutes and excellent ringing was heard. This was the first peal of Surprise in the tower, the only previous peal of Major being one of Bob Major rung in 1930.

After lunch we had an eight-mile run on high ground to Chipping Norton, in Oxon, where the Church of St. Mary the Virgin is situated

in the lower part of this ancient town and has a square tower with a very nice peal of eight bells, tenor 14 cwt. in F, all cast originally by Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1826. In 1907 they were recast by Mears and Stainbank and rehung by Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington, Oxon. The ropes are a good circle and the bells of pleasant tone. Yorkshire Major went well and a fine peal was brought round in 3 hours 10 minutes, the first in the method on the bells.

Saturday morning's attempt was at Bourton-on-the-Water, less than a quarter of a mile from headquarters, so, for the first time in the week, it was not necessary to get the coach out, and Peter had a rest. Some difficulty was experienced with the go of the 6th, but a little extra grease somewhat remedied matters and a start was made for Cambridge Major. This was a false start, however, but on re-starting an excellent peal was rung in 3 hours 3 minutes. Those who were not in the peal spent part of the morning in the village smithy watching Mr. Bernard Phillips demonstrate his art. However, I am afraid that very little work was done, listening to ringing certainly does interfere with work, but Mr. Phillips was glad to hear his bells rung so well.

On Saturday afternoon we were due at Kingham, Oxon, about eight miles from Bourton, reached via Stow-on-the-Wold. Here we found a very pleasant and handy ring of eight, with tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G. We were told that a local gentleman, Mr. C. B. Young (since deceased), bore the cost of rehanging the bells about 15 years ago. A feature of the church is the stone pews. Spliced Surprise Major in four methods was attempted and went like clockwork for 1½ hours when it went 'up in the air,' and the subsequent inquest failed to solve the reason satisfactorily. However, this was only the third peal lost during the week, and we were all more than satisfied with 11 peals rung out of 14 attempts.

It still being early, a move was made to Cheltenham, 20 miles away, a lovely run, mostly on very high ground, over the Cotswolds. The party spent the evening in various ways, and before leaving for headquarters arrangements were made to ring at the Parish Church the next morning.

VISIT TO CHELTENHAM.

Punctually at 10 a.m. on Sunday we arrived at St. Mary's to find the local band ringing the bells up in peal, and it was a very good 'rise.' These are a very nice 12 with tenor 22½ cwt. in B flat, easy to handle and with a good circle. Stedman Cinques met with fair success, but a course of Cambridge Royal and a touch of Stedman Caters were perfectly struck. The local captain, Mr. W. Dyer, had extended a hearty welcome, which was greatly appreciated.

Back to Bourton for lunch, packing and settling up, and the party regretfully departed from this delightful little village, where they had received the best attention and been very comfortable. During the week we had covered hundreds of miles on and around the Cotswold hills, and the convenience of having our own coach and driver cannot be too well emphasised, for it enabled us to get about very quickly, with no waiting for buses or trains, and no long walks from stations.

Permission had been obtained to have a pull on the eight bells at Merton College, Oxford, on Sunday afternoon, and the party greatly appreciated the privilege, for these bells are seldom allowed to be rung. Messrs. W. F. Judge, H. Miles, V. Bennett, P. E. Taylor, R. A. Post and other members of the Oxford Society were awaiting us and we quickly made the long climb to the peculiar ringing chamber, quite 28ft. square, the ringing floor comprising a balcony around the wall of the tower and open in the centre to the church below—it is quite a long drop. The ropes hang two on each side of the tower and the circle seems enormous. The bells are heavy going, tenor about 31 cwt. in D. However, Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major were rung until it became time to lower in peal.

Ringing for evening service was performed at the Church of St. Laurence, Reading, which has a fine peal of 12 with tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb. in D. They were rehung and augmented to 12 by Mears and Stainbank in 1929. Mr. R. T. Hibbert and other local ringers extended a hearty welcome, and Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques were well struck.

After an early departure from Reading, the party began to break up, as the coach arrived at various home towns, after a very pleasant and happy week spent together, good ringing, many social hours and many new ringing friends made.

The whole party expressed their appreciation to Mr. W. Williams, who arranged the tour, and a special vote of thanks was given to Mr. W. F. Judge, of Oxford, who rendered great help. His local knowledge and assistance in securing towers was invaluable. Thanks were also accorded to the official organiser, Mr. J. M. Cripps, who fixed up the accommodation and had charge of the coach and carried out his duties right well. Special thanks are also due to the various incumbents and local ringers at all the churches at which we rang, for we had a cordial welcome at all places visited.

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A NEW PEAL IN SOUTH WALES.**HOW EBBW VALE GAVE THANKS FOR RETURNING PROSPERITY.**

A new peal of bells at Ebbw Vale, South Wales, has been given in thanks for returning prosperity, brought about by the pending restart of the blast furnaces and, later, the resumption of the steel works.

The dedication of the bells was performed by the Bishop of Monmouth on Sunday afternoon, September 19th, and so great was the congregation that the church was full half an hour before the service, which was relayed to another large gathering in the adjoining church hall.

In the course of the specially arranged service the Bishop and clergy, with the churchwardens, proceeded to the space beneath the tower and there the dedication took place, a course of Stedman Triples being rung immediately the ceremony had been performed by a band representing the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. The ringers were J. W. Jones 1, F. Atwell 2, C. H. Perry 3, G. Popnell 4, G. Talbot 5, W. Page 6, J. Phillips 7, W. Heath 8.

The Bishop, in his address, recalled the period of sadness and distress, caused by unemployment, through which the district had passed, and spoke of the happy change that had now come about. Once again, he said, the pulse of industrial and commercial life was beating steadily, and for these great benefits they offered thanks and praise.

'The bells hung in this tower,' he continued, 'will be to you a perpetual reminder of the passing away of adversity. To the hearts and consciences of those to come they will be a reminder of God in all the facts and chances of this mortal life.'

'In times of great joy and great sorrow these bells will not be silent. Sunday by Sunday they will make themselves heard far and wide, calling men to come together. "Remember God"—that is what the bells will say. And this shall be the message of the bells to Ebbw Vale.'

After the address the Halleluia Chorus was sung, and the inspiring service terminated with the Benediction.

MILL WORKERS GIVE A BELL.

After the service touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung by visiting ringers.

One of the new bells was installed in honour of the Bishop. The Vicar's warden, Mr. A. S. Huxley, who alone raised £750 of the £1,400 collected by public and private subscription to pay for the peal, provided one bell in memory of his family. A third is in memory of a former churchwarden, Mr. H. Llewellyn Prole.

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TREBLE BOB MAJOR IN B FLAT.**VICAR'S STORY AT LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION MEETING.**

A very enjoyable and pleasant meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association was held on Saturday week at St. Paul's, Hounslow. A fine day brought an early good attendance, and proceedings commenced with a touch of Stedman Triples. Several other methods followed. Tea was served in the Parish Hall. The District Master (Mr. H. Mance) took the chair at the business meeting which followed. Mr. H. Miller, of Ealing, was elected a member. The place of next meeting brought a suggestion for Putney and Fulham, if permission can be obtained, the date being November 20th.

Towards the end of the meeting, the Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Eyton-Jones, paid a surprise visit, and extended a hearty welcome to the association. He inquired if it was possible to ring 'a Treble Bob Major in B flat,' and then told an amusing tale of a talk with a visiting Archdeacon, who inquired of the Vicar whether his bells were rung on Sundays. The Vicar, with a wink of his eye, told the Archdeacon that when they were all present he thought the ringers could manage the above method! And the Archdeacon was very well pleased!

Before leaving, the Vicar was thanked by Mr. Mance for his kindness in granting permission for the use of the bells. Grateful thanks were also extended to Mr. Gash, the local towerkeeper, for his hearty welcome and excellent preparations for tea, in conjunction with his wife and helpers.

The members afterwards went over to Heston, where the bells were available through the kindness of the Vicar and local ringers, to whom many thanks were given.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire, Stedman and Oxford Bob Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and two courses of Cambridge. Twenty-five members and friends attended from Bishopsgate, Chelsea, Chiswick, Ealing, Hillingdon, Heston, Hounslow, Isleworth, Kensington, Beckenham, Barnes, Pinner, Ruislip, Slough, St. Lawrence Jewry, Sunbury, Twickenham, Westminster, and a welcome visitor was the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, of Wokingham.

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The name of Sir William Firth, chairman of Richard Thomas and Co., Ltd., is appropriately identified with another bell, for he gave the fund a send-off with a handsome contribution.

The sheet mill workers paid for one bell, the Mothers' Union for another and the general public completed the peal. The bells are a grand ring of eight, with tenor of 25 cwt., the product of the Loughborough Foundry. They are hung, of course, in a metal frame with all the latest fittings.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A gathering of 75 members attended the Diamond Jubilee Festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association at Durham on Saturday, when, according to rule, Mr. Arthur Payne, O.B.E., relinquished the office of president. Mr. Murray D. Oubridge, of Gosforth, was elected to the office. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

The association's Sunday service ringing scheme was topped again last year by Whitley Bay in the 8 10 and 12 bell section, North Shields being a close second. Holy Trinity, Darlington, headed the six-bell section.

The East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was founded in October, 1837. The jubilee is to be celebrated on Saturday, October 23rd, at Alfreton, Derbyshire, and it is interesting to note that the preacher at the service is to be the Rev. J. D. Nodder, one of the founder members.

The hon. secretary of the Central Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association appeals to members to make every effort to support the meeting at Haddenham on October 9th. The Vicar, like his predecessor, is ready to help forward the ringers' cause, and it is the duty of the members to try and strengthen this ready assistance. Particulars of the meeting are in our notice columns.

A band who visited Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, for a peal of Stedman Caters met two short. After waiting three-quarters of an hour in vain for the absentees, they started for Cambridge Major, rang 2 hours 35 minutes—and then the tenor rope broke!

The new peal of eight bells at Ebbw Vale will be available for all ringers from 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 9th.

A correspondent asks to be allowed through 'The Ringing World' to thank 'Dr.' J. P. Fidler for the tonic, and directions. The patient is now progressing favourably, but a further supply of the tonic is required to complete the cure. We understand the tonic is 'canned,' and so would the patient be if he took it in too large quantities.

Readers who contemplate restocking their gardens should write to Messrs. D. Stewart and Son, Ltd., Ferndown Nurseries, near Wimborne, Dorset, for the firm's catalogue. See advertisement.

We regret that pressure on our space compels us to hold over a number of interesting reports, but these will appear in due course.

TWO-PART PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

'ASTRONOMICAL' NUMBER POSSIBLE.

Mr. G. Wilfred Slack, B.Sc., Ph.D., sends us the figures of a peal of Stedman Triples in two equal parts, with one single only in each part. We regret that space will not permit us to publish the peal in detail. It is made up mostly of bobs in sets of two and six, but there are occasional sets of four, and in ten places in each half one bob only. The single is in the first six in each half and the half-peal end is 2314765. There are 598 bobs and two singles, with 240 plain sixes.

Mr. Slack says it is 'one of a type of peal which Francis Bacon says is impossible of attainment. I offer no apology for the large number of calls which are in the peal, but I would like to point out that they can be reduced to some extent.

The peal would probably be a delight to Mr. Trollope and the other variation lovers, as it is easy to show that there are at least 278,942,752,079 other two-part peals with the same properties as that enclosed and which are simple variations of it, whilst, if the symmetry of the peal is not a vital factor, then we find that the total number of peals which are mere variations of the above is not less than the almost astronomical number of 194,525,048,269,007,814,559.'

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

STANDING COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTIONS.

A well-attended meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Marsham on September 18th, when the four branches were represented, members supporting the gathering from Aylsham, Buxton, Dersingham, Fakenham, Garboldisham, Halvergate, Hethersett, North Walsham, Norwich, Reedham, Saxlingham, Scottow, Wroxham, Wymondham and Yarmouth, while Miss K. Willers, secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, was a welcome visitor.

The Rev. H. S. Sharpe, Rector of Marsham, conducted the service and joined the assembly at tea at 'Ringers' Cafe.

At the business meeting which followed it was decided to hold the next meeting at Hethersett on November 27th.

A number of belfry elections were ratified, viz., Miss S. R. E. Bowyer and Messrs. H. W. Gayton, B. G. Key, R. M. Harvey and C. A. Vessey, while Mr. H. J. Boyce, formerly of Lowestoft, was made a life member on his removal to London.

Mr. H. Tooke (hon. secretary) said the Rev. Mr. Boorman would be glad to meet any ringer on October 9th, when an informal meeting would take place at Garveston.

The Rev. H. S. Sharpe was thanked for his cordial welcome and participation in the meeting.

The Standing Committee of the association then met and a number of resolutions were discussed. It was resolved to adopt a badge; to meet in the various branches instead of in Norwich as formerly; and to reimburse in certain cases half the rail or bus fares of the members attending the meetings of the Standing Committee.

A varied selection of methods was rung during the afternoon and evening to satisfy the tastes of novice and 'expert' alike.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE ELSEE MEMORIAL SCHEME.

Stained Glass Window to be Provided.

The annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Bolton on Saturday. The bells in seven towers were placed at the disposal of the members and made good use of. Service was held in The Saviour's Church at 4.30, the late start being due to the Lord Bishop of Hulme, who was the preacher, being unable to arrive sooner. Even so, he had left a church full of girl guides to someone else's care. He gave an encouraging address on 'Help.' Tea was served in the schools to 68 members and friends—not large for a railway centre like Bolton, but each branch sent a contingent. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. A. Scott, supported by the Rev. J. Baxendale (Vicar) and the officials and most of the committee.

The committee's report was read by Mr. W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary).

The balance sheet, presented by the honorary treasurer (Mr. C. I. Davies), showed membership subscriptions amounting to £70 3s., hon. life members £1 1s., non-resident life members £2 14s. 6d., affiliation fees £10 14s. Other items brought the total receipts to £92 14s. 3d. The expenditure was £71 19s. 3d., and the balance in hand £129 7s. The auditors' reports were also satisfactory.

The voting for the officers was returned by Mr. Davenport. Mr. C. Sharples (Blackpool) was elected vice-president for two years.

Mr. T. Wilson was elected as ringing secretary, and Messrs. Barnes and Wilkinson re-elected auditors, all for a term of two years.

The alterations of rules, suggested by the committee, were discussed. Two were referred back to the committee, two were passed and one dropped as not necessary.

Wigan was chosen as the meeting place for the next annual meeting on the last Saturday in September, 1938, after a vote on three districts.

Three new members were elected.

After a report from the committee on the Canon Elsee Memorial, it was found the association could not see its way to go on with the larger schemes. It was, therefore, decided to provide a stained glass window over the memorial which the parish have erected in St. George's Church to the late president.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop, the Vicar of The Saviour's Church, the organist, choir and the ringers, also to the Vicars and ringers of the other churches and to the ladies who served the tea.

A special vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. H. Davenport, the retiring vice-president, for the way in which he carried out the work which was laid on to him by the death of Canon Elsee, until the appointment of a new president.

Mr. Sharples, who has been elected vice-president, has been for many years hon. secretary of the Fylde Branch of the association. He joined the association in 1895.

75 YEARS A CHORISTER.

BURNHAM VETERAN HONOURED.

On Thursday, September 23rd, Mr. 'Charlie' Walker completed his 75th year in the choir at Burnham, Bucks, and was presented by the parishioners with a silver hunter watch (suitably inscribed) and the balance of £5 in cash. In honour of the occasion the St. Peter's Society rang their first quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major: *M. A. Blamey 1, G. W. Limmer 2, *P. A. Blamey 3, *B. O'Neill 4, *C. A. Burgess 5, *J. D. Taylor 6, *J. E. Taylor 7, G. H. Limmer 8. * First in the method.

On Sunday for evensong on the 40th anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles, a local quarter-peal of Bob Major: P. A. Blamey 1, C. A. Burgess 2, M. A. Blamey 3, Miss S. M. S. Blamey (first quarter-peal of Major) 4, B. O'Neill 5, G. W. Limmer (first Major as conductor) 6, J. E. Taylor 7, G. Gilbert 8.



MR. C. SHARPLES.

TEACHING BEGINNERS.

WHAT IS THE BEST METHOD?

Letters to the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Wood seems to have an aversion to Grandsire Triples, very much like Mr. Trollope has to Stedman. Wise instructors do not need to be told by Mr. Wood or anyone else how to teach beginners, for their experience often dates back long before Mr. Wood handled a bell. It is beyond question that Grandsire is the best method to teach beginners, and it is far in advance of any, both for pupil and teacher. There is far better ringing done throughout the country with Grandsire than any method one cares to name. Even if a band can only ring Grandsire well it is far better than much of the third rate banging about in other methods one hears in many places.

Mr. Wood says you learn to lead with your ears. Is that all? Wise instructors can tell him something more is required to obtain the perfect lead. Probably Mr. Wood's theory in this direction is the cause of much indifferent striking, more often in Major methods than in Triples, owing to not having learnt the true art of correct leading in all its stages. If you cannot obtain a good lead from the tenor, how can you expect to get it from moving bells in 7-8.

Much of Mr. Wood's article is like his peal of Bob Major, composed many years ago. Nobody now thinks of composing in such a method, for all the best has been attained in this direction. Mr. Wood is in a minority over this question, and when his experience is greater he will realise that Grandsire is a method that has interested, and will continue to interest, far more ringers than he imagines.

W. SHEPHERD.

OLD AND SUCCESSFUL INSTRUCTORS FAVOURED GRANDSIRE.

Dear Sir,—During my 59 years' close experience of change ringing all over the British Isles, the old question as to the most suitable method to introduce to a new ringer has constantly cropped up, and I would like to quote the united opinions of three of the most successful instructors I ever remember—James Pettit, Matthew A. Wood and John M. Hayes. It was simply this: 'Speaking of methods, Grandsire is the mother of them all, and takes the rust off all the others'!

I also know that one of the best known instructors in the North of England shared this opinion wholeheartedly, and that was none other than the late Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield. Other successful men were George Wanklin, of Gloucester, Josiah Wathen, of Tewkesbury, Freeman Ball, of Chester, and James R. Haworth, of London, all of whom started beginners with the Grandsire method. One great feature of this teaching was the fact that every pupil must first of all be thorough master of his bell and strike call changes perfectly before being allowed to take part in any method ringing.

I, also, have taught a good many beginners in my younger days, and, if my opinion counts for anything at all, it certainly goes in the same direction, inasmuch as it is most essential that a good 'lead' must be observed, and that is best learnt from the 'tenor behind'—preferably Grandsire, although my favourite method of all is Stedman.

It would also be well if more people were to ring properly at first and follow the golden rule of 'Audi, Vide, Tace' (eyes and ears open and mouth closed) before trying to thrust their new ideas down other people's throats! Heaven forbid that others in the 'rising generation' will advocate starting learners in the discordant jangling of the unmusical 'Surprise' methods! I have noticed with much regret that the standard of ringing in some towers that were famous for striking examples of good ringing in days gone by are now hopelessly inferior, compared with what formerly obtained. F. E. DAWE.

OTHER WAYS OF TEACHING.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. S. H. Wood's article in last week's 'Ringing World,' I would like to make the following comments:—

1. 'Nearly all instructors teach the same method of hunting up, namely, by striking after the bell that strikes after you in the previous change.' This I do not attempt to teach, it being, in my opinion, a time-wasting practice. Take the Triple methods recently under discussion, I would first teach the pupil how to make second's place, as in Bob Triples, and third's place, as in Grandsire Triples, and how to return to lead. Then how many bells are to be passed before striking the treble and hunt bell and the order to strike those same bells to return to lead, and when and how to make the dodge, and so each lead. The same principle applies to Bob Major. The pupil to record it on paper and learn it before attempting to ring it.

2. 'Learning to strike evenly over other bells which cannot be done in ringing rounds.' I recommend the beginners to ring Rounds, Queen's, Tittums and Whittington and not to let any one beginner ring the same bell more than once during each practice.

3. 'Learning to lead.' This can be done while No. 2 is in progress, by the more advanced pupil taking the treble and teaching him to lead, first by rope-sight, then by ear, in the latter case by his turning away from the tenor, and before any change ringing is attempted.

4. I consider the best method to begin a band with is Stedman Triples, as every position known in ringing is therein contained. It is a different matter when a band is one short where they ring Grandsire or Bob Triples.

ARTHUR PRINCE.

Bath.

MORE LETTERS ABOUT TEACHING.

A BEGINNER'S EXPERIENCE.

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest the controversy in 'The Ringing World' on odd or even-bell methods for teaching beginners. In support of Stephen H. Wood's article, which favours even-bell methods, I give my diary entries from the time of commencing change ringing: Mastered plain course of Bob Minor in three weeks, November 3rd to 17th, 1936; rang 720 Plain Bob Minor, January 17th, 1937; rang 720 Oxford Bob Minor, January 31st, 1937; rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, February 9th, 1937; rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, February 23rd, 1937; rang 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, April 6th, 1937; conducted 720's in the following methods: 720 Oxford Bob, August 8th, 1937; 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, August 22nd, 1937; 720 Oxford Bob, August 22nd, 1937. Since starting change ringing I have rung 22 720's in this method.

W. H. DEACON.

Sefton.

AN OPPORTUNITY IN LONDON.

Dear Sir,—May I, in this final reply to Mr. A. P. Cannon, thank him for his information as to his Sunday activities. I was well aware that he did appear at various times in divers places as the spirit moved him, but even this I do not think places him in a position to criticise or lightly condemn the methods employed by a good number, if not the majority, of those who instruct beginners. His remark about my 'Sunday service gospel' he answers himself in his letter published in 'The Ringing World' of September 10th.

If he would cease his wanderings, get together a band of youngsters and set going one of the peals in London at present silent, I, for one, would listen to his advice on teaching with due respect, and, who knows, we might even think him worthy of a touch of Bob Triples as a welcome on his next visit to Hastings.

He might even try to emulate the feat of that old 'war horse' of Battle, Mr. W. Franks, who has turned, in evident disgust, from the present-day youth and filled his tower with young ladies!

Hastings.

C. A. LEVETT.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

ORDSALL WIN CUP CONTEST.

The North Notts Association met at Sutton-on-Trent on Saturday, September 18th, to compete for the tenth time for the Crawford Silver Cup. Although many ringers were present, only three teams entered the contest, Barnby-in-the-Willows, Warsop and Ordsall. Ordsall, being drawn to ring first, rang 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor at a moderate speed and with closed leads. Next came Barnby. Bob Minor and open leads at a rather quicker pace seemed to have won the cup for them. Warsop, competing for the first time, also rang Bob Minor with open leads. There was no further ringing before tea, which was served in the Parish Hall; the excitement as to the result of the competition spoiled no one's appetite.

The meeting afterwards was cut down as much as possible, so that an early return could be made to the tower. The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, acting as chairman, mentioned the regret he felt at the death of the Vicar of Edwinstowe (the Rev. F. C. Day Lewis), who had kindly entertained the ringers to tea when the bells were recently rededicated. Those present stood in silence for a few moments as a token of respect.

Mr. Wilkinson welcomed Mrs. Rowsell once again to the competition meeting. Her father, Mr. Crawford, had long been interested in the association, and interest was still maintained by Mrs. Rowsell.

The result of the contest was then announced as follows:—

- 1 Ordsall, 197 faults
- 2 Barnby, 202 faults
- 3 Warsop, 307 faults

Mrs. Rowsell presented the cup to Mr. J. Hurst, captain and conductor of the Ordsall band, and said that she was pleased to be present once again to hand the trophy to the best team of the day. Ringing in North Notts always had and always would interest her.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, replying on behalf of the Ordsall team, said that while he was pleased the cup had gone again to his tower, he and Ordsall ringers would always be pleased to see it go to another team. Interest was still alive in this competition, but it would be better if the cup was won by different teams each year. He was pleased to see a team from Warsop, where there were only four bells, and he hoped this young band would be encouraged to compete again.

The judges, Mr. J. Moss, of Bolsover, and Mr. W. Allwood, of Chesterfield, gave no criticism of the ringing. 'We are all friends and want to remain friends' was their only remark.

Three new members were elected, Messrs. K. Mayer, P. Holmes and C. W. Metcalfe, all non-resident members.

After this meeting the entire company went up for a pull, those who had competed having first preference. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Little Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise and Original Major were all rung during the evening, with rounds on eight for the learners. At 8.30 the bells were rung down, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the meeting.

R. T.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MR. LESLIE MORRIS ELECTED SECRETARY.

The September general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, September 18th, when members were present from Sheffield, Ecclesfield, Far Headingley, Cawthorne, Wath-on-Deane, Rotherham, Armley, Leeds, Longwood, Lindley, Ripponden, Shipley, York, Selby, Rothwell, Bradford, Pudsey, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Almondbury, Batley, Sutton-on-Hull, Headingley and the local company.

The bells, a nice peal of eight, tenor 15½ cwt., by J. Taylor and Co., were raised soon after 2 p.m. and kept going in short touches until 5 o'clock, when, in the Schoolroom, an excellent tea was thoroughly enjoyed by the 60 members and friends present. The president (Canon C. C. Marshall) took the chair at the business meeting which followed. He was supported by Mr. George Lewis (vice-president) and Mr. S. F. Palmer (hon. treasurer). An apology was received from the general secretary, Mr. J. E. Cawser, regretting his inability to attend.

The president proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Kirkburton (the Rev. A. Sephton) for allowing the use of the bells and his consent to hold the meeting there. He (the president) explained that owing to the vast territory of the association it had not been possible to pay a visit to that part of the county for some considerable time, but it gave him and the officers great pleasure to be again amongst their Kirkburton and district friends.

The Rev. A. Sephton suitably replied and gave the association a very warm welcome.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. Rayment and seconded by Mr. R. H. Vigor, to the local company for their help in making the meeting so successful, was pleasantly acknowledged by Mr. H. Armitage.

Six new members were elected.

A notice of motion having been previously given, Mr. George Robinson, Leeds, proposed that a free tea be provided by the association at the annual meeting at a cost of not more than £7.—After discussion it was defeated on a show of hands.

A further motion by Mr. Robinson authorising certain expenditure in connection with the next Central Council meeting, to be held at Leeds next year, was recommended to be dealt with at the annual meeting in January.

Great regret was expressed at the resignation of the general secretary, Mr. J. E. Cawser, who did not seek re-election at the close of his term of office. As his increased business engagements prevented him from regularly attending the various meetings, he considered that someone else should be appointed who could do so.

One nomination for the vacancy was received, Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, of Holbeck, Leeds, being duly proposed and elected to the position.

The President drew attention to the association's forthcoming dinner to be held at Leeds on October 9th, when he hoped to see as many members present as possible.

Further ringing was indulged in until 9 p.m., which brought a most enjoyable gathering to a close.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

HOLBECK RINGERS OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES.

The September meeting was held on Saturday last at St. Matthew's, Holbeck. The attendance in the afternoon was small, but this caused no surprise, as the Holbeck meeting was the fourth ringing meeting in this area in five successive Saturdays. A wedding prevented ringing from commencing at the usual time, and the bells were raised in peal about 3.30 p.m. Some good practice was put in before tea. Afterwards the attendance was all that could be desired and more than the tower could hold all at once. Ringers were present from Armley, Bailey, Birstwith, Burley, Bradford Cathedral, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Elland, Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Rothwell, Sherburn and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president being in the chair.

Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. W. H. Johnson, of St. Michael's, Headingley, A. Cryer and H. Jones, of Holbeck, and A. Cole, of Hunslet.

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company was proposed by Mr. F. Rayment, who remarked that he was pleased the local ringers were 'sticking to it,' as he knew they had had a very rough time.

The Rev. G. R. Norton, in reply, said that the tower had had a bad time and the company had been in danger of cracking up, but he hoped they had now got over the difficulties. They had promise of expert help and would be grateful for any other assistance on their practice night.

It was then pointed out that the Beginners' column in 'The Ringing World' would prove helpful if the local ringers would take a copy or two of the paper.

The next meeting is due to be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, October 30th.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church for evensong on September 26th for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Radford 1, E. Etheridge 2, W. Breeze 3, W. Cope 4, G. Tomsett 5, F. Radford 6, S. Elton (conductor) 7, R. Radford 8.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR.

(Continued from page 615.)

On Thursday we were favoured for the day by the company of Mr. Harry Chapman, of Keystone. He came early and left late, and revived Manchester memories at intervals. Those of the team not ringing at Swineshead in the morning spent a half-day at Surfleet for lunch and a look over the Glyn Garth establishment, where modern machinery sterilised bulbs and graded tomatoes. The frailty of mankind was exhibited by Bill Henley, who tipped over a barrow-load of the fruit at 'handstroke.'

Our better half team were successful with London Surprise Major at St. Mary's, Swineshead, but as I did not go to this tower I have no notes to give except that the old ring of eight, 1794, with tenor 46in. diameter, were cast by T. Osborne, of Downham, and remained intact for just on a century, the 4th being recast in 1883 by Taylor and Co. Previous to 1794 there were four bells, as mentioned in the Harleian MSS.

BOSTON'S FAMOUS TOWER.

The clans assembled at Boston Stump at 4 o'clock and were met by Mr. F. Dewey, who led us to the stair door and told us to 'take it gently'; there were only 365 steps to tackle. Fortunately, a heavy ship's cable winds round the newel, affording some assistance to wind and limb. Up, up, up you go, and when you reach the ringing room, down you sit. The old builders wisely put two staircases, one in each of the piers adjoining the nave, to facilitate building. To-day the numerous tourists who wish to view the Fen Country have to go up one and down the other. We got off into Cambridge Royal about 5 o'clock, but soon gave up the method. Such a wide circle of ropes required eyes of many facets; the high dome in the centre of the ringing room hid the lower part of several ringers (especially the conductor), and the ringing became slow enough for Sextuples. This attempt made good practice for the Kent Royal that followed in proper ten-bell compass.

Here is another expert restoration by Taylor's, a new iron frame, three old bells recast, two new trebles added, all of which was duly reported in 'The Ringing World' at the time.

We rested for an hour at the Peacock Hotel, which faces the Square, the market place of Boston, and from its windows Nathaniel Hawthorne (the American writer), Duke of Edinburgh and the Tichborne Claimant and others have in the past gazed out upon the busy centre of this ancient town.

HOW THE 'STUMP' WAS REPAIRED.

There are one or two matters of interest to bellringers, relating to St. Botolph's Church and the county, which I ought to mention.

About the year 1415 Dr. Fleming, a famous Rector of Boston, afterwards Bishop of Lincoln, enlarged the chancel and began the erection of the tower. This great pile was not part of the original buildings, which is considered to be the finest in England and the highest in Europe. The stone vaulting (floor to apex) is 137ft. high and there are many church towers that could be stowed inside it. The consulting architect, Sir Gilbert Scott, was afraid the weight would be too much with the swaying of the bells in their massive oak frame in 1853, which led to the carillon being installed.

In 1927 Canon Hutchinson (Vicar) found the cracks in the roof and tower so obviously needed attention that again a scheme of restoration was undertaken, when Sir Charles Nicholson was called in. It is recorded that John Cotton, a noted Puritan Vicar, sailed, with many of his friends, for Boston, Massachusetts, in 1633; and how the residents there in the year 1930 came to the rescue of old Boston by collecting upwards of 55,000 dollars within three weeks, for the repair of this tower and rehanging the bells, as a tercentenary gesture, is well known. On the base of the tower are registered the levels of great floods of the past. County history records the havoc caused by inundation, all sufficient to give Jean Ingelow a theme for her long poem, 'High tide on the Lincolnshire coast.' Mr. Alex. Young raised the question of the 'Brides of Enderby' in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' which has been cleared up years ago in North's 'Bells of the County' (page 328).

The Boston Bell Committee of 1867 selected as one of the 28 tunes to be played upon the 44 bells of Van Aerschoot's carillon an air of that title, but it never existed and the authoress of the words refused to compose one for the committee. I rather believe the lady had some association with Enderby Mavis (one of three parishes of Enderby), where there are three bells. It is up to the Boston men to discover more about this writer.

During our tour my thoughts frequently turned on the 'Nine Tailors,' the fascinating ringing novel by Dorothy L. Sayers. I expected to see Mr. Redhead's beautiful tower looming up at one of our villages and our team knocking off a touch on her octave! The peal of Treble Bob Major in her book is called incorrectly; it will be found in Snowden's, pp. 22 and 121, as composed by James Wilde, of Hyde, Cheshire, the father of our Dunedin friend, J. S. Wilde. Fenchurch St. Paul, by Mr. Redhead, has several features resembling Boston tower if the lantern on top were omitted and the windows of the two upper storeys were transposed. Of course, Lord Wimsey would not be an abbreviation of Winchelsea, a noble ringer of the county.

W. H. F.

(To be continued.)

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

TERCENTENARY DINNER: FINAL NOTICE.

Four hundred tickets have now been allotted. If any more members wish to attend, they should apply at once, so that the committee may reserve for them any tickets which may be returned.

Detailed arrangements for the day will be published about a fortnight before the date.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Burbage, nr. Hinckley. Bells (8) open from 2 p.m. Committee meeting 4. Tea 5, followed by general meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS with LADIES' GUILD.—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Leytonstone (St. John's) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, W. H. Lawrence, C. T. Coles, E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Secs.

LEZANT, LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.—Rededication service by the Lord Bishop of Truro on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at 3 p.m.—a ring of six, tuned and rehung by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Old Bell Inn at 4.30 p.m., 1s. 3d. per head.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held (p.v.) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at Stratton Audley. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Ambrosden, Bicester and Launton bells, also available at times which will be announced at meeting. Those requiring tea please notify F. Sharpe, Launton, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Coleshill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (8) available at 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Kendal, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (10) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells (5) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Penarth on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows. — J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Altery View, Newport, Mon.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Ormesby on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Bells 8 (tenor 18 cwt.). Tea will be provided at the Bungalow Café at 5 p.m. United buses, No. 63 or 65, service from Middlesbrough, half-hourly service. — J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley Church (bells 8) on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. For tea please notify Mr. William Wooler, Sheffield Road, Wortley, near Sheffield. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield 7.

ST. PAUL'S, WALDEN.—The next meeting of the Northern District of the Hertford County Association will be held at St. Paul's, Walden, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. The bells will be available at 3 p.m. — Don Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch. — The autumn meeting will be held at Tilehurst on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, at 5 p.m., at the Rectory. Service at 6 p.m. Buses from Reading Stations. All ringers welcome. — E. G. Foster, Hon. Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, Oct. 2nd. — W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch. — A ringing practice will be held on Saturday, October 2nd, at Hanslope. Bells (6) available from 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Crossens on Saturday, October 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. — S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Service ringing, St. Clement Danes', Strand, October 3rd, 10 a.m. Practices, October 11th, at 6.30 p.m., followed by quarterly meeting at 8.15 p.m., and October 25th, at 7.30, at St. Clement Danes', also St. Mary's, Lambeth, November 2nd, at 8 p.m. — T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637). — A dinner committee meeting will be held at the Coffee Pot on October 5th, at 7.30 p.m. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on October 7th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division. — A mid-week meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Wednesday, October 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., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Lambeth Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.30. Service 7.30. All ringers and friends welcome. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 6th? — F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, in memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon (founder and first president) and past officers of the association, will be held at the Leeds and County Conservative Club, South Parade, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at 6 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be had on application to Mr. F. G. Sherwood, 8, Vesper Walk, Kirkstall, Leeds 5, or reservation of same not later than Oct. 7th. Bells available during the afternoon: Parish Church (12), St. Michael's, Headingley (8), St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the South-Eastern Division will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will all those who require tea please let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 6th, certain? — H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly notify Mr. W. Thompson, 29, Furlong Road, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than October 6th? — Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Oct. 9th. The following bells will be available: St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege's (6) and St. Dunstan's (6) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Cathedral (12) after meeting only. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall. Please send your names to reach me, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 6th. — B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston St. Mark's, on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for all those who notify the Rev. J. Maddoch, St. Mark's Vicarage, Preston, not later than Oct. 7th.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The last general meeting of this branch for 1937 will be held on new ground, on Saturday, Oct. 9th, at Bergh Apton. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at the George and Dragon, Thurton. Also Brooke bells, one mile distant. Special methods: Oxford Bob Minor and London Surprise Minor. Names for tea by Oct. 5th, please.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James', Underwood Road, Paisley, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the St. James' Society.—Charles R. Raine, 21, Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will, subject to the bells being available, be held at Elston, near Newark, on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing on the six, 3 to 9 p.m. Please notify me for tea.—R. Towler, 19, Ordsall Road, Retford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch (Newport Pagnell Deanery).—Saturday, October 9th, at Emberton (six bells). 2.30 Ring up. Service 4. Tea in the Rectory about 4.30. Business: order of meetings, at 6.30 p.m. in the belfry.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beckington on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, October 9th. Eight bells. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Terrington St. John on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. We should like *you* to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hinton Waldrist on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (9) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify not later than Thursday, October 7th.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Coker on Saturday, October 9th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please notify for tea, if possible.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tarvin on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please notify regarding tea not later than Thursday, October 7th.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Benington on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will all intending to be present for tea please let me know by Tuesday, October 5th?—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Desford on Saturday, October 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Usual short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, October 7th, please, to W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Kindly send cards for tea arrangements to A. Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Northants.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., free, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. K. G. Sandberg).—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, October 9th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend this meeting, as they will also be able to view the illuminations after the ringing.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at West Grinstead (six bells) on Saturday, October 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Numbers for tea by Wednesday previous to meeting.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Cossington on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. All are welcome. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday.—C. Evans, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Bridgwater.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone (10 bells), on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace at 5.45, followed by the annual business meeting. The association will provide tea for those members who send me their names before the Wednesday previous.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egherton, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. The secretary hopes to be present. All ringers wishing to see him, please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Please do your best to attend. The success of the meeting depends on you.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stoneycroft.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—F. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea (at a small charge) in the Parish Hall, 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting and election of officers. Please send word by Tuesday, October 12th.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Hawford, Worcester.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The jubilee festival will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, at Alfreton. Ringing from 2.30 to 4.30. Service in church, address by Rev. J. B. Nodder (founder member of association). High tea at 6 o'clock in the Parish Church Mission Hall, Mansfield Road. Tickets, 2s. gents, 1s. 6d. ladies. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach me by Monday, October 18th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—A joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild, the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (S. and W. District), and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John's Church on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) from 3.15 and after tea. St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8), from 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, in St. John's Hall, at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. Social evening (refreshments) in the Hall from 7.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcomed, but will you endeavour to notify for tea, please. Note: Hillingdon (Swakeleys) station is unsuitable; book to Uxbridge.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield; F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks; and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich, on Saturday, October 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Further details next week. Please ensure that your tower is adequately represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please send names for tea by Wednesday previous.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—By the kind invitation of Canon H. E. Fitzherbert, M.A., R.D., the autumn meeting of the above district will be held at St. Peter's, Netherseale, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, October 13th. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

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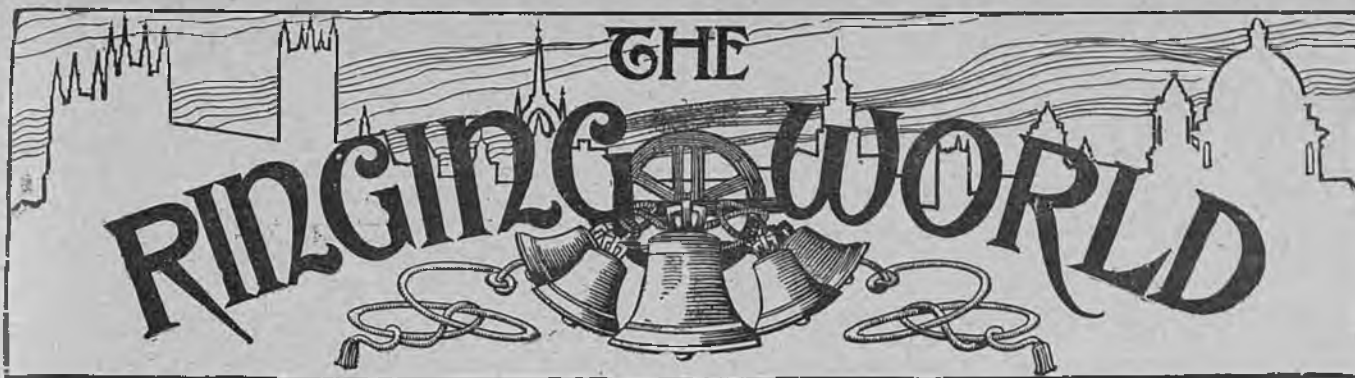
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One of the most important contributions to the historical side of ringing literature has made its appearance this week. Mr. J. Armiger Trollope's book on 'The College Youths' has been published, and will, we are sure, be of intense interest to all who read it. That 'all' should include every member of the Exercise. This book has not been written specially for the members of the Ancient Society, and its appearance in this tercentenary year, although appropriate, is largely coincidence. The volume, while tracing the formation and life of the College Youths, round whose activities through the years the survey is, of course, written, deals also with the very beginnings of our art and with the way in which, in other days, the birth and growth and, in some instances, the decay of rival organisations affected the existence of the fine old society which, in a few short weeks, will celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of its foundation. As is not inaptly said by the author, the history of the Society of College Youths is an epitome of the history of the ringing Exercise, and if ringers have any interest in the art they practise beyond that of the moment, they will want to read this book.

When the historian sets out upon his task he has to sift evidence, apply common-sense reasoning and put the facts into proper perspective. That is a thing which tradition seldom does. On the contrary, incidents of a distant past, and the association of ideas, often lose their true proportions as they are handed on from generation to generation, and it is the business of the historian to separate the grain from the chaff. In this task Mr. Trollope has, we think, succeeded admirably. Never before has so much research been applied to an historical survey in connection with our art, and it has produced one result for which ringers must always be indebted to the author. Not only has he, as it were, clothed the ghosts of the past with flesh, and provided for us a description of many of the men who laid the foundations of the Exercise and until now have been to us nothing but mere names, but he has brought to light others, hitherto unknown in history, who made important contributions to our art in their time and passed into the shadows.

Mr. Trollope has done much good work in the cause of ringing during the past forty years, mainly through the Central Council. His share in producing many of its publications has been enormous, but nothing he has written up to the present has made such a wide appeal to ringers as this history of the College Youths should prove to have. Most of our readers have read articles by Mr. Trollope in these columns. They are familiar with the fluent style in which he is able to tell a story or make a

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debating point. The new book is Mr. Trollope at his best, and readers will find it packed with interest from cover to cover. Its great value, however, lies in the new light thrown upon those distant days, when our art was in the making.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, September 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HORACE BELCHER 1 Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	NELSON ELLIOTT 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	ERNEST BRETT 8
JACR M. CRIPPS 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... 9
EDWIN H. LEWIS 5	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford,

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

*CLAUDE DE STE. C. PARKS Treble	WALTER CLAYDON 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	HARRY W. SIMMONS ... 7
†MISS GWENDOLINE KIPPIN ... 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 8
RONALD H. DOVE 4	DANIEL D. COOPER ... 9
FRANK E. DARBY 5	ROYDON DAVIES Tenor

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by D. D. COOPER.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Grandsire on a working bell.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE HAYDEN Treble	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6
ERNEST J. KING 2	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... 7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3	*PHILIP A. CORBY 8
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK ... 9
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 5	HENRY T. WILSON Tenor

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

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the 81st birthday of the wife of the ringer of treble.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. G. H. CROSS Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
H. RICHARD FRENCH 2	HERBERT E. ADDLEY ... 6
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... 3	ALEC RICHARDSON 7
GEORGE J. BOTCHER 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

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On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

ERNEST WHITING... .. 1 <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES W. LOOME 5
GEORGE W. HOWLETT 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
STANLEY W. COPLING 4	WALTER BARRETT <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN 1 <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR H. EVERITT 5
MISS AMY E. WALDOCK 2	HERBERT DEVONISH 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	FRED CHALK 7
PERCY GREEN 4	HORACE J. MANSFIELD <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

First peal in the method as conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

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

JOHN COOK 1 <i>Treble</i>	ERNEST J. AYLIFER 5
PETER CHARMAN 2	EDWARD J. CHARMAN 6
THOMAS ADAMS 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
WALTER CHARMAN 4	ALFRED H. POLLING <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to the Vicar of Warnham (the Rev. F. D. Farebrother) and Mrs. Farebrother on the 25th anniversary of their wedding day, and to the conductor and Mrs. Polling on the 33rd anniversary of their marriage. It was also a birthday peal for W. Charman and T. Adams.

ST. IVES, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

E. JACK PARISH 1 <i>Treble</i>	WALLACE W. COUSINS 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 2	FRANK W. LACK 6
ELLIS CLARKE 3	HERBERT FIELDS 7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 4	CLAUDE COUSINS <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

A birthday peal to the conductor's wife.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES FERNLEY 1 <i>Treble</i>	C. KENNETH LEWIS 5
JAMES A. MILNER 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
REV. FRANK BONNER 3	LIONEL CLOUGH 7
WILLIAM FERNLEY 4	JOHN WORTH <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5060 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS E. SPEIGHT 1 <i>Treble</i>	HENRY TOOKE 5
ERIC G. BENNETT 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
RUSSELL W. CURSON 4	LESLIE G. BRETT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. CHESTER 1 <i>Treble</i>	ALAN M. HICKMAN 5
THOMAS PRICE 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURY 6
FREDERICK PRICE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD 7
REGINALD W. CHESTER 4	WILLIAM WEATHERBY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Dowell Lee. The conductor's 50th peal.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb.

C. RICHARD BELTON 1 <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	FRANK K. MEASURES 7
*JOHN H. BAILESS 4	†THOMAS C. BELTON <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

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

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALBERT GORRINGE 1 <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS W. GILMOIR 5
EDWIN BRERZE 2	JAMES MELDRUM 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
THOMAS W. HAMMOND 4	EDWARD CAUFCE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Rung in honour of the presentation of the Charter of Incorporation to Bebington by Sir W. Bromley Devonport, Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM BALDRY 1 <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT E. COLEMAN 5
*FREDERICK W. ADCOCK 2	LEONARD C. WEBB 6
RICHARD W. R. COATES 3	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 7
†ARTHUR W. BIRD 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D

NOLAN GOLDEN 1 <i>Treble</i>	Cecil V. EBBERSON 5
WILLIAM FLATT 2	FREDERICK C. GUNTON 6
STANLEY W. COPLING 3	CHARLES W. LOOME 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	FREDERICK SEAGER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES A. HART Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY 5
WILFRED BOOTH 2	FRED MILES 6
LESLIE W. JARVIS 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
FRANK H. HICKS 4	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Composed by W. J. SEVIER.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival. A birthday peal for Miss E. V. Jarvis, daughter of the ringer of the third.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

The composition, No. 374, is rung for the first time.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* FREDERICK NICHOLS ... Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
CHARLES E. FISHER 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D.

ERNEST HERBERT ... Treble	* CLAUDE COUSINS 5
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	WILLIAM HENLEY 6
* WALLACE COUSINS 3	CRCIL C. MAYNE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	TONY PRICE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE H. WHITEMORE ... Treble	HENRY G. KEELEY 5
CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 2	A. F. MARTIN STEWART ... 6
JOHN E. PHILBRICK 3	CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ELI HAWKER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung for the patronal festival.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

WALTER ELSEY Treble	FREDERICK C. ROPER 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	CHARLES LOOME 6
FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 3	ROSSLER RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL 6
PERCY E. CLARKE 3	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

Arranged and rung as a tercentenary peal for the society and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Powell, wife of the Rector of Milton, and the ringer of the tenor. The ringers of the treble, 2, 3 and tenor are past masters of the society.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED H. POLLING ... Treble	* ERIC V. SYMONDS 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 2	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 6
THOMAS E. DENYER 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIS 7
C. ERNEST SMITH 4	GEORGE ARROWSMITH Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal. Rung on the 35th anniversary of A. H. Pulling's first peal as conductor.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

* LEN DAVIES Treble	EDWARD STEELE 5
ANDREW THOMPSON 2	FRANK YATES 6
* ALBERT FORD 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
FREDERICK A. FORSTER ... 4	SIDNEY THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. Edward S. Woods as Bishop of Lichfield.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six 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.

HENRY HUBBALL Treble	* ALBERT PRESTIDGB, JUN. ... 5
JOHN GOODMAN 2	WILLIAM DAVIES 6
STANLEY PRESTIDGB 3	ALFRED DAVIES 7
* FRED C. BOOTE 4	JOSEPH H. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Breakwell and Mr. H. Hadley on the 80th birthday of each.

KINGSTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... Treble	LOUIS J. LOCKYER 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 2	HARRY SMALE 6
JOHN THOMAS 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
EDWARD T. GRIFFEN 4	FREDERICK G. COLE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by F. G. COLE.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday, September 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. H. Andrews 1, L. Pryke 2, F. L. Leeks (Croydon) 3, F. S. Mortlock 4, W. Faies 5, W. Jarvis 6, M. T. Symonds (conductor) 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 2 and 5.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PAVENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 10 callings.
Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

ERNEST ASQUE	Treble	J. HAROLD SWEPSON	3
GEORGE SEITH	2	WILLIAM STOCK	4
		DONALD L. COCKINGS	Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

* First peal in two methods. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. W. Higgins, who is leaving the parish for Ireland.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

FRANK MORRIS	Treble	JAMES BLACKBURN	4
JAMES MAWDESLEY	2	ERIC W. YATES	5
ALAN CARPENTER	3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

* First peal. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the church.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob.
Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARKE	Treble	JOHN CHURCH	4
HERBERT L. HARLOW	2	FRANCIS BEAUMONT	5
EDMUND WAGSTAFFE	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours

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

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Norfolk and Primrose; (2) London and Wells; (3) York and Durham; (4) Hull; (5) Cambridge and Primrose; (6) Ipswich; (7) Bourne.
Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN T. POLLARD	Treble	HORACE M. DAY	4
WILLIAM OLDMAN	2	ALBERT E. SCOTT	5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON	3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE	Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in ten Surprise methods.

KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;Twenty-one extents of Grandsire and 21 of Plain Bob, 14 callings.
Tenor 10 cwt.

T. GEORGE BREEDON	Treble	JOHN WHITEHURST	3
RONALD ARMSTRONG	2	TOM CLARKE	4
		JOHN L. SHOOTER	Tenor

Conducted by T. CLARKE.

First peal by all except conductor.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, with different callings.
Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	Treble	HARRY J. MILLATT	4
GEORGE A. ANDREWS	2	GEORGE WATERMAN	5
GEORGE A. BUTTON	3	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE	Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five 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 Woodbine Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

JOHN MYHILL	Treble	OLIVER J. LONGLEY	4
MISS ANNIE WHITE	2	ERNEST J. RUNTER	5
HENRY W. SHADRACK	3	EDWARD KEMP	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD KEMP.

* First peal in four methods and first peal of Treble Bob Minor 'inside.' A birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble, 3rd and 4th, and rung also for the wedding anniversary of H. W. Shadrack.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being seven extents, viz.: Double Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS DOROTHY VESSEY	Treble	FRANK VERNON	4
KENNETH W. MAYER	2	GEOFFREY M. MAYER	5
JOHN FREEMAN	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

* 25th peal. † First peal in seven methods and first peal of Minor as conductor on tower bells. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. C. E. Smith and Miss G. I. Ratcliffe; also of Mr. H. E. Packer and Miss M. Holmes.

SILKSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 changes of each of Cambridge Surprise, Primrose Surprise, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Kingston and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

ROLAND HILL	Treble	ERNEST BROOKES	4
ARTHUR PANTHER	2	ARTHUR GILL	5
CLIFFORD ROBINSON	3	DANIEL SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Fred Eveson and Miss Lucy Chant, which took place at Felkirk on the same day.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WISEBECCH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN BUCKENHAM	Treble	KENNETH NEWMAN	4
ALFRED E. BACON	2	ARTHUR BASON	5
VICTOR BOWEN	3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM	Tenor

Conducted by W. BUCKENHAM.

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK FLINT	Treble	RICHARD REECE	4
JOHN NORRIS	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
JOE READER	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE	Tenor

Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.'

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, September 26th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 minutes: W. W. T. Daniell 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. G. Townsend 3, S. Palmer 4, G. W. Townsend 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, A. E. W. Smith 8. A birthday compliment to the tenorman.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.
DOUGLAS BARKAWAY Treble | RALPH BIRD 4
ALBERT SANDERS 2 | VICTOR MORLEY 5
* GEOFFREY EVIRALL 3 | RONALD SOCKLING Tenor

Conducted by R. SOCKLING.

* First peal.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

RONALD W. STEWARD Treble | URBAN W. WILDNEY 4
GEORGE PRYKE 2 | JAMES BENNETT, JUN 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3 | ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

SANDY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithun,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.
LEWIS H. BYWATERS Treble | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 4
REGINALD HOUGHTON 2 | EDMUND WAGSTAFFE 5
C. HENRY HARDING 3 | HERBERT SHERMAN Tenor

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

BURGHCLERE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of the Ascension,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.
* REV. FREDK. S. H. MARLE Treble | WILLIAM JAMES 4
HARRY E. BALAM 2 | HENRY LAWRENSON 5
FREDERICK GOSLING 3 | *CECIL JAMES Tenor

Conducted by HENRY LAWRENSON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of Canon R. S. Medicott, for 22 years Rector of the parish, on his retirement.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
C. HENRY HARDING Treble | EDMUND WAGSTAFFE 4
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON 2 | LEWIS H. BYWATERS 5
HERBERT SHERMAN 3 | C. EDWARD JEFFRIES Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Thursday, September 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF KENT 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
† HARRY ASHTON 9-10

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

* 100th peal together on handbells. † First peal of Treble Ten. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

The 81st birthday of Mrs. Hayden, wife of Mr. George Hayden, was celebrated by a peal of Stedman Caters at All Saints' Church, West Ham, on October 2nd. Mr. Hayden, himself 77 years old, rang the treble. He is sexton and steeplekeeper at West Ham.

Mr. T. E. Sone and Mr. W. Wenban, two well-known Kent ringers, rang their 75th peal together at Linton on October 2nd.

The birthday of the Rector of St. Clement Danes, London, was celebrated by the Ancient Society of College Youths with a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on September 29th on the bells made famous in the nursery rhyme. The Rev. W. Pennington Bickford annually holds an 'Oranges and Lemons' Service.

Mr. Alfred Palling, of Guildford, rang his first peal as conductor on October 2nd, 1902. He celebrated the 35th anniversary by calling his favourite transposition of the 'Four-Part' at Chiddingfold. 'Palling's Surprise' we have heard it called, but the Surprise is only when the peal isn't successfully brought home.

A peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Lyme Regis for the patronal festival of the Church of St. Michael the Archangel. The band regretted that the Vicar, the Rev. C. Carew Cox, was unable to take part owing to his being engaged at the Bishop's Conference at Sherborne.

Mr. George A. Andrews has now rung each of the six bells in the tower at Great Bromley, Essex, to a peal. He 'completed the circle' on September 25th.

The peal of Stedman Cinques rung in the Bull Ring, Birmingham, to celebrate Alderman and Mrs. Pritchett's golden wedding was the one hundredth peal together of the two Newcastle men, Bill Barber and W. J. Davidson.

The aggregate age of the band who rang the peal on September 28th in celebration of the presentation of the Charter of Incorporation to Rebington, Cheshire, was exactly 500 years. Hats off to the veterans!

Holt's Ten-Part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Silverdale, Staffs, on October 2nd, in honour of the enthronement of Dr. E. S. Woods as Bishop of Lichfield. Dr. Woods was formerly simultaneously Bishop, Archdeacon and Vicar of Croydon, and was responsible for recasting the bells of the Parish Church into a ring of twelve.

We recorded last week that the Vicar of Hounslow had asked a meeting of the London County Association whether Treble Bob Major in B flat was possible. Well, this week a record has been sent us of a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in B flat. B flat was, of course, the key note of the handbells used. The peal celebrated the birthday of James W. Washbrook (how familiar that name sounds to the old 'uns who knew his father!). Incidentally it happened to be the one hundredth handbell peal that Alfred Barnes and Allen F. Bailey have rung together.

Four past Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths took part in a tercentenary celebration peal of Stedman Triples at Milton-next-Gravesend on October 2nd. They were Messrs. T. Groombridge, sen., J. S. Hawkins, P. E. Clarke and F. M. Mitchell.

It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, and the band afterwards adjourned to the 'Glue Pot,' where Mrs. Mitchell extended her usual hospitality.

One of the visitors arrived home 'before' midnight with the 'dessert' for his midday meal on Monday safely stowed away. We hear his companions could not lose him. They had to follow the 'scent.'

For the wedding on September 25th of Mr. Fred Evesson and Miss Lucy Chant, sister of Mr. H. Chant, a ringer at Felkirk, where the marriage was solemnised, a peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods was rung at Silkstone, near Barnsley.

As a farewell to the Rev. Dr. Dowell Lee (Vicar), who is leaving Market Drayton, Shropshire, a peal was rung at the Parish Church on Sunday, September 26th. It was also a birthday compliment to Thomas Price.

On the retirement of another incumbent, the Rev. Canon R. S. Medicott, for 22 years Rector of Burghclere, Hants, a farewell peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on September 27th. In this the Rev. F. S. H. Marle, secretary of the Andover District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, rang the treble to his first peal.

There were some quick changes in Hunts on Saturday week. A peal arranged at St. Neots was changed to St. Ives almost at the last minute, owing to illness near the former church. Mr. F. G. Gleaves took a rope at a moment's notice to fill an unexpected gap, and five minutes before the start Kent Treble Bob was asked for and the conductor had to produce a peal out of the proverbial hat.

Mr. Frank Warrington is the first to ring a peal on all the bells at St. Ives. The thanks of the band are extended to Messrs. Noble and H. Pratt, who obtained the permission to ring and had the bells in readiness when the band arrived.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob at Warnham, Sussex, on Saturday, celebrated several anniversaries, principally the silver wedding of the Vicar and his wife, the Rev. F. D. and Mrs. Farebrother. The 33rd anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Palling (Alfred called the peal) was also celebrated, and it was, in addition, a birthday compliment to Walter Charman, the Warnham veteran, and Thomas Adams.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

IMPORTANCE OF BELL CONTROL.

In the last two weeks there has been a good deal said by correspondents upon how and what to teach beginners. Beginners themselves have probably read these letters with interest. We do not propose to discuss what has been written; whether the first method should be Plain Bob or Grandsire. The essential thing, to our mind, is that before he goes very far in his change ringing career the beginner should learn to ring both. Given a ringer of average intelligence and an instructor who knows his job, it does not seem to us that the novice should find it any harder to ring Plain Bob, after he had started on Grandsire, than he would to ring Grandsire after having started on Plain Bob. But, whatever the explanation, it is a fact that where there is a young band, as distinct from a single individual learning with a more or less proficient company, better ringing is obtained when there is a tenor behind to keep a beat and give the other bells a leading point. And the public need consideration even when we would make excuses for a new hand.

That leads us to the point that in many cases beginners are not allowed to gain sufficient bell control before being pushed into change ringing. Bell control is not merely being able to catch the sally and keep the bell up; it means being able to put it in its place this time, next time and all the time. Only constant practice will do this, and call changes are a valuable step in enabling the beginner to gauge the spacing over the big and small bells. Until he can place his bell with precision in call changes he cannot be expected to do so when he is moving his position at every half-pull.

It is here that the ears must be brought into use; and the first step in this direction is most easily achieved if the bells are few and the pace not too quick. The slower beat will enable the beginner more easily to pick out the sound of his own bell and will emphasise the bad blows. The number of bells can be increased and the pace quickened when the learner has proved his ability at the first stage.

This type of practice may be tame for the older hands, but patience at this juncture may make all the difference between turning out an accurate or a slovenly striker. If he has never been taught better, he cannot be expected to do more than put his bell 'somewhere' among the rest; if he is taken along by simple stages and properly coached he will develop an 'ear' and accuracy.

This is not to say that he should not be started in the theory of change ringing. The sooner he is given some elementary instruction on paper the better; it will help to maintain his interest through what may be termed the 'drudgery' period—that is the stage between the time when he can pull a bell, and thinks he knows all about it, and the time when he can strike a bell accurately and knows when he doesn't.

Most instructors, we are afraid, do too little in the way of teaching theory. Sometimes, even, it consists of only a verbal explanation and a finger of one hand making unintelligible signs in the palm of the other. And from this the pupil is put on the end of a rope and 'guided' through a course, so that at the end he is, if anything, more confused than when he started.

Like Columbus, as described by an American, when he set out he did not know where he was going; when he got there he didn't know where he was, and when he returned he didn't know where he'd been.

Every instructor should give his beginner paper and pencil work, and, if he is unable to draw up some plan and explanation for himself, he should obtain one of the several good elementary text books now available, and go through it with his pupil. It is far better to do this than just hand the book to the beginner and say, 'Read that.' It may be sufficient for some apt learners, but quicker progress is made when the instructor supplements the written word with verbal assistance.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.—On Sunday, September 4th, at the Parish Church for morning service, 1,280 Bob Major: R. D. St. J. Smith 1, C. W. Woolley 2, Mrs. Bowles 3, Rev. E. Banks James 4, W. Bonner 5, H. W. S. Gregory 6, W. Webb 7, S. H. Wood 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 3, 5, 6 and 7.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.—On Monday, September 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: James Robinson 1, John Robinson 2, T. Robinson 3, G. Heskehl (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 4, R. Ludkin 5, J. W. Gardner 6, W. Robinson 7, A. Maddock (first quarter-peal) 8.

PEAL NOTES.

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A peal of Minor at Coppull, Lancashire, on Saturday, was rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of St. John's Church. It was the first peal on the bells in which five local men have taken part.

A peal of Minor at Springfield, Essex, on September 24th, celebrated the birthdays of half the ringers and the wedding anniversary of one of them.

A peal of Minor on September 25th at Cuckney, Notts, was rung as a farewell to Frederick Flint, who is leaving the district.

At another Nottinghamshire church, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, a peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles was rung on Sept. 25th, the first peal by all except the conductor.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

STRENUOUS AND SUCCESSFUL WEEK IN SOMERSET.

This year the Cambridge University Guild's annual ringing week was held in Somerset, the headquarters being that well-known establishment, the Golden Lion Hotel, Wrington. Arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. Stephen H. Wood, who had prepared an excellent programme in this delightful ringing district. It was very unfortunate that more members could not make the opportunity to be present, as the party only just numbered a peal band, two members of which were on the sick list for most of the time. Those who were unable to come through illness and business or family ties included six Surprise ringers, and even one or two of these would have made a great difference. The Guild was, however, most pleased to have with them in addition four members who were making their first tour, and these obtained much useful practice in the elementary stages of change ringing.

Following the Guild's usual practice, one peal was attempted each day, the rest of the time being given up to ringing for short periods at two or three other towers. Of the four tower-bell peals attempted, three were successful, while a handbell peal on the last evening enabled all who had been present for more than one day to score at least one peal.

The party assembled at various times during the week-end, and five, who arrived early enough on Monday, were joined by members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in a peal of Cambridge at Chewton Mendip in the evening.

Two members of the peal band did not arrive until lunch time on the Tuesday, so the morning was given up to some intensive Bob Minor and Major practice for the beginners at Backwell (6), Nailsea (6) and Clevedon (8). A good peal of Bob Major was rung at Wraxall in the afternoon; and later in the evening members of the Guild had the pleasure of ringing on the ten at Wrington with Major J. H. B. Hesse and some of the local band.

REINFORCEMENT ARRIVES.

On Wednesday the party was reinforced for the day by the arrival of a reverend gentleman fresh from a protracted tour in Italy, who was visiting Bristol for the purpose of buying a typewriter. It is to be hoped that this machine will enable him to keep up to date with his list of the towers at which he has rung, as considerable additions were made during the day. In the morning a peal of Cambridge was successful on the excellent light eight at St. Ambrose's, Bristol, during which the two invalids of the party were hopefully watching each other for signs of collapse. Both, however, stuck it nobly and the peal duly came round.

The afternoon's programme was a strenuous one, no less than nine of the numerous towers in the heart of Bristol being visited between 3 and 8 o'clock. This was made possible by the willing help of a number of Bristol ringers, who went ahead and raised the bells, and special thanks are due to them for their kindness as well as to the authorities who gave permission for their bells to be rung and the steeplekeepers who met and welcomed the party. In the evening a cinema show was given at the Golden Lion, one of the films including shots of several well-known ringers who had been on another 'week' at Wrington a month previously.

On Thursday the peal band sustained a severe loss when the Rev. B. F. Sheppard, who had been suffering from a badly strained hand, consulted a doctor, who forbade him to ring again during the week. All credit is due to him for the way he rang in two peals to avoid letting the band down, and for carrying on until it was quite obvious that he could not possibly continue. In the morning a peal of Bob Major (instead of Double Norwich, as planned) was rung at Bitton, a fine eight which have been recently augmented, tuned and rehung. In this the president scored his first peal on eight in the tower and his first tower-bell peal since before the war. Later in the day the Guild rang at Marshfield (8) and Swainswick, where a unique frame was inspected with interest—the six bells being hung in three tiers—and finished by ringing on the magnificent heavy eight at Chew Magna. In the evening an attempt was made for a handbell peal, which came to a sudden end after half an hour.

Friday started with Corporate Communion at Wrington at 7.30, and after breakfast tracks were made for Barrow Gurney, where some time was spent rehanging the bells prior to starting for the peal! Unfortunately, however, this work proved to be in vain, as one of the band had to give up after Grandsire Triples had been in progress for two hours. Later in the day the party drove across the Mendips via Burrowing Combe and Cheddar Gorge and rang on the fine eight at Wedmore. Visits were paid to Wookey Hole Caves and Wells Cathedral, and the week finished with ringing at Binegar. In the evening four members sat down with great determination and rang a handbell peal, which came round shortly before midnight.

The party dispersed after breakfast on Saturday after a week which, though strenuous—owing to shortness of numbers there was practically none of the usual sitting out and listening—had been most pleasant and enjoyable.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Maldon, Essex, on Sunday, September 26th, for harvest festival and on occasion of the wedding of Mr. S. C. Card, one of the local ringers, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: P. Raven 1, Miss A. E. Waldo 2, F. White 3, H. J. Mansfield 4, R. Bird (conductor) 5, D. A. Hann 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER

ENJOYABLE FESTIVITIES.

The general hon. secretary and the Dinner Committee of the Worcestershire and Districts Association are to be congratulated on the splendid arrangements they made for a highly successful sixth annual dinner, held on Saturday, September 25th, at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Worcester. Eighty members and visitors sat down to an excellent meal, after ringing at All Saints' (10) and St. John's (8) during the afternoon.

Mr. J. R. Newman presided, and among those present were the Rev. E. G. Benson (Hereford Guild), the Rev. H. B. S. Fowler, Mr. W. Short (Master of the association), Messrs. J. D. Johnson (general hon. secretary), W. H. Johnson (treasurer), E. E. Barber and S. T. Holt (auditors), R. G. Knowles and J. Hemming (freemen), T. Hemming, O. Camm and J. W. Heath (Branch Ringing Masters), J. S. Mason, G. E. Large and J. E. Newman (branch secretaries), C. H. Woodberry (Central Council), W. Ranford and J. Bass (committee), H. H. Fearn and C. Webb (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), G. Lewis (Yorkshire Association) and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. C. A. Binyon, Mrs. J. R. Newman, Miss F. Johnson, Miss C. Heath and others.

Apologies were received from the Dean of Worcester, the Revs. W. Buchanan Dunlop, J. F. Hastings and G. W. Webb (clerical secretary, who, unfortunately, had not recovered from his recent illness), Mr. E. P. Thomas (vice-president), Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas (London), Messrs. L. W. G. Morris (Leeds), J. Pigott, etc.

After the toast of the King had been honoured, 'Church and State' was proposed by Mr. C. A. Binyon (Badsey, Evesham), who said that everything that made life worth living came from two institutions, Church and State. It was a splendid thing for the State to be influenced by the Church, but it was very often the wrong way round when the Church was influenced by the State. Concluding, Mr. Binyon said, 'The Church needs more freedom. She should not be the plaything of any one party. It is her duty boldly to rebuke the vice of high and low, rich and poor.'

A CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Rev. E. G. Benson (Burgbill, Hereford), who responded, said he had had close touch with the Worcestershire Association when at Tewkesbury, and recognised it as a church society. The Church, he said, meant not only bishops, deans, archdeacons and priests, but the whole body of Christian men and women, and we should be proud of it. Members of the Church belong to an ancient society which was in existence long before there was a State in this country, and the best relationship between ancient Christian society and the modern State was when we could be loyal members of both. 'One of the clauses of Magna Charta,' added Mr. Benson, 'says that the Church shall be free, but it is not always the case, very seriously, sometimes, not the case. There may be difficulties in the future about this freedom.' Concluding, the speaker said, 'The ringing of bells does somehow bring Church and State together, as, for instance, at the Coronation this year, when we were symbolically shown the union of the two.'

The next toast, 'The Worcestershire Association,' was proposed by the Chairman. The association, he said, had fulfilled its purposes and was continuing to make progress. He was pleased to say this dinner had drawn a larger gathering than any since the Jubilee Dinner. Mr. Newman said he would like to couple the names of three members with the toast, first, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who had recently celebrated his golden wedding. He was sure they all wished many more years of happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett. The second name was that of Mr. R. G. Knowles, who also had recently celebrated his golden wedding. 'Bob Knowles looks a picture of health and has got into his second wind at over 70 years of age. I am sure we all wish Mr. and Mrs. Knowles many more happy years together.' The third person to be coupled with this toast was Mr. W. Short, Master of the association. 'We congratulate him,' said the speaker, 'upon being the first Worcestershire ringer to ring 900 peals.'

CHAIRMAN'S SERVICES TO THE ASSOCIATION.

After the toast had been enthusiastically drunk, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Selly Oak) responded, remarking that they were all grateful to Mr. Newman for the nice things he had said. They all knew what their chairman had done for the association. It was true to say that during the 30 years Mr. Newman had been general secretary the association had advanced in all directions to what it is to-day, and, he added, 'we will certainly do our best to keep the old flag flying.'

A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung by W. Short 1-2, J. D. Johnson 3-4, Rev. E. G. Benson 5-6, J. Bass 7-8, and C. H. Woodberry 9-10.

Proposing 'Kindred Associations,' Mr. G. E. Large (Western Branch secretary) said it was always a pleasant duty to welcome friends from neighbouring associations. They had with them that night representatives from the St. Martin's Guild, the Hereford Guild, the Yorkshire Association and the Dudley and District Guild. He trusted that as hosts the association were doing their duty well enough to make their visitors want to come again another year. Although they had no representative there from the Ancient Society of College Youths, they had present many who were members of that great society, and he felt they could not let the occasion pass without expressing their admiration for the unique position which that society held to-day. In six weeks' time they would be celebrating their tercentenary by a great gathering in London. In conclusion, Mr. Large

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THE LINCOLNSHIRE TOUR.

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Again they sound and nearer still,
Our anxious hearts with transports fill;
Hark! Hark! the strain that sweetly tells
Of home and friends, those distant bells!

Richards.

The two towers for Friday were Caythorpe and Edenham; a pretty drive in lovely weather and more 'distant spires.' The former church, dedicated to St. Vincent, has a tall, closely crocketed spire. Domesday mentions two churches here before the present one, but of these no trace remains.

There were Rectors from 1221, the earliest recorded Benedict Simon Melbourne, 1419. The present Rector Sherreff is approaching 80 years of age, and is soon retiring. He kindly assented to our visit to the church—strictly limited to 3 hours 20 minutes—and spared his house-keeper, Mrs. Simmons, to help Mrs. Walter at the Red Lion with our excellent dinner at 2 p.m. We had another Lincoln Surprise at the inn, the diameter of the joint disappearing under the skilful hands of Carver Shepherd, who tended his flock liberally. It was a revelation to find how well a country village could provide for 14 hungry people at such short notice.

A good deal of repair work has been done here (in 1842 and 1896) to frame and fittings, etc. When the old bells were restored in 1744 several were retained with new ones by the Whitechapel Foundry (tenor 12 cwt.). The octave was made in 1759 by the generosity of William Wilson, but no trace or any record of the name or family can be discovered locally. In 1913 Messrs. Taylor and Co. made a restoration, recasting the first four bells, with new iron frame complete. By a curious coincidence the oldest bell is dated like the Red Lion Inn, 1639. Forty years ago the Rev. E. Lewis was Vicar and raised £108 for the bells fund.

INTERESTING CHURCH AT EDENHAM.

Edenham has a battlemented tower with four corner pinnacles, but no spire. The church stands on an eminence and effectively spreads the sounds of these fine bells across the sparsely populated parish. Effigies of two monks of Edenham, carved in stone, are recumbent in the tower porch. An altar tomb, standing for years in the churchyard, is now in the church, dated 1307. There is a brass, circa 1500, formerly in a stone frame, on the tower face, probably of St. Thomas-a-Becket. A very large circular font of quaint design and some fine cypress trees in the yard are interesting features. The chancel is crowded with fine carved marble statuary; that to Lord Willoughby de Eresby has the 'storied urn' in centre and seven 'animated busts' in arched form on a slate background. With regard to the bells, Messrs. Taylor, who seem to have been very active in Lincolnshire, carried out restoration in 1931, recasting two trebles and the tenor. The old bell frame, made in 1807, is still in use.

The peal began at 4.30, and I had the pleasure of listening to three hours of Norfolk, with Mrs. Richardson at the helm. The foreman, Mr. A. Holmes, met us, and Vicar Hopkins, also a ringer, was very glad to congratulate us upon the excellent ringing. A new method for the county was thus rung on the same bells on which the late Rev. H. Law James rang his last touch of Stedman. Of the old five bells there were three bellfounders. The tenor, by Thomas Norris in 1636, was reputed to be made with metal from a former bell brought from the neighbouring Abbey of Valle Dei, in Grimsthorpe Park. Whilst having a cup of tea with Mr. Holmes, who has rung 120 peals,

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WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION DINNER.

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pleaded for mutual co-operation on the big scale in order to achieve the aims of every association, and ended with the words, 'Take care of the associations and the art will take care of itself.'

The Rev. H. B. S. Fowler, responding, said he was a ringer from his little toe to the top of his head. When he came to Elmley Castle they for three years rang for Ascension Day as soon as the first sun's rays broke across the sky. He was certain that it was bells that played such a big part in keeping up the Church's festivals; it was bells, too, that helped to keep up the Sabbath, and they should be rung at any rate once for service each Sunday. In conclusion, Mr. Fowler caused much laughter by saying, 'I shall be 79 next month, and I hope you will have learnt something from "that old fool, Fowler."'

A full and varied musical programme was interspersed between the toasts. The Rev. H. B. S. Fowler contributed some of his special brand of songs and yarns, Miss C. Heath gave two piano-acordion solos and a pianoforte solo, and Mr. G. J. Hemming was in great form with a number of songs. Humorous songs were given by Mr. A. L. Carter, and Messrs. V. T. Cullis and G. Forster, as ladies in a sketch entitled 'On the panel,' brought forth much laughter. The Wollaston handbell band played a number of tunes which were thoroughly enjoyed. At 9.55 p.m. the company sang 'Auld Lang Syne,' and finally the National Anthem brought to a close another happy gathering. Amid the general rush for trains and buses, Good-byes were said—some, 'See you at the Easter meeting'—others, 'See you at Kidderminster next Saturday'—while still a few others, 'Cheerio, see you in the morning.'

THE FINALE AT SURFLEET.

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I had a glance at his grandfather's notebook of 1851, which states the bells were rehung in December, 1852, by William Pitts, of Edenhall, and opened January 12th, 1853. A new set of handbells for the society was purchased in 1859 and sold to the Vicar in 1872. The old gentleman's writing was very neat and exact. He had evidently taken some six-bell methods out of the Clavis. He felt the loss of his son at an early age, consoling himself by carrying his young grandson up to the belfry on practice nights. Holmes and Hollis, the Grandsire composer, rang many peals together.

Mr. Bradley, of Folkingham, came to meet us and hear the ringing. At its conclusion, the old inn, the Five Bells, provided a rest and we left at 7 p.m. for Spalding 15 miles away.

For our last day we left the Cross Keys at 9 o'clock and got going in Double Norwich at Sutterton by 10 o'clock. This cruciform church, in late Norman style architecture, has a central ringing room just below the bells and is very, very noisy, like many of the Hampshire ringing rooms. It is a large apartment, about 22ft. square, dark and ill-ventilated, the only light and air coming from the only door from off the transept roof. There is, however, a good circle of ropes and draught, and the bells are in good going order, recent work carried out by Taylors, who recast the 6th and 7th in 1920. Originally six by Penn in 1720, the trebles were added in 1797. John Cabourn, a noted bellhanger and donor of the treble, died in 1813; and the donor of the 2nd, Vicar in 1792, was afterwards consecrated Bishop of Kildare. On concluding the peal the Vicar came to give us a welcome and a compliment. We all signed his visitors' book and he had read 'A Great Adventure.'

At lunch at The Angel, Sutterton, we recovered our normal hearing again and the conductor cleared his throat. Having a naturally deep voice, we got on all right with his 'bobs,' but kept a sharp look out at the 'singles' for a diagram waved by his arm like an 'S.'

The grand finale of the tour was at Surfleet in the afternoon. An attempt for a peal of Grandsire Cinques began at 2.15 p.m. We had to cross the river with its miniature Sydney Harbour bridge—a stream that once nearly saw the end of Frank Hairs—and we recrossed it successfully, thanks to Gabriel's musical brains and lungs. I have only taken part in two of such peals during the past 40 years—rung many miles apart—and in these two peals 17 of my mates have been 'starred.' Like the leaning tower of Pisa, we left St. Lawrence's steeple to hang over for perhaps another three or four centuries; but the old sundial on the south side looks a bit 'squiffy,' for they built it true vertically so as not to rob old 'Tempus' of his honesty. Had the late Vicar of Surfleet never joined the Cambridge University Guild it is doubtful if 12 bells would ever have sounded from its tower. I must not omit to mention that we crossed the road—a few yards

separate the tower and inn—to drink the health of the Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on his birthday and that of the youngest member of the Royal family, Princess Margaret Rose—'May their shadows never grow less!'

At Glyn Garth dinner was served at 7 o'clock, the old mahogany table being extended to suit the titmums extent in the home position. It was a great parting about 11 p.m., after seeing the Rupert Cinematograph, through the smoke, and the farewell handshakes, in hearty appreciation of all the hospitality shown by Mr. and Mrs. Richardson. In and around London there are many ringers who have happy recollections of Surfleet, including our Editor. The Lincoln air is so bracing that most ringers meet with an 'adventure' by car or rail when they come amongst the Fens. Most members of the Ladies' Guild are well domesticated, judging by the number who have said, 'I will,' but how Mrs. Richardson managed to knock off a peal of Cinques between the busy preparations for her guests is a Surfleet wonder.

W. H. F.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Penarth on Saturday, October 2nd, when about 50 members attended. The bells, a new light peal of eight by Taylor, were kept going during the afternoon and evening except during the service, tea and business meeting. The service, fully choral, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. P. Symonds), assisted by his curate. No sermon was preached, but a few words of hearty welcome were offered by the Rector. He said it was a great pleasure to him to see that a service in the church was a feature of the meeting, and he would not hesitate to tell his friends and parishioners that practically every member attended.

Tea was very kindly provided by the ringers, their wives and friends, who also waited at the tea tables.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector, supported by the Master (the Rev. Ivor J. Richards).

Instructors' reports were received, progress being reported from both Cowbridge and Ebbw Vale.

Augmentations and restorations reports were received, the hon. secretary mentioning that the new peal at Ebbw Vale was rung by association members at the dedication service, each member representing a different tower affiliated to the association in both dioceses.

Mr. John, of Llangynwyd, reported that he thought next year would see the completion of the octave in his tower.

The next Monmouthshire meeting is to be held at Blaenavon, and the following Glamorgan meeting at Baglan.

Mr. O. Addams Williams, a keen supporter of the church, bells and ringing, was unanimously elected a honorary life member.

The Master (the Rev. Ivor J. Richards) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and to all the churchworkers who had helped to make such an enjoyable and pleasant meeting.—The Rector responded.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Among the distinguished guests who have promised to attend the tercentenary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on November 6th are the Lord Mayor of London, the Lord Bishop of London, the Duke of Argyll and the Earl of Shaftesbury.

All the tickets for the dinner have been disposed of and further applications will be useless.

'A History of the College Youths' (by J. Armiger Trollope) is now on sale. It can be obtained direct from 'The Ringing World,' Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, price 5s. 6d. post free.

Much regret will be felt that the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson has been seriously ill. He is making slow recovery at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. E. H. Lewis, at Brasted, Kent. Mr. Richardson is Vicar of St. Nicholas', Hereford, and has done much good work in the cause of ringing, which he entered with enthusiasm in his Cambridge University days.

Mr. Charles W. Clarke, of Bedford, now a veteran in the Exercise, is still to be numbered among the conductors. He called a peal in seven Minor methods on October 2nd. He conducted the first peal in Bedfordshire over 50 years ago, and although he does not ring as many five thousands now as he used to do, he has an immense total to his credit. He has not kept a record, but it is thought that his peals must number over a thousand.

CORONATION BELLS DEDICATED.

POOLE'S PEAL INCREASED TO TEN.

Two new trebles have been installed at St. James' Church, Poole, to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI., and were dedicated by the Dean of Salisbury, the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson, D.D., on Saturday, September 25th. In spite of inclement weather, a congregation of nearly 500 was present, the Mayor and Corporation and other civic heads attending.

Immediately after the lesson a well-struck course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by four members of the local band, then followed the hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' during which a procession, including the Dean, the Rector, the Mayor and Sheriff, preceded by macebearers, moved to the porch, where the two new ropes were suspended.

The Mayor handed the ropes to the Dean and requested him to dedicate the two new bells 'to the glory of God, for the use of the church and to commemorate the Coronation of King George VI.'

After the dedicatory prayers a few well-struck rounds were rung by members of the local band, all of whom learned to ring in the tower, and five of whom are choristers, one churchwarden, one vestry clerk and one sidesman.

The Dean gave a very appropriate address based on the text, 'Wist ye not that I must be in my Father's house.' During the interval between the service and tea an opening touch of Stedman Caters was rung, giving all present an opportunity to hear the ten at their best. Nearly 200 sat down to tea in the Guildhall, where the Rector expressed his pleasure at the way in which the people of Poole and old parishioners from all over the country and even abroad had responded to the appeal.

The Mayor said the people of Poole, whatever their denomination, loved to hear their bells.

The Mayoress also paid a compliment to the bells and bellringers of England, and remarked that the bells of Poole could be heard to advantage at any point in the harbour or in the channel outside. Nothing was more beautiful, she said, than to hear the bells of England pealing across the hills and valleys.

Mr. I. Davis, secretary and churchwarden, gave a brief resumé of how the money had been collected, expressing his gratitude to Mr. F. Townsend, Ringing Master, for the great amount of help he had given in organising and collecting. He then asked the Rector to hand a cheque in full discharge of their account to Mr. A. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, thanking him for the splendid way in which the work had been carried out.

The bellfounders have certainly completed their work admirably, not merely adding two trebles, but transforming a good eight into an excellent ten. Everyone agreed that the bells are a splendid splice, and it is interesting to note that seven of the old eight are maiden bells cast in 1621 by William Dobson, of Downham Market.

The founders were represented by Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. A. R. MacDonald and Mr. J. Thomas, who did the installation. Among others present were Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol), Mr. Whitehead (Dover) and Mr. W. Wilson. One other enthusiast cycled from Portsmouth, a distance of 60 miles each way, in drizzling rain. About 50 ringers in all attended from Bournemouth (St. John's and St. Peter's), Christchurch, Wyke Regis, Lytchett Minster, Lytchett Matravers, Ringwood, Wareham, Swanage and other towers, and ringing continued until 9 p.m., the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS' REUNION. PRESIDENT OF HOBART ASSOCIATION ENTERTAINED.

Gifts For St. David's Cathedral.

Three years ago, at this time, a little band of ringers were on their way from the Motherland to Australia, to take part in the Melbourne centenary celebrations and to visit the scattered churches of the Commonwealth where peals of bells exist. Each year since the party have been able to gather for a reunion, and when they met for the purpose last Saturday in London they had the privilege of entertaining the Ven. Archdeacon Blackwood, of Hobart, Tasmania, Mrs. Blackwood and Miss M. E. Blackwood, who came over for the Coronation and are returning to their distant home a fortnight hence. It was a special pleasure to have them as guests, for the Archdeacon, as president of the Holy Trinity Bellingers' Association of Hobart, was, with Mr. Ray Wilson (the hon. secretary), behind the planning of the wonderful hospitality provided for the tourists when they were in Tasmania. And it was as members of the Holy Trinity Association that the party held this year's reunion.

They first of all met at St. George's Church, Southwark, for a peal of Stedman Triples, through the kindness of the Rector, and of Mr. W. Bottrill, who made the arrangements for them. Unfortunately the peal was lost through a trip, which led to a change course, but other ringing took place afterwards and concluded with a quarter-peal of Stedman in honour of and to welcome the Archdeacon, who arrived at the church while the bells were ringing. Mr. Bottrill stayed throughout the afternoon and his attentions were very much appreciated.

Later the party gathered at the Howard Hotel, Norfolk Street, W.C., for dinner, and were joined by other guests. The company, presided over by the Rev. E. Banks James, included the Ven. Archdeacon Blackwood, Mrs. Blackwood, Miss Blackwood, Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mrs. A. A. Hughes, Mrs. O. Peake and the following members of the party who, with the chairman, made the journey to Australia: Mr. Rupert Richardson, Mrs. Richardson and Miss Enid Richardson (Surfleet, Lincs), Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough, Bucks), Mr. R. Maude (Pudsey, Yorks), Mr. W. Liuter (Fareham, Hants), Mr. C. Sharples (Blackpool, Lancs), Mr. G. Martin (Maidenhead, Berks), Mr. J. Hardcastle (Bradford, Yorks), and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking, Surrey). Mrs. Sharples was, unfortunately, prevented from being present. Before dinner began, Miss Enid Richardson handed to Mrs. Blackwood a bouquet of chrysanthemums, brought by Mr. Fussell, and a cable of greeting and good wishes was dispatched to the members of the association in Hobart. After the meal the loyal toast was honoured, and a cordial welcome was offered to the guests.

WELCOME TO GUESTS.

The Chairman recalled the warm welcome given everywhere in Australia to the ringing tourists on their visit, but nowhere, he said, did they receive a more cordial welcome than in Hobart. He remembered how, when their train arrived at the railway station, their friends rushed to greet them and handed them free passes granted by the authorities to enable them to use the trams. Then they carried them off in motor-cars (laughter). Throughout their stay they were lionised and everything was done to add to their enjoyment.

They were only too pleased that evening, he continued, to welcome to their midst in this country the Archdeacon, Mrs. and Miss Blackwood (applause). It was a great treat to have them there as their guests, for they (the ringers) would never forget the kindnesses they received on their visit to Hobart (applause).

The Chairman also welcomed Mr. Lewis as president of the Central Council, whom he knew as a fellow-member of Cambridge University Guild long before he succeeded to his present official position. They also welcomed Mrs. Hughes, a representative of the oldest firm in the whole of the city of London, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, which had sent bells to every part of the world and cast the bells of Holy Trinity Church, Hobart, on which some of those present rang two peals while they were in Tasmania.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who supported the chairman's welcome, reminded those present that that was their third reunion, and on each occasion they had had the privilege of entertaining guests from overseas. On the first occasion they had with them Mr. Malcolm Taylor, of Hobart. Last year the Rev. R. and Mrs. Sherwood were their guests. Although they had just returned to settle in England, they were at Melbourne during the ringers' visit, and Mr. Sherwood was the link with the Cathedral Chapter. This year they were delighted to have with them the Archdeacon, Mrs. and Miss Blackwood, whose presence recalled again the wonderful hospitality and lavish entertainment showered on them in Tasmania and for which they indebtedness to the Archdeacon and Mr. Wilson particularly could never be adequately repaid. Mr. Goldsmith reminded the company of the parochial, civic and ecclesiastical welcomes which were extended to them, the reception by the Governor (Sir E. Clarke), the excursions to the beauty spots of the island and of the no less enjoyable but more intimate frolics at the homes of some of the ringers. Each of their party, he said, would have liked to show their visitors personal hospitality, but the strenuous activities of their time in England made this impossible, so the ringers asked them to accept this collective

gesture of their delight at having them among them. When they returned to Tasmania, he asked them to convey their warmest greetings to their fellow-members in Hobart and their good wishes in the uphill struggle they were having in mastering the art of change ringing.

A RELIC OF TINTERN ABBEY.

Mr. W. H. Fussell, in supplementing the welcome, also referred to the magnificent reception given to the English ringers in Tasmania. He said there was one incident which struck him particularly, and that was that the Governor of Tasmania took the trouble to have the bell on the roof of Government House brought down, so that they might examine it at close quarters. It was placed on a table in the hall and he managed to sound it and add one more to his list of interesting bells.

From the Governor, the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral, the Rector of Holy Trinity and the Holy Trinity Association they received nothing but kindness—indeed, their visit was one grand march. It made him long to go back, but he was afraid, at his time of life, he must not look forward to it.

Mr. Fussell reminded the company that Hobart was situated in the county of Buckingham. He did not know how it came by that name, but as he was born in the county of Buckingham, England, he felt a sort of affinity with the people in Tasmania, and in recognition of the kindness they experienced there he was asking the Archdeacon to take back to St. David's Cathedral a volume dealing with the history, the founders and the inscriptions of the bells of Buckinghamshire, England. If the book were placed in the Chapter Library it might prove very useful for reference and assist the authorities in Tasmania at any time they were going to consider putting up bells. Only 50 copies of this book, published in 1887, were printed, and it was, he thought, one of the best works on church bells ever written. He hoped the Archdeacon would carry it back with him with the best wishes of the English ringers. He had also brought with him another little gift for the Cathedral in the hope that it would be treasured there. It was an original tile from Tintern Abbey, Monmouthshire. The first service in the Abbey was held in 1268, and the tile was one of the paving pieces laid in the sanctuary. He saw it dug up when workmen were cleaning the ground round the foundations. In St. David's Cathedral, Hobart, there were other pieces from famous English ecclesiastical buildings, and he hoped this tile might find a place among them (applause).

They were met again as a happy family, continued Mr. Fussell, glad to welcome their Tasmanian guests. They were also pleased to have with them a 'bell foundress,' whose foundry supplied the bells to Holy Trinity Church. Also they welcomed Mr. Lewis, who had served the art in many ways. Not only was he president of the Central Council, but his work had saved many towers and belfries from being closed through structural difficulties. If they had a man like Mr. Lewis in Australia and Tasmania, it might lead to the restoration and augmentation of the bells in many churches.

The toast of 'Our Guests' was drunk with musical honours.

STIMULUS OF THE PILGRIMAGE.

The Archdeacon replied. Everywhere they had gone in the 'home-land,' he said, they had received the warmest welcome. They had had a wonderful time, but best of all was the cordiality of the welcome that night from their old ringing friends who made the pilgrimage in 1934. They appreciated to the full the extreme kindness of the thought that was behind that reunion. It was one of the greatest joys they had had in their trip to England to meet the old faces, and the young faces, that had greeted them that night. They remembered the pleasant time they had when the ringers visited Hobart and the stimulus that was given to the local ringers. They had not got as far as five thousand changes yet, but they were making progress and hoped to achieve it some day. The ringing at Holy Trinity had much improved as a result of the visit. Another direct result of the visit was that their splendid Cathedral, which was now complete with its new tower, had eight bells that could be rung, that could be turned upside down (laughter), as well as five that could be 'rung a little bit' (laughter). He believed that the eight ringing bells were due entirely to their visit.

The Archdeacon added that he was very pleased to meet Mrs. Hughes, who was connected with the ancient firm that cast the bells for Hobart 90 years ago. He hoped Mrs. Hughes would convince her firm that what they needed was a bell foundry in Australia. They were still 98 per cent. British stock there and he hoped they would always remain a 'white Australia.' What they wanted was not farmers—they could already produce more than enough from the land for their needs—but industrialists who would set up factories and bring out their men and the families. He thought they would never go ahead with bells in Australia until they got a bell foundry out there, with, behind it, the knowledge and skill of craftsmen from home. At present there were high duties on bells imported into Australia and that made them very expensive adjuncts to the Church.

The Archdeacon spoke of the bells, which, he said, were so characteristic of England, and which he had heard in so many places during his travels. He referred also to the splendid service which ringers were rendering to the Church and to the spirit of freemasonry which existed between them. He had that day received a letter from Mr. Malcolm Taylor, who was at present in Glasgow, and regretted he could not join them, who wrote of the way in which he had been

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S ADVICE.

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received by the ringers in England. They gave him a wonderful welcome and particularly in Kent he had made many friends.

Bellringers, added the Archdeacon, were doing a great work for God and His Church. They were helping to keep alive the sense of God and religion in the country to-day when there was a tendency to back away from it. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that another visit of ringers would be paid to Australia and that it would not be many years before they in Tasmania would have the pleasure and privilege of receiving them again.

Mr. E. H. Lewis expressed his gratitude at having been asked to join the 'family party.' He had heard a lot about the trip to Australia which had made him feel envious. He would have liked to make the journey, but that was quite impossible. He thought it was a very good thing that the visit was made. It must have stimulated ringing on the other side of the world. It would be a very good thing if similar visits could be made to other distant places, such as Vancouver or South Africa. He had long had a wish to go over to America to see something of the bells out there and to see if they could not stimulate ringing in the States. Recently in 'The Ringing World' there was an article on this question of ringing in the outposts of the Empire and some opinions were expressed as to how ringing might be encouraged. But there was one thing he did not see mentioned, and, if ever a tour were undertaken again, he hoped an effort would be made to give ringers an insight into handbell ringing. One of the difficulties was to keep a band of ringers together. It was very disheartening, when they had eight ringers, for one or two to drop out, and they had to start again right from the beginning. It might take a year or two to build up the band again. To maintain interest there was nothing like handbell ringing, and if there were only three left they could still provide themselves with an infinite amount of interest and amusement with the handbells.

Continuing, Mr. Lewis said he felt he had some connection with the Holy Trinity Association, for, at Christmas for the last two years, he had received a card from the ringers there and he appreciated it very much indeed. It was very nice to feel that they were in close touch with the ringers of this country (applause).

Mr. Goldsmith announced letters of regret for absence from the Rev. R. Sherwood and Canon Coleridge, and said he had recently received a letter conveying greetings from Mr. Arthur Savage, of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne.

After the speeches, the proceedings became quite informal, giving those present the opportunity of mixing freely. Mrs. Hughes, with Mrs. Peake at the piano, delighted the company with selections on handbells, which all, and particularly the overseas visitors, greatly appreciated. She played a number of pieces with that grace and charm which has become so well known among ringers and which is now giving pleasure to vast audiences through a film in which Mrs. Hughes performs on her bells.

During the evening Grandsire Caters and touches of Bob Major were rung on the handbells that made the journey to Australia with the tourists and which were used during a service in Holy Trinity Church, Hobart. The evening would not have been complete without a repetition of the 'turn' by Messrs. Fussell and Martin, who, 'four-in-hand,' had delighted many an audience in Australia and on the seas as well.

Great interest was taken in the copy of the first 'Tintinnologia' (1667), which Mr. Lewis brought for inspection. It is the best preserved of the only three copies now known. Altogether the party spent a very happy evening, which drew to a close all too soon.

ESSEX AND SUFFOLK TOWERS VISITED.

Dagenham ringers spent their annual outing in visiting towers in Essex and Suffolk. They left at 8.15 a.m. and called first at St. Paul's, Bocking, where everything was in readiness to start ringing on the fine peal of eight. Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, and the youngest member, John Day, made his debut in the realms of eight-bell ringing with a very creditable performance, ringing the treble to a touch of Grandsire Triples. A run through the beautiful country on the borders of Essex and Suffolk brought the party to Lavenham at midday. Some visited the historical places of this old-world town, others climbed the great height of the magnificent church tower, which is a landmark for many miles round.

After lunch the visitors rang on the celebrated bells—one of the most glorious peals in England—touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob. Leaving Lavenham with regret, they went on to Clare, reached by an hour's perfect ride through beautiful country, and, everything being found in readiness, touches were rung on this grand ring of bells (tenor 28 cwt.). After tea the journey was continued to Castle Hedingham. Here, there being no local ringers, the visitors had a cordial reception from the Vicar, and further good ringing, including Oxford Treble Bob, took place. After lowering the bells a run of 40 miles brought the party back to Dagenham, after a most enjoyable excursion. The arrangements were made by Mr. James Bullock, on behalf of the local secretary, and the Dagenham men desire to express their thanks to the clergy and ringing masters at the various towers visited.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD BELLS RECAST.

A WOODEN FRAME INSTALLED.

The bells of Wheathampstead Parish Church, Herts, have been recast and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The original ring of six was cast by R. Phelps in 1717, but the back five were recast in 1885 by Messrs. Warner and Sons. When, a year or so ago, application was made to the Consistory Court to permit recasting the bells and rehanging them in an iron frame on steel girders, the Chancellor of the Diocese (Mr. Kenneth Macmorran) declared that his whole nature rose up against the proposal to put such a frame in the belfry, and he said he was simply amazed that the Parochial Church Council wanted to do it.

As a result the Bells Restoration Committee decided to have fresh plans prepared for a wooden frame and supports. Although this involved increased expenditure, generous subscribers came to the aid of the fund and the work has been carried out.

The new frame, the bells and the fittings are an excellent example of the work for which the firm of Messrs. John Taylor is famous. The treble bell bears the inscription: 'Thomas Crouch gent: benefactor towards these six bells. R. Phelps Fecit 1717.'

In the recasting the founders reproduced the following almost unintelligible inscription which appeared on the waist of the fifth bell: 'Hae Campanae Quinque Cadito Metallo in Sex Dilatabantur Muneribus Diversorum Collectis Studio et Opera Riccardi Crouch Generosi.'

The tenor bell, which weighs 14 cwt. 22 lb., bears the following inscription:—

'Richard Phelps made me 1717. Edward Wake, D.D., Rector, Richard Crouch Gent, Thomas Street, Churchwardens. This ring was partly recast and rehung A.D. 1885. Owen W. Davys, M.A., Rector; John Nash, John Ransome, Churchwardens.'

On the opposite side of the waist is the following: 'This peal of six bells was recast July 23rd, 1937. A. M. Baird-Smith, Rector; J. T. M. Campbell, G. Norbury, Churchwardens.'

The bells were dedicated on Sunday morning, September 19th, by the Bishop of Bedford. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. M. Baird-Smith.

The Bishop, in his address, spoke of the summons of church bells and the growing apathy towards church-going. In some outspoken sentences the Bishop addressed those who were present for the special occasion. 'If everybody treated the church as you are in the habit of treating it,' he said, 'what would happen to it?' The easiest way to destroy a church was to do nothing about it; just let it be. An increasing number of people were letting it be. One of the things that showed they appreciated their privileges was that they used them. There was the church in their midst; and he reminded them that every privilege carried with it responsibilities.

After the services the bells were rung to Grandsire Doubles by the local band: W. Folds (foreman), F. Ivory, C. Bradley, F. G. Edmunds, W. Bygrave, F. Kelvey and S. Thornton.

The Bells Committee have presented a table bell, suitably inscribed, a replica of one in the tower and cast from the same metal, to Mr. Leslie Carter, whose services as architect have proved of such value. They have also given to Mr. W. J. Housden, the hon. secretary, an inscribed silver cigarette case in gratitude for the invaluable work he has done.

MISSING KEYS.

FAIRFORD RINGERS OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Fairford, with a few friends, held their annual outing on Saturday, September 4th. Starting at 7.50 a.m., a lovely ride brought them to Harwell at 9 a.m., and the nice peal of eight was soon going to some good ringing. At Blewbury, the next stop, the church was open, but the lower key could not be found. The head ringer's house, the clerk's and the clock winder's were tried in vain, so a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in the churchyard. Since the visit the ringers have heard from the Vicar that he had given permission to a lady artist to go on the tower to paint a picture. The lady had locked the tower door inside and was busy painting her picture while the ringers waited. She much regrets locking the door.

East Hagbourne was next visited by the ringers, who were met by Mr. Webb. He had got a key and some nice ringing took place on this peal of eight. At Wallingford, where lunch was taken, the head ringer with the key was lost, but the Vicar soon found another key. Ringing was curtailed here owing to a wedding, but no one grumbled, for the tenor did not go well. The journey was resumed to Beusson, where there is a nice peal of eight, going the 'opposite' way, which took a little getting used to, but some good ringing was enjoyed. Tea at Dorchester was followed by a visit to the Abbey Church, a fine old building, with a nice-toned peal of eight. Abingdon was reached at scheduled time, but, owing to serious illness near St. Helen's Church, ringing on the peal of ten was not possible, so the visitors went to St. Nicolas' Church, containing a ring of six—quite a ladies' peal—which they enjoyed very much indeed. After supper and handbell ringing at the King's Head and Bear, the party started for home at 10 p.m., and arrived at Fairford at 11 o'clock, tired but happy. The methods rung were Stedman, Grandsire and Canterbury Doubles, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**DIAMOND JUBILEE GATHERING AT DURHAM.**

The diamond jubilee festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Durham on Saturday, September 25th. It was appropriate that the festival should be held in this city in view of the fact that when the association was founded in 1877, prior to the formation of the Diocese of Newcastle, it was called the 'Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.'

Favoured with a fine day, a gathering of 75 members, representing 24 towers, assembled in the ancient city. The festival service was held in conjunction with the Cathedral evensong, and the music and singing of the far-famed choir was an inspiration to those whose good fortune it was to be present. The address was delivered by the Archdeacon of Auckland (the Ven. Leslie Owen), who took for his text the words 'Remembrancers of Christ.' The Archdeacon pointed out how the work of ringers was in no small measure responsible for the spreading of the Gospel, and how much their work was appreciated by the Church.

The dinner, followed by the annual meeting, took place in the Three Tuns Hotel, and was presided over by the president (Councillor Arthur Payne, O.B.E., J.P.), supported by the Archdeacon of Auckland, Canon Stephenson (Gateshead), Mr. R. Park (hon. secretary), Mr. W. N. Park (hon. treasurer), Mr. C. L. Routledge (hon. editorial secretary), Mr. W. Story, J.P., and Mr. John Anderson (past presidents).

In a message of welcome to the Archdeacon, the President said how greatly the association appreciated his presence, as well as the very appropriate address given in the Cathedral. He extended the thanks of the members to the Archdeacon and to all the authorities of the Cathedral who had co-operated in assuring the success of the service.

The Archdeacon responded and apologised for the absence of the Dean of Durham (Dr. Alington), who was unfortunately indisposed. He went on to reiterate how the Church appreciated the work of ringers, and said he noted with pleasure the presence of many young ringers. He further stated that the sound of the bells always recalled happy memories, because it was to the sound of the bells of a Cathedral that, on the happiest day of his life, he walked for the first time with his wife on his arm.

A 'NOT TOO SUCCESSFUL' YEAR.

The secretary's annual report was presented and adopted. This stated that the year had not been too successful, especially in regard to the meetings, which were very meagrely attended, and it was to be hoped that the members would endeavour to ensure the success of the meetings to be held during the coming year.

The secretary pointed out that in past years the association had made ringing history, and urged the members to assimilate the truths contained in the article entitled 'This means you,' published in 'The Ringing World' and reprinted in the association's last report by kind permission of the Editor.

The treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £76 10s. 10d.

The Sunday service ringing scheme maintained the level of the three preceding years. Whitley Bay topped the 8, 10 and 12 bell section for the second successive year with a score of 1,386 points, with North Shields a close second, having recorded 1,322 points. Holy Trinity, Darlington, again led the six-bell section with 1,543 points, an increase of 300 on last year, Benfieldside being second, having scored 988 points, 200 more than last year.

The peal report, compiled by Mr. Routledge, stated that the number of peals rung during the year was 23, a decrease of five on last year. Fourteen of last year's peals, however, were rung by the touring band, so actually the number of peals rung showed an increase of nine. There was not a monopoly in this direction, as a good number of ringers took part, the conducting was evenly distributed, and the peals were rung in about 50 per cent. of the towers in union.

In accordance with rule, Mr. Payne relinquished the presidency at this meeting, and Mr. Murray D. Oubridge, of Gosforth, was unanimously elected to this office. Mr. Oubridge asked the members to support him in his efforts, and said that he would endeavour to uphold the traditions of the association.

The hon. secretary, hon. treasurer, hon. editorial secretary and hon. auditor were re-elected en bloc, as were the Peal Referees Committee (Messrs. W. H. Barber, J. W. Parker, J. E. Keen and W. J. Davidson).

A SURVIVING ORIGINAL MEMBER.

The passing of three members during the year was noted with regret—the Rev. H. A. Mackenzie, Vicar of Benfieldside, an honorary member since 1925; Mr. W. Brown, of Chester-le-Street, a member since 1884 and one of the founders of the Wednesday Guild; and Mr. T. Clark, of Darlington, a member since 1898 and a former vice-president. To those left behind the association tendered their deepest sympathy.

The members heard with pleasure that Mr. William Newton, of Stockton-on-Tees, the sole surviving original member of the association, had reached his 81st birthday, and Mr. T. Wick, of Shildon, his 80th birthday. Amidst applause, 'Many happy returns' were wished these old friends.

Mr. W. Story proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring officers, for whom Mr. C. L. Routledge responded. Mr. Story also addressed a welcome to Canon Stephenson, M.A. (Rector of Gateshead), a staunch supporter of the association, and the Canon responded in his own inimitable style.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DISTRICT WELCOMED TO CAMPSALL.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Campsall on October 2nd, a perfect autumn day, and was attended by ringers from Arksey, Beverley Minster, Burghwallis, Conisborough, Doncaster, Hemmingbrough, Hebble, Hull, Kirk Ella, Pontefract, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet and the local company.

Twenty-seven sat down to an excellent tea at the Old Bells Inn. At the business meeting, over which the Vicar (the Rev. W. Abel Turner) presided, and held in the Church Hall, one new member, Mr. Charles Ellerington, of Beverley Minster, was elected.

Howden was suggested as the next place of meeting.

A vote of condolence with the relatives of Mr. C. P. Bradley, of Beverley Minster company, an old member of the association, who passed away after a brief illness, was recorded, the members present standing as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

In replying to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells and for presiding over the meeting, the Vicar welcomed the members to Campsall. He said the bells were at their disposal at any time for a meeting, and he hoped to see the association at his church again in the near future.

A vote of thanks to the local company was also passed.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. B. Cook, of Hull, Mr. A. E. West, of Sutton-on-Hull, and Mr. G. Halksworth, of Doncaster.

The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob, Little Bob, St. Clement's, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, the bells being kept going till 8.30 p.m., when a very pleasant meeting terminated.

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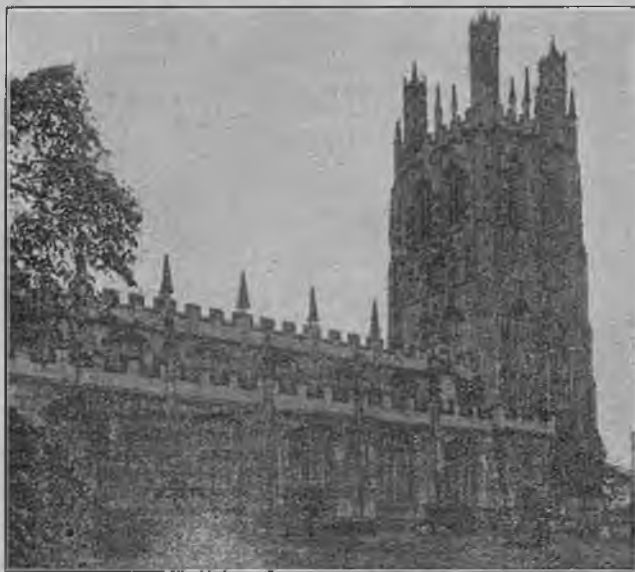
During the evening Mr. E. A. Gallimore, of Durham Cathedral choir, rendered songs to the great enjoyment of the meeting, his own compositions regarding the activities of certain members and 'The Surprise Ringer' bringing the house down.

The meetings for the ensuing year were arranged to be held in the following places: Special, Bishop Auckland (at the invitation of the Vicar); pre-Lent, Whitley Bay; pre-Whitsun, Darlington; summer, Sunderland; annual, Newcastle.

CHESHIRE AND NORTH WALES TOUR.

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN A WEEK OF TRAVEL.

After the enjoyable tour in Northern Ireland undertaken last year by Mr. C. T. Coles and his party, it seemed only natural that North Wales should be visited in 1937, and, after a few inquiries as to the possibilities of peal ringing had been made, this district was chosen. To start with, a long week-end in Chester was decided upon, to be followed by a run westward to Barmouth, thence to Aberystwyth, and finally to Llandudno and Rhyl. The towers in the Chester district were fixed up through the agency of Mr. R. Sperring, whilst Mr. W. Cathrall made himself responsible for those in the area of the North Wales Association.



THE FINE TOWER OF WREXHAM CHURCH.

Headquarters for the first three days was the Washington Hotel, Chester, a very comfortable and central place, where every consideration was shown. By lunch time on Saturday, September 11th, most of the party had arrived, according to schedule, and at three o'clock met Mr. J. Swindley at St. Mary's-without-the-Walls for the first peal. Here there is a musical octave by Mears and Stainbank, 1887, a Queen Victoria jubilee peal, the tenor weighing a few pounds under a ton. A good peal of Superlative turned out to be Rupert's 650th peal, and at night the town was illuminated in his honour!

The evening's entertainment included the first performance (this year) of their famous disappearing trick by 'The Two Leslies,' assisted by 'The Gay Lindy.' This performance was repeated on many occasions during the following week, and never on any occasion failed to gain applause, even if the applause was only an expression of relief at their reappearance when hope had almost been abandoned.

The programme for Sunday included a visit to the Cathedral, where touches of Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung; whilst in the afternoon a peal of Cambridge Major was rung at Pulford, after a very cordial welcome had been received from the Rector, the Rev. P. G. Lowndes.

Unfortunately the afternoon and evening turned out very wet, and the illuminations (and other attractions) in the town were visited only by a few. During the evening a somewhat mysterious telephone message was received, which appeared to come from a lady enjoying the name of Birdwhistle, who was inquiring after a certain bachelor member of the party with a view to a meeting. The bachelor in question, on hearing of the message, promptly intimated that he would not go out again that evening for anybody, and at once put on his slippers as proof of his determination. It was strongly suspected that the once famous Kate had turned up again.

On Monday, September 13th, the programme included visits to Eccleston and Christleton. At the former place, with a band strengthened by the inclusion of Mr. J. C. E. Simpson, a good peal of London was rung in 3 hours and 19 minutes. Mr. G. Jones, the towerkeeper, was courtesy itself, and did not forget to point out the memorial tablet to the late Henry W. Wilde, which is fixed on the inner wall of the church at the base of the tower in which he did so much good work. The bells are a very fine eight by Taylor, with a tenor weighing 26½ cwt.

At Christleton the party was joined by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, and welcomed by Mr. Griffiths. Here Superlative was rung in nine minutes under three hours on bells recast at Loughborough in 1928 and now hanging in ball bearings. After the peal the company, together with

friends from Chester, was entertained to tea by Mr. H. A. Heywood, cousin of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, and also met the Rector, the Rev. A. A. Guest-Williams. Mr. Heywood was interested to hear that some of the visitors had known the late Sir Arthur.

At Northop, Flintshire, the next morning, the Rev. C. Mostyn Davies (Rector) greeted the party, and on a musical octave from Whitechapel the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major by the North Wales Association was rung. Lunch at the Chester headquarters was a prelude to a good-bye to that picturesque town and to the long run round Wales. Wrexham, reached about 4.30 p.m., was found to be gaily decorated, and even the hotel people were in a state of great excitement. First thoughts, however, turned out to be very wide of the mark—the truth being that a carnival was to be held in the town next day, whilst a wedding reception was taking place at the hotel. A party of ringers was, therefore, of no account at all!

The noble tower of St. Giles', Wrexham, contains a fine peal of ten by Rudhall, which were rehung in 1907 by Mears and Stainbank, and the tenor again later by Taylors. Mr. W. Jones (steeplekeeper) and Mr. W. Cathrall (hon. secretary, North Wales Association) met the party in the tower, and after the usual rope adjustments, etc., had been completed, a very good peal of Stedman Caters was rung in 3 hours and 10 minutes.

Wednesday, September 15th, was the first of the really busy days, especially for the three car drivers, Messrs. G. R. Pye and R. Richardson and the Rev. C. E. Wigg. As over 60 miles had to be travelled and two peals rung, an early departure from Wrexham was imperative. Rupert was therefore appointed O.C. transport for the rest of the week, with an exhortation that it was his duty to see that running times were adhered to, and on no occasion could it be said that he failed in his job.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Llangollen was reached by 8.30 a.m., and by 9 o'clock London was being well struck on a very fine toned peal by Taylor, 1887. Alas! by 10.30 all was over—the peal attempt was only an attempt. No time was lost, however, in vain regrets; it was decided that Barmouth, 50 miles away, should be reached as early as possible. One car party nearly did not reach that town at all, for Rupert, on the way out of Llangollen, was almost run into by a car doing a little bit of red light shooting at high speed. Fortunately, Rupert himself was going slowly and was able to pull up sharply, but only about a yard separated his car party from a nasty bump, and perhaps no more peals for that week, to say the least of it.

Travelling past Bala Lake, through Dolgelly and over the picturesque road to Barmouth, with many needless 30-mile limit signs on hills and double-S bends, the latter town was reached by 3 o'clock. Here the towerkeeper met the visitors, and a good peal of Cambridge was rung in about 3½ hours. Some of those resting had an entertaining talk with the Rector, Canon R. Hughes Williams, during the progress of this peal, and could wish most sincerely that there were many more clergy with such an interest in bells as he proved to have.

Next day another early start was necessary, Machynlleth being 26 miles away, through some very difficult country. At this church there is a mixed ring of eight, some by Barwell, and on these bells the first peal of Bristol in the county of Montgomery was rung. Llanbadarn, near Aberystwyth, was the next objective, and at St. Padarn's Church a peal of Superlative was completed. Six of the bells are by Rudhall and two by Warner; all were rehung on ball bearings by Mears and Stainbank about 15 years ago. They go very well, but are hung in the middle of a huge tower with three small windows on 'eye level,' consequently a good light is difficult, especially with the sun shining through one window. The Rector, the Rev. D. James Jones, met the ringers after the peal, and gave a special welcome to the lady member of the band, and to Gabriel Lindoff, whom he remembered from a meeting about eight years ago.

During the progress of this peal a bachelor, a real lady's man, escorted the two non-ringing lady members of the party on a trip to Devil's Bridge. We wonder what Miss Birdwhistle will say?

Portmadoc, 60 miles away, was reached by 10.45 next morning after a run through some very fine country, with the Cader Idris at first in front, then to the left and finally, still towering, far in the rear. How difficult it is to get away from such a giant! Another attempt for London was made at Portmadoc, on a light Warner octave, but this came to grief, curiously enough, in the same course as at Llangollen.

Every cloud has a silver lining, however, and the failure gave a little more time for the difficult journey to Bangor, 30 miles further on. Part of this journey was made through splendid mountainous country, with Snowdon away to the right, whilst further on a glimpse of Caernarvon Castle was obtained.

Bangor was reached by 3.50, and here Mr. Wigg had to make his departure, having received an urgent message which caused his return to his parish. The rest of the party very much regretted his going, and wished him a safe run on his long journey south. At St. David's Church, Mr. A. E. Pegler had all ready, and a peal of Cambridge Major was rung in just under 3 hours, on a ring of eight from Whitechapel in 1888. This peal was Jim Shepherd's 400th. Mr. Pegler assisted by ringing the treble, and helped to release the two Leslies and the Gay Lindy for a really long disappearing act. Indeed, they disappeared all the way to Beaumaris, where they appear to have

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A BLIND RINGER.

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made a vain attempt to obtain permission to ring a peal! This effort, however well intentioned, nearly lost them their dinner, which had almost disappeared when they made a somewhat belated return.

The Railway Hotel at Bangor contains some relics of the past, one of which is said to be Queen Anne's bed. Some amusement was caused by Rupert trying to get into this bed (Queen Anne is dead, of course!), and much advice was given him as to the best way to get in, and when in, to stay there. We understand that later on he actually did get in—indeed, he must have done, for next morning he said that he had no sleep all night, the bed was as old as Queen Anne. The famous tenor measurer was requisitioned to measure the bed, which turned out to be 6ft. across, with four thick corner up-rights about a foot square. It was just as well, too, for if the heavy top had fallen in there would not have been much left of anybody underneath, even of Rupert.

Saturday, September 18th, the last day of the tour, brought the party to Llandudno, where, at Holy Trinity Church, Superlative was rung on a fine peal of eight, from Loughborough in 1893. This was the first Surprise peal on the bells, and Bob Pye's 1,800th. These bells were given by Herbert and Catherine Keeling, and now hang as a memorial to the donors.

Previous to the peal being started, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, by request, with Mr. G. Bromley, a blind ringer, on the sixth. It was interesting to notice his keenness and enthusiasm and the way in which he has conquered a great physical handicap. He should become quite a good ringer. He remained in the church, or in the vicinity of the tower, for the whole of the peal, listening to the music of the bells. From a conversation with him it transpired that his greatest difficulty is striking his bell properly when the other bells are not being rung with a good beat. It was quite evident from observation, however, that his hearing is so acute that his striking would not spoil any ringing done by a band of good strikers.

After the peal the visitors, together with Mr. A. E. Peglar and Mr. S. Brown (the towerkeeper), were entertained to lunch by the Rector (Canon Rowlands) and the churchwardens, Messrs. A. M. Davies and R. Royle.

The last fixture of the tour had to be abandoned. Rhyl was the original tower, but permission was withdrawn. Buckley was substituted, but very regretfully it was decided that it was too far away. Eight of the band, however, went to Bodellwyddan, near Rhyl, where is the famous marble church, and obtained permission for a short ring. A very musical peal was found, tenor 14½ cwt., by Mears and Stainbank, the treble, fourth and tenor 1860, the others 1872. Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were the methods rung, and a local ringer entered the tower and said enthusiastically, 'That's what I call ringing.' With this the tour ended. Seven counties were visited, eleven peals rung out of thirteen attempts, whilst nine members of the band shared in the conducting, eight proving successful.

The thanks of the whole party are due to Mr. Robert Sperring and Mr. James Swindley for arrangements made in Chester and district; to Mr. W. Cathall for so much trouble taken in fixing up peals in a district where very few towers with bells are to be found; to the many clergy and towerkeepers for their permission and assistance; and to those kind friends who gave hospitality at Christleton and Llandudno. The three car drivers, too, deserve most sincere thanks for the hard work put in. To drive anything from 50 to 100 miles, and perhaps stand in two peals, is no bad day's work for any man. And drivers do not see the best of the scenery, especially when a bend on the road has to be negotiated about every 100 yards. So here's to the drivers!

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 18th. Forty-five members and friends were present from 16 towers, namely, Appleby Magna, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Burslem, Burton-on-Trent, Cheadle, Derby, Exhall, Leek, Longton, Newcastle, Norton, Oversenle, Uttoxeter, Stone, Stoke-on-Trent and Tunstall.

A service was held conducted by the Rev. W. E. Charlton (Vicar of Uttoxeter). The Vicar extended a warm welcome to all present and referred to the loss of Mr. R. G. Lewis since the last meeting at Uttoxeter. Mr. R. G. Lewis was not only a good ringer, but a very good churchman and had been greatly missed.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and ringers for the use of the bells.

Mr. J. W. Cotton, hon. secretary of the Burton-on-Trent District of the Midland Counties Association, expressed the pleasure of the visitors at being present.

Four new members were elected, viz., F. G. Parker, L. A. Smart, F. L. Oliver and F. Oliver, all of Uttoxeter.

Touches in the following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich Major, Leek and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Mr. A. D. Steel took over the official duty of Ringing Master for eight-bell towers, for the first time, and discharged the office very successfully.

A RECORD OF FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE.**PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED AT CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY.**

Two interesting peal boards were unveiled at the Priory Church, Christchurch, on September 18th. One recorded the peal of Bob Maximus, rung by the local band on April 14th, 1937, the first by the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, in honour of the jubilee of Mr. George Preston, a ringer for 50 years at this church. The other board recorded a peal of Grandsire Cinques, in which six ringers rang their first peal on twelve bells.

Many visiting ringers attended the ceremony, and among those present were the Vicar of Christchurch (Canon Gay, R.D., C.F.), the Mayor and Mayoress of Christchurch (Alderman and Mrs. D. Galtou), Mr. George Williams (Master of the Guild), Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. W. Andrews (captain of the Winchester band), Mr. George Preston (who is secretary of the Christchurch District of the Guild and captain of the local band), Mr. A. Troke and Mr. Walter Tucker (churchwardens).

The dedication was prefaced by a short service, conducted by Canon Gay, including prayers and hymns suitable to the occasion.

The tablet recording the attainment of the local band, covered by a Union Jack, was unveiled by the Mayoress, and the other, draped by St. George's cross, was ceremonially disclosed by Miss B. Stewart, of Ferndown, the daughter of Mr. Martin Stewart, the donor of the tablet, who took part in the peal. After the ceremony the memorials were dedicated by Canon Gay.

During the ringing which followed the unveiling, the rope of the bell which Mr. Preston was ringing broke below the sally, and in endeavouring to prevent the loose end doing any damage he sustained a heavy fall, fortunately with no worse results than a slight shaking.

Following tea at the King's Arms Hotel, Mr. Preston thanked the Vicar and churchwardens for presenting the board recording the peal of Bob Maximus, rung to commemorate his 50 years as a ringer at the Priory Church.

During that time, he said, I have seen many changes, but I can honestly say I do not for one moment regret the time I have spent in the tower; in fact, I am proud of being a ringer at the Priory; during my 50 years' service there I have made many friends from all parts of Great Britain.

'I do regret, however, the fact that our young churchmen do not show more eagerness to learn the art of campanology, so as to carry on the good work as the old ones die out; if they would only come forward I should be only too pleased to welcome and teach them all I know concerning ringing. Although these young people are so shy in coming forward, when the time comes that I have to leave the tower, I think it may safely be said that I shall leave it much better than I found it.'

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. PRESTON.

Mr. Preston extended his thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress for visiting the ringing chamber to unveil the tablet, and to Mr. Stewart, of Ferndown, for presenting the board recording the peal of Grandsire Cinques, and to Miss Stewart, who had come to unveil it. He had Cinques, and to Miss Stewart, who had come to unveil it.

Mr. Preston thanked Canon Gay for the trust and confidence which he always showed in the ringers, for his readiness at all times to grant him the use of the bells, and for dedicating the two peal boards. He also extended his thanks to Mr. D. Llewellyn for assistance rendered with repairs to the bells. Finally he thanked the Priory ringers for their loyalty to him at all times, for without their co-operation, he said, he could not have done what he had.

Canon Gay referred with admiration to the work which had made the records possible, and said that much of the enthusiasm for bell-ringing in the diocese was due to Mr. Preston, who had instructed so many people in the art.

The Mayor of Christchurch spoke of the pleasure which it had given the Mayoress and himself to be present, and he extended to his old friend, Mr. George Preston, his heartiest congratulations on the completion of 50 years' ringing in the Priory tower. There was no doubt his fellow-ringers appreciated his leadership to the full and that the officials of the church valued his work. He had no doubt, also, that the people of the Borough of Christchurch would like to be associated with the congratulations.

Mr. Martin Stewart said he always thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Priory, because the Christchurch ringers had a way of diffusing happiness to all.

In presenting one of the tablets, he was only contributing a small quota to a tower, the walls of which were already becoming too small to hold the many memorials of past records. The Priory tower was the centre of bell-ringing in this district, and that was largely due to the great work of Mr. George Preston. It might be thought that a review of past years and records made them feel old. This was not so. 'One enjoys a kind of perpetual youth in bell-ringing,' he declared.

Mr. George Williams (Master of the Guild) told his audience that he had rung in the Priory tower before many of them had been born. It was in 1888 that he had come to Christchurch to ring the first peal on the bells.

Mr. F. W. Rogers (general secretary of the Guild) congratulated the local ringers for the work they were doing in twelve-bell ringing.

As a member of the Priory bellringers, Mr. F. A. Sparshott said that they fully appreciated the fine instruction and training they received from Mr. Preston, and they considered it a privilege to ring with him. It had been their greatest pleasure to give him loyal support.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. TERCENTENARY DINNER.

All seats for the dinner on November 6th are now booked up, and no further applications can be received.

Detailed arrangements for the day will be published about a fortnight before the date.

WILLIAM T. COCKERILL, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; St. Magnus' on the 14th and 28th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 26th (nomination night), at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Lambeth Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available from 3.15 p.m. Tea 5.30. Service 7.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, in memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon (founder and first president) and past officers of the association, will be held at the Leeds and County Conservative Club, South Parade, Leeds, on Saturday, October 9th, at 6 p.m. Bells available during the afternoon: Parish Church (12), St. Michael's, Headingley (8), St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the South-Eastern Division will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, Oct. 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Oct. 9th. The following bells will be available: St. Stephen's (8), St. Alphege's (6) and St. Dunstan's (6) from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Cathedral (12) after meeting only. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Preston St. Mark's, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Beckington on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James', Underwood Road, Paisley, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the St. James' Society.—Charles R. Raine, 21, Grosvenor Crescent, Edinburgh.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Elston, near Newark, on Saturday, October 9th. Ringing on the six, 3 to 9 p.m. Please notify me for tea.—R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—The branch will meet at Terrington St. John on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. We should like *you* to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—V.W.H. Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Hinton Waldrist on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (9) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30.—R. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Coker on Saturday, October 9th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Martock.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please notify for tea, if possible.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Benington on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—W. E. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Park House, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Desford on Saturday, October 9th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Usual short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5 p.m.—W. A. Wood, Fosseyway, Croft, near Leicester.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wilby on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Kindly send cards for tea arrangements to A. Bigley, Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Northants.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham, Cambs, on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., free, by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. K. G. Sandberg).—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, October 9th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend this meeting, as they will also be able to view the illuminations after the ringing.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meeting of Southampton District at Netley Abbey on October 9th. Bells from 2.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Southampton (St. Mary's) bells after tea.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke, Hants.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at West Grinstead (six bells) on Saturday, October 9th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone (10 bells), on Saturday, October 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea in the Old Palace at 5.45, followed by the annual business meeting.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Malthouse Farm, Egerton, Kent.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, October 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers will be welcome. The secretary hopes to be present. All ringers wishing to see him, please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

'NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR.'—St. Peter's tower (10 bells) open Saturday, October 9th, 5 to 8 p.m. Hearty welcome to all visiting ringers.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.—The first meeting of term will be on Tuesday, October 12th, at 8.30 p.m. in the Bursar's Room, Keble College. Any ringer coming up will be welcome. Special attention is given to the teaching of beginners. Any particulars will be given by the secretary, the Rev. W. C. Barrett, St. Thomas' Convent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Wednesday, October 13th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send number for tea as soon as possible.—Margaret A. P. Bertie, Hon. Sec., 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Please do your best to attend. The success of the meeting depends on you.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea (at a small charge) in the Parish Hall, 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting and election of officers. Please send word by Tuesday, October 12th.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., Hawford, Worcester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Whitworth, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m., when the subject of creating a Branch Ringing Master will be discussed. Will you please come along and make this meeting a success.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stoneycroft.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—F. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeob, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Clay Cross on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available 4 p.m. This peal has just been recast. All are welcome.—J. P. Turlton, Dis. Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, on Saturday, October 16th. 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.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD (Chippenham Branch) will held their October meeting at Colerne on Saturday, October 16th. Eight bells, good going, at 3 o'clock. Service 4.45. Tea after service. Will visitors requiring tea please notify early?—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, The Woodlands, Chippenham, Wilts.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, and business meeting at 5 p.m. Intending visitors desiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, October 12th. Please ensure that your tower is adequately represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, October 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, the Schoolroom, 5, followed by a short meeting. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Monk Bretton on Saturday, October 16th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring teas please notify Mr. J. Fitzgerald, 22, Cross Street, Monk Bretton, near Barnsley. A hearty welcome to all.—Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton.

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HERTFORDSHIRE AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m. A short service will be held at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.45 p.m. The peal of eight at Linslade will also be available. Numbers for tea, etc., to Walter Ayre, Leverstock Green, or F. J. Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) available for short periods from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Committee meet 4 p.m., at No. 8, Trinity Street. Tea in the Riverside Cafe at 4.30. Service, with address, in Holy Trinity Church at 5.30, followed by general business meeting in the tower. Future meetings at Stratford will depend on your attendance at this meeting.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—An informal meeting will be held at Garveston on October 16th (not 9th). Bells from 2.30. One mile from Thuxton Station. All are welcome.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wing, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (5) available at 3 p.m. Please notify for tea.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Little Staughton on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (5) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 by invitation of the Vicar. You will be very welcome. Just drop me a card.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Church Hall, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please inform me by Wednesday, October 13th. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting is arranged for Saturday, October 16th, at St. Mary's, Leyton (8). Bells available 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who advise me by Thursday, the 14th.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 31, Limerston Street, Chelsea, S.W.10.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich, on Saturday, October 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Please send names for tea by Wednesday previous.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—A joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild, the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (S. and W. District), and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John's Church on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) from 3.15 and after tea. St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8), from 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, in St. John's Hall, at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. Social evening (refreshments) in the Hall from 7.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcomed, but will you endeavour to notify for tea, please. Note: Hillingdon (Swakeleys) station is unsuitable; book to Uxbridge.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield; F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks; and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Hothfield on Saturday, October 16th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—By the kind invitation of Canon H. E. Fitzherbert, M.A., R.D., the autumn meeting of the above district will be held at St. Peter's, Netherseale, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 5.30, to be conducted by Canon Fitzherbert and Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, October 13th. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The jubilee festival will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, at Alfreton. Ringing from 2.30 to 4.30. Service in church, address by Rev. R. E. Birtwistle (an old member of the association). High tea at 6 o'clock in the Parish Church Mission Hall, Mansfield Road. Tickets, 2s. gents, 1s. 6d. ladies. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach me by Monday, October 18th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at St. Briavel's, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church Room. Ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, October 20th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Willersey on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (6), which have recently been rehung, available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Sacred Heart Church (R.C.), Talbot Road, on Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing on the eight bells from 4 to 6 p.m. only. Business meeting to follow.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The sixth annual dinner will take place on Saturday, October 30th, at the County Hotel, Promenade, Blackpool, at 6 p.m. prompt. Please purchase your tickets early.

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STEDMAN.

Among the many links which couple the Ancient Society of College Youths with the distant past and the foundations of change ringing are Stedman—the man and the method. Stedman, the man, was not only a member of the Society but the holder of office and, in one year, its Master. He held the society in high esteem, as indicated by the fact that when he published 'Tintinnalogia,' the first of all printed books on the art of change ringing, he dedicated it to the 'Noble Society of Colledge-Youths,' and later, when 'Campanalogia' made its appearance, it was to his 'honoured and most esteemed friends, the members of the Society of Colledge Youths,' that he dedicated it. The College Youths were among the first, if not the first, to put Stedman, the method, into practice. From the society's early association with it, we can almost say that it is the College Youths' method, although, of course, it has never been in any sense their monopoly.

This week a suggestion is made in our columns that one way of marking the tercentenary of the society would be to re-adapt the 'start' of Stedman and to make rounds the last row of a 'six' instead of the fourth, as it now is, always in Doubles and Triples and usually in Caters and Cinques. That strange start of the method, although taken for granted, has aroused the curiosity of many thinkers, but no one is able to say precisely why it was adopted by the inventor. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in the first chapter of Snowdon's 'Stedman,' suggests that the reason for it was to make the first three rows identical with those in Grandsire Doubles. Be that as it may, the method, as Stedman left it with us, begins in this curious fashion. But Stedman would still be Stedman if it were begun from some other place in the 'six,' and there are frequent instances of this in peals of Caters and Cinques. To secure certain properties in composition or a particular number of changes, composers have taken all sorts of liberties, the most common one being to start with a full 'slow' six, which means going off with 2 1 4 3, etc., instead of 2 1 3 5 4, etc. This 'tampering' with Stedman has never led to any protest, and, indeed, there is nothing to be said against it, except that it is not Stedman's way of beginning, although we must remember that Stedman produced it as a five-bell method pure and simple. But, having admitted that the method on nine and eleven bells may be begun with a full six, instead of with the last two changes of a six, there is no reason why the same 'going off' should not be used on five and seven bells—except tradition and the fact that in Doubles and Triples there is nothing to be gained by it. On the higher numbers the alteration can be made to serve a purpose, on five

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and seven bells, when peals are rung, there is no question of special lengths; the extent has to be completed, and there is no inducement to start otherwise than as Stedman began. Moreover, in matters concerning ringing, tradition is hard to kill, and about the last people to kill it would be the College Youths, in whose ranks tradition is cherished more than anywhere in the Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BUCKFAST, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
ALBERT WALKER 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	A. PADDON SMITH 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 11
GEORGE F. SWANN 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARRER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

First peal on the new bells.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT Treble	*DUDLEY BOXTON 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	*GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES 8
ROYDON DAVIES 3	*AMOS W. CLARK 9
*HERBERT J. SKELT 4	*FRANK E. MITCHELL 10
THOMAS G. BANNISTER 5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 11
*JAMES E. COOPER 6	DANIEL D. COOPER Tenor

Composed by F. E. DARBY.

Conducted by D. D. COOPER.

* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor. This peal was rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. L. Anderson, M.A., who was inducted as Vicar of Croydon the previous Wednesday.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLET Treble	*DAVID VINCENT 7
Sylvia R. E. BOWYER 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	FREDERICK J. TILLET 9
WILLIAM P. GARRATT 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 10
HARRY R. ROPER 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
HAROLD E. SYMONDS 6	JOHN F. TILLET Tenor

Arranged by G. E. SYMONDS.

Conducted by W. J. G. BROWN.

* First touch of Cambridge Maximus. Rung on the 70th birthday of Frederick J. Tillett and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Robert Brundle, who is 86.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 29, 1937, in Two Hours & Fifty Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

KEITH HART Treble	REGINALD V. JOHNSON 5
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	RAYMOND OVERY 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HAROLD G. JENNEY Treble	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
F. JOHN WOODFORD 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 6
KENNETH A. ROE 3	ERNEST W. TIPLER 7
R. FREDERICK ROE 4	FRED PERRY Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

SLAUGHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

REGINALD V. JOHNSON Treble	* EDWARD J. CHARMAN 5
CECIL NICE 2	* FREDERICK GODSMARK 6
* ALBERT E. LAKER 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	† CHARLES A. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' † First peal.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
RAYMOND OVERY 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
JACK M. CRIPPS 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT G. HARRISON Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	CHARLES W. LOOME 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON 7
ERIC G. BENNETT 4	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by N. GOLDEN.

First peal of New Cambridge on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
BERNARD H. SWINSON 3	ERNEST BRITT 7
* HARRY HOSKINS 4	THOMAS G. BANNISTER Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* 200th peal.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH HALL Treble	* JOHN HASSELL 5
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 2	* JOSEPH SAUNDERS 6
WILLIAM BRAMMER 3	ALAN J. BROWN 7
HERBERT MCKINNELL 4	NORMAN HEAPS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by N. HEAPS.

* First peal of Bob Major. A birthday compliment to Miss E. Garner, of Liverpool.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 5, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

* MISS EDNA SOUTHEY Treble	PERCIVAL ELDRIDGE 5
† JACK AMOS 2	† THOMAS E. DENYER 6
WILL H. VIGGERS 3	REGINALD J. WHITFORD 7
† ERNEST GOWER 4	CHARLES W. DENYER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. W. DENYER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major as conductor. Rung as a farewell to E. Gower, who is leaving the district for Worley, Essex. All are members of the local company.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES A. LAKER Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
REGINALD V. JOHNSON 2	ALBERT E. LAKER 6
MISS FLORRIE WYMAN 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
RAYMOND OVERY 4	NELSON ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 6, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 8½ lb.

SAMUEL HUGHES Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 5
ALFRED ROWLEY 2	* SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside' at first attempt.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Thursday, October 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 36 cwt.

* RONALD F. SALTER Treble	RALPH NARBOROUGH 5
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
FRANK BRADLEY 3	† FREDERICK A. SALTER 7
J. ALFRED BARRATT 4	WALTER NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

* First peal of Stedman. † 150th peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, October 7, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

LESLIE TREMEER Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	REGINALD A. REED 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, October 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ERNEST H. OXENHAM ... Treble	DEREK M. SHARP ... 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	HARRY HOSKINS ... 6
*FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE ... 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
Bob Major on tower bells. Rung as a birthday * First peal of Treble day compliment on the eve of the 70th anniversary of Thomas Groombridge, sen.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Annunciation,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Treble	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	ERNEST BRETT ... 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... 3	ALFRED B. PECK ... 7
HERBERT LANGDON ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

The first peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a special compliment to the conductor on his 70th birthday.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.	
ARTHUR J. HARDING ... Treble	*EDGAR C. RUSSELL ... 5
PERCY L. PARSLow ... 2	EDWIN JENNINGS ... 6
EDWARD P. ASHEY ... 3	JOHN E. ROOTES ... 7
*JOHN W. PARSLow ... 4	WILLIAM SEELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HENRY HODGETTS ... Treble	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
WALTER G. PAUL ... 2	*FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 3	*FRANCIS KIRK ... 7
*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

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

CHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES PARR ... Treble	LESLIE L. WILLIAMS ... 5
HERBERT HOLDEN ... 2	ARNOLD BRUNTON ... 6
*JACK CLEGG ... 3	*JAMES BARNES ... 7
ERIC BRUNTON ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. All are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

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EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

JAMES BENNETT ... Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD ... 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 2	HARRY HOVERD ... 6
JOHN WHEADON ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
ALLISON PURDOM ... 4	EDMUND MOUNTNER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.

A birthday peal for E. A. Barnett. J. Wheadon's 300th peal for the association.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	*WILLIAM PILKINGTON ... 5
JAMES MARSH ... 2	*ARTHUR MAWDESLEY ... 6
MARTIN HARRIS ... 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 7
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 4	PERCY SWINDLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. A birthday compliment to Mr. James Marsh.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT ... Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH ... 5
GEORGE WHITING ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Immanuel,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

WILLIAM RILEY ... Treble	ISAAC WHALLEY ... 5
JAMES SHAW ... 2	ROBERT PARKINSON ... 6
FRANK SHAW ... 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 7
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 4	CHARLES SHARPLES ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. GOODALL.

Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... Treble	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 5
JOHN BOOTH ... 2	ERIC W. YATES ... 6
*ALAN CARPENTER ... 3	ROBERT ALLRED ... 7
*JAMES BLACKBURN ... 4	JAMES GROUNDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

* First peal of Major.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... 5
MISS K. E. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM WELLING ... 6
MISS D. R. FLETCHER ... 3	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 7
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CULWORTH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 120's, ten callings.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*FRANK HAYTON Treble	*ALFRED BASSELEY 3
*FREDERICK GREEN 2	HARRY GIBBARD 4

SUPT. FRANK R. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as a farewell to Canon Hill, for 39 years Rector of Culworth.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

*ROY D. HAYNE Treble	†DOUGLAS F. ELLENDER 4
†EDWARD H. JOHNSON 2	CHARLES FREEMAN 5
WILLIAM T. COX 3	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival, also as a wedding peal for Miss Lily Sprigg and Mr. William Malabon, whose marriage took place earlier in the day at Stoke Church, Coventry.

AMPTHILL, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	REGINALD J. HOUGHTON 4
C. HENRY HARDING 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

LILLINGTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents (each called differently) of Union, Place Bob, Chase, St. Dunstan's, Stedman, St. Vedast, New Doubles, St. Bartholomew's, Reading, Stedman Slow Course, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury and Grandsire, with 42 callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

MAURICE BATTEN Treble	HAROLD C. R. VINE 3
HUBERT SMITH 2	H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 4

ARTHUR G. CHURCH Tenor

Conducted by H. D. W. BISHOP.

First peal in 14 methods for all and for the Guild. All are members of the Evershot (West Dorset) Guild.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, five different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS SNELL Treble	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER 4
FRED HARTMAN 2	†HARRY PYE 5
JOHN THOMAS 3	PERCY SWINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

ASSINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. (approx.).

*HARRY CARTER Treble	ALEC M. GENERY 4
ALBERT L. DIXEY 2	FRANK CLAYDON 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

* First peal in seven methods.

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On Saturday, October 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of an extent each of Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 gr. 9 lb. in A.

THOMAS W. DODD Treble	REGINALD H. HEWITT 4
JOHN A. BROWN 2	KENNETH ARTHUR 5
STEPHEN THOMPSON 3	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON Tenor

Conducted by K. ARTHUR.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, 18 six-scores of Grandsire, two of Pitman's and five of Morris' 240's of Grandsire, 21 callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. MORRIS Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
*FREDERICK J. WATKINS 2	JAMES T. RANDLE 5
ALBERT E. JONES 3	ARTHUR INSEAL Tenor

Conducted by A. E. JONES.

* First peal in two methods. First peal as conductor in two methods. Rung for the harvest festival service.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. JACK PARISH Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
CHARLES ROBINSON 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung as a farewell peal to Canon A. C. Hair, who is retiring from Willingham Rectory.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*RONALD WOOLMER Treble	HARRY C. JONES 4
†EDWARD TIMPSON 2	†WALTER LEE 5
ROLAND BIGGS 3	PERCY NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by PERCY NEWTON.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor away from the treble. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung for the harvest festival.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR T. SHOREY Treble	J. WILLIAM HEATH 4
FREDERICK KINCHIN 2	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 5
FRANK TUFFLEY 3	LEONARD A. BASKETT Tenor

Conducted by J. W. HEATH.

Believed to be the first peal on the bells. Arranged for ringers of treble and tenor, who are members of the local band.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

GEORGE E. PANNEL Treble	ALEC M. GENERY 4
VICTOR MORLEY 2	RALPH BIRD 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS 3	THOMAS BIRD Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

BREDE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents called differently.

HENRY M. GIBBS Treble	CHARLES A. LEVETT 4
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON 2	WILLIAM GORRINGE 5
JOHN A. DOWNING 3	JAMES G. POWELL Tenor

Conducted by J. G. POWELL.

* First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Joan Kingdon (a ringer at the above church) and Mr. R. McCall.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

SOME STATISTICS FROM BUCKFAST.

A peal by the local company at Aldershot was rung on October 5th as a farewell to one of their members. There is always regret at the loss of a ringer from a tower, as they are generally hard to replace.

But Aldershot will not suffer so badly as some companies. At one of their recent practices, when no fewer than 11 members of the band were absent for various reasons, holidays included, no fewer than 20 members of all ages and both sexes were present and the methods rung went as high as Double Norwich!

The peal of Minor at Shilton, Warwickshire, on October 2nd, was a 'double purpose' performance. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival, it was also a wedding peal for Miss Lily Sprigg and Mr. William Malabon, whose marriage took place earlier in the day at Stoke Church, Coventry. The bridegroom has been a ringer at Shilton since 1925, when the bells were installed.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung at Ipswich on Oct. 9th was first arranged on Sept. 18th, Mr. R. H. Brundle's 86th birthday, but had to be postponed, as he met with a bicycle accident in August, from which happily he has now practically recovered.

It was rung as a birthday compliment to him, also on Mr. F. J. Tillet's 70th birthday. Mr. Tillet rang the tenor to Treble Bob Maximus on his birthday in the year 1888, and is still 'going strong.'

It is believed that Miss Sylvia Bowyer has set up a lady's record for one year on tower bells, this being her 25th peal this year.

In connection with the peal at Buckfast Abbey the following statistics may be interesting:—

Number of bells employed	12
Weight of tenor	41½ cwt.
Number of ringers engaged	12
Weight of back six (aggregate)	11½ cwt.
Total miles travelled, approximately	4,750
Total years of ringing experience	500
Number of pints of draught Bass consumed	*

* Unascertainable.

The peal was rung on the birthday of Mr. Fred Walker, of Birmingham, son of the conductor. Several other members of the party also seemed to be celebrating a birthday.

The marriage of Miss Joan Kingdon, of Brede, Sussex, and formerly of Woking, to Mr. R. McCull was celebrated by a peal of Bob Minor on the bells of Brede Parish Church on October 9th, and the excellence of the ringing brought compliments from local residents. Miss Kingdon and her sister, before removing to Brede, rang at Worpleston Parish Church, Surrey.

A peal of Bob Major, rung on the back eight at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, Lancs. on October 9th, was Mr. J. B. Ridyard's one hundredth peal for the Lancashire Association. The ringers, who included two from Standish and two from Coppull, were afterwards hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Yates, to whom the band wish to extend their best thanks.

The band at Evershot, West Dorset, rang the first peal in 14 methods (Doubles) for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild on the five bells at Lillingston, Dorset, on October 2nd. This is a distinctly meritorious performance. Three extents of each of the methods were rung, and it was, of course, the first peal in 14 methods by all the band.

During a visit to his native Norfolk, Mr. Fred Seager, of Keighley, Yorks, and formerly of Tibenham, rang three peals, at Redenhall, Pulham and Diss, the New Cambridge at the last-named tower being his one hundredth peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

The peal at Lanchester, Co. Durham, on October 2nd, is believed to be the first on the bells, which have been in the tower for over 50 years. They were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank early in this year. The peal was specially arranged for the conductor, Mr. Kenneth Archer, while home on leave.

Believed to be the first peal in seven methods on the bells at St. Edmund's Church, Assington, Suffolk, seven 720's were rung on Saturday, October 2nd, by members of the St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

PRESENTATION TO RECTOR OF CHURCH LAWFORD.

The September meeting was held at Church Lawford on Saturday, September 18th, and, in spite of the wet weather, was well attended. The beautiful little ring of six (tenor 8 cwt.), recently rehung and augmented by the famous Loughborough firm, were raised about 3 o'clock, and various methods of Minor and Doubles rung until tea time.

The Rector and about 30 members, including wives and friends, sat down to tea, after which the Ringing Master thanked the Rector on behalf of the Guild for his kind invitation to Lawford and asked him to accept a framed card, written by Mr. C. H. Webb, recording the first 720 of Minor rung on the bells.

After tea the tower was again visited, and touches in various Minor methods up to London Surprise were rung until 7.45, the bells then being lowered in peal.

A social hour was spent at the White Lion, selections of handbell tunes being rendered by Mr. Webb, his son and daughter, and Mr. J. B. Fenton. The Rector and churchwardens were present and an enjoyable evening was spent.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**PRESENTATION TO FORMER BRANCH SECRETARY.**

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch, held at Metheringham on Saturday, October 2nd, was well attended, between 50 and 60 members being present, representing 13 towers spread over the four districts of the branch, and non-resident members from Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts and Treeton, Rotherham. The light ring of eight were kept going during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Smith), who, prior to an interesting address, gave the members a hearty welcome. Mr. T. Cullingworth presided at the organ.

Tea was provided in the Church Room followed by the business meeting presided over by the president of the branch, the Ven. Archdeacon Parry. The formal business was quickly disposed of, Epworth being chosen for the next half-yearly meeting.

An interesting event was the presentation to Mr. F. S. W. Butler, late hon. secretary, of a wallet containing £11 subscribed by the members of the branch.

The President, in making the presentation, spoke of the very efficient way Mr. Butler had carried out the duties during his 14 years in office and referred to difficulties existing when he took over, which were ably straightened out by him.

Mr. J. A. Freeman, Branch Ringing Master, and Mr. F. W. Stokes, Guild general secretary, also spoke of the conscientious work done by Mr. Butler.

A letter from Mr. Rupert Richardson, Guild Master, was read, paying tribute to Mr. Butler's valuable services and expressing a wish that they would have him with them at their meetings for many years to come.

Mr. Butler, who was very warmly applauded, thanked the members and said he did not feel he deserved any reward for what had been to him a 'labour of love.'

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Metheringham for all he had done, to the president for presiding, and to all who had in any way contributed to its success, brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD RINGER.

Denis Scott, aged 12, of Darley Dale, Derbyshire, rang his first quarter-peal at the first attempt when he piloted the treble through 1,260 of Oxford Bob Triples on Sunday, October 3rd, for the harvest festival morning service at St. Helen's Church. All the band were local ringers: Denis Scott 1, Robert Allsop 2, H. E. Taylor 3, H. W. Gregory 4, B. Allsop 5, Ron Allsop 6, G. H. Paulson (conductor) 7, R. Benton 8.

VARIETY AT COOKHAM.**HAPPY OXFORD GUILD MEETING.**

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held a monthly meeting at Cookham on September 25th. To a visitor the gathering seemed to typify the real spirit for which ringing guilds were created. The good fellowship between the young ringers and the 'old hands' set the wheels of progress rolling.

Variety is the spice of life, so they say, and it certainly proved so at Cookham, for everyone called for his favourite method, and rang it (44,005 of them), and though 6, 5's at backstroke do not appeal to all, things ended happily.

Tea, that important item, was well and truly served by mine host of the Royal Exchange. The members were pleased to welcome Uncle Joe Hawkins. They got to look for him at these country places, but on this occasion forgot to inquire what he had done with his fellow-hikers.

A short interval of handbell ringing with the help of Mr. J. Truss added more variety, and on the return to the tower the bells were half-muffled in respect for the memory of a local choirman.

The next meeting is suggested for Hughenden on October 30th. This is a chance for those hikers who appreciate the glories of the autumn in the Chiltern beech woods.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very pleasant meeting of the North-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Epping Upland on the eve of the harvest festival. The Vicar (the Rev. Rubie) officiated at the service and also accompanied the singing. Afterwards he conducted those present round the fine old church and pointed out its interesting and historical features.

Tea was generously provided by the Misses Marters in the garden room adjoining the churchyard. It was a pity there were so few to share the hospitality, although perhaps the weather was partly to blame.

The District Master presided over the usual business meeting, at the commencement of which tribute was paid to two old district members who had passed away, viz., Walter Hobbs, of Harlow, and John Prior, of Stansted.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wendens Ambo on the first Saturday in November.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Misses Marters for providing such a bountiful tea.

The towers represented were Bishop's Stortford, Harlow, Harlow Common, Sawbridgeworth, Roydon, Walthamstow, Loughton, Barley, Hertford, Sawston and the local company.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We understand that Mr. W. T. Cockerill is retiring this year from the office of hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which he has filled so ably for nearly fifty years.

So great is the demand for tickets for the Lancashire Association's dinner at Blackpool on October 30th that it has been found necessary to transfer it to the Imperial Hydro, North Promenade.

It is hoped that the talented handbell band from Watford will be at Hillingdon on Saturday and ring during the social which is to be held in connection with the joint meeting of the Middlesex Association and Oxford and Ladies' Guilds.

Regular practices will be resumed at the Church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, from 8 to 9.15 p.m. on Wednesdays, from October 20th.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space we have had to hold over our usual article for beginners, as well as several reports of meetings and outings.

THE START OF STEDMAN.

SUGGESTED CHANGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I humbly suggest that one way of marking the 300th anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths would be to make a change in the start of Stedman.

I suggest that the first row after rounds should be the first row of a 'six' from now onwards, instead of the fifth row as it is at present.

It would be very interesting to know the views of members of the Exercise on this point.

H. MILES (Oxford University Society).

'NEGLECTED' WIFE SEEKS ENLIGHTENMENT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—My husband is one of those who neglects his wife on Saturday afternoons (and at other times as well) for peal ringing. He said, when I asked him recently whether all this peal ringing was necessary to improve the standard of ringing for Sunday service, that it was.

I then asked him, if that were the sole reason, why do some of the most enthusiastic peal ringers never ring for service? Why do ringers have long faces when they lose a peal?—my husband is an example—as it would be immaterial if it were done to improve the Sunday ringing. But he would not give me an intelligent answer.

Is it not true that the amassing of a large number of peals by individuals is really self-glorification, or is it conceit? Can someone enlighten me?

'RINGER'S WIFE.'

THE 'PEAL' OF LIFE.

RINGING PARSON'S ANALOGY.

A meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Marple on October 2nd. The day was a fine autumn one, and the bells, cast in 1731 by Rudhall, were sending their cadences over the surrounding dales very soon after three o'clock, touches in several methods being rung prior to the service. The Guild form was used, as usual, and was conducted by the Rev. G. E. Bottomley (curate). The lesson was read and a short talk given by the Rev. F. Bonner, a ringing member of the branch. He took as his text Numbers x., 10. He likened life to a peal and pointed out that the co-operation and comradeship to be found in the belfry could be well extended to all walks of life. The individuality of each person was as necessary as were the different notes of a peal of bells, and just like a peal of bells, if all co-operated together, life could be quite as harmonious as the music which goes forth from our towers. Another point he made was that whilst we are ready to submit our wills to an earthly conductor for three hours or so, how many of us are willing to submit ourselves to the greatest conductor of all, so that He may order our lives, Who alone can correct the trips we make in life and keep us in our true course?

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, and 61 members and friends enjoyed an excellent meal. The usual business meeting followed, under the chairmanship of the Rev. G. E. Bottomley, supported by the branch chairman, Mr. W. Wolstencroft.

The Chairman welcomed the branch to Marple on behalf of the Vicar, who was unfortunately unable to be present, as he was attending the induction of the new Dean of Chester. He himself had only been in the parish a few days and had had no experience of ringers' meetings, but he hoped the members would make themselves welcome and that he would meet them all on many occasions.

The secretary gave a short report of the proceedings at the annual festival for the benefit of those members who were unable to attend. Three new members, all from St. Peter's, Ashton, were elected.

Votes of thanks were extended to the Vicar and wardens for permission to hold the meeting, to the Rev. G. E. Bottomley for his services, to the organist, the ladies who prepared the tea, and also to the Rev. F. Bonner for the excellent address.

This concluded the business of the meeting, and the members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing until a late hour, the methods ranging from Cambridge Surprise to Grandsire Doubles.

SIXTY-FIVE YEARS MARRIED.

RINGER'S CONGRATULATIONS FROM KING AND QUEEN.

Celebration at Newent.

The whole Exercise will join in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams, of Newent, Glos., upon celebrating the 65th anniversary of their wedding. They were married at St. Mary's Church, Cheltenham, on October 8th, 1872, and have a family of four: one son and three daughters. Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams are 84 years of age and are in the best of health.

Mr. Williams served 32 years in the Gloucestershire Police Force and is still affectionately known to many friends as 'the Sergeant.'

In 1891, Mr. Williams went to Newent in charge of the Newent Petty Sessional Division, where he remained for 12 years up till his retirement.

At the last Police Court he attended before his retirement he was presented by the chairman of the Bench with a testimonial and a purse of £50 which had been subscribed by the townspeople of Newent.

After his retirement from the Police Force he was appointed school attendance officer for the Newent district, and remained in this post for 19 years.

One exciting incident in his police career is worth recalling. In 1887, while Mr. Williams was a sergeant in Gloucester, information was received that a dangerous gaol-breaker had taken the keys from a warder in Brecon Prison and escaped.

This notorious character made his way to Gloucester, and, while posing as Capt. King and holding a service in the Salvation Army Barracks, he was arrested by Mr. Williams after a severe struggle.

King had previously escaped from several prisons in the North, and when he was brought before the Bench he had to be handcuffed. Mr. Williams was complimented and awarded £5 for having courageously made the arrest.

Mr. Williams, who has rung nearly two hundred peals, has also been a member of the choir at Newent for nearly 45 years.

OLD RINGING FRIENDS JOIN IN.

Last Friday's great event was celebrated with enthusiasm. In addition to a family gathering many of 'the Sergeant's' ringing friends were present. The bells of the Parish Church, a peal of six, which had not been rung since Easter, owing to their condition, had nevertheless to work overtime on this occasion. The intention was to ring a peal of Minor, but the 'go' was too much like donkey work for the full peal, and 720's were therefore rung, as well as Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. Six of the 'old boys' who did most of the ringing were J. Austin, aged 74; John Clark, 74; J. W. Jones, 72; J. Davies, 70; S. Romans, 68; and C. Sadler, 61; the total age of the six being thus 419 years.

Telegrams of congratulation, including one from the King and Queen at Balmoral, poured in during the day. There were so many that the stock of the special forms at the Post Office was exhausted.

The guests numbered 40, including the former Vicar of Newent, the Rev. A. T. Lowndes, now Vicar of Compton Abdale, and the Rev. N. E. Hope, Vicar of Chedworth, the latter taking part in the ringing in the afternoon.

At the afternoon reception a reproduction of the original wedding cake was cut and the health of both proposed. The general rejoicing, which included the use of the handbells in change ringing and tune ringing, was kept up until a very late hour, several of the party not reaching home until the small hours. Mention must, of course, be made of the fact that the usual course of Triples, four in hand and sitting back to back, was rung by J. Austin and 'the Sergeant.'

The ringers who took part will have happy recollections of the day and hope to repeat it on the occasion of the 70th anniversary.

DEATH OF A GILLINGHAM RINGER.

On Saturday, October 2nd, Mr. Edwin Friend, the secretary of the Gillingham (Kent) band of ringers, died somewhat suddenly. Although he had been indisposed for several weeks, he had only been absent from work for just over a week.

'Eddy' had been a member of the Gillingham band of ringers for about 33 years, as well as a member of the choir for 40 years. He will always be remembered by those with whom he came in contact for his quiet and very friendly manner.

On Thursday evening, October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by Messrs. Hone, Easter, Poulter, Allen, Shellock, Walker, Norris and Harmer, and on the Sunday following, for the evening service, with the bells half-muffled, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by Miss Fooks, Messrs. Easter, Figgess, Poulter, Hone, Harris, Shellock and Cubitt.



MR. JOSEPH WILLIAMS.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED ENTRANCE FEE FOR NEW MEMBERS.

The last meeting of the year of the West Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association took place at King's Lynn on Saturday, October 2nd, when representatives were present from Dersingham, Fakenham, Gaywood, Gressenhall, Swaffham and the local band. Other members of the association were present from Fincham, Norwich and Wymondham. Touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich Major, Bob and Treble Bob Royal were rung during the afternoon and evening at St. Margaret's tower.

At the business meeting Mr. H. R. Heyhoo (chairman of the branch) was supported by Mr. W. J. Eldred (branch secretary), Mr. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer), and Messrs. R. W. Cooke and J. A. Godfrey (members of the committee).

It was decided to hold the annual meeting for the election of officers on January 1st, 1938, at Fakenham.

Mr. N. Golden referred to the decision to include a record of all the ringing done on Coronation Day in the report of the current year, and the decision of the Standing Committee to adopt a badge.

It was resolved that new members on election should pay an entrance fee to cover the cost of a certificate and a badge in addition to the current year's subscription.

Mr. C. S. Tuthill (Fakenham) remarked on the fact that the flourishing town of King's Lynn had two rings of bells in need of attention and thought something might be done to remedy this unsatisfactory state of affairs.

Thanks were accorded the curate-in-charge, the Rev. E. H. Lister, who conducted a service, and Mr. Hill for his services at the organ.

SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH SUPPORT.

Meeting at Bergh Apton on Saturday, October 9th, the South Norfolk Branch endorsed the proposal for an entrance fee for new members. Over 30 members took part in the ringing of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Cambridge and London Surprise on the six bells and also at the neighbouring church of Brooke.

A service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard.

After tea at Thurton George and Dragon, the business meeting took place. In the absence of the branch chairman, Mr. W. L. Duffield, Mr. A. L. Coleman was voted to the chair. He was supported by Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Mr. N. Golden (general secretary and treasurer), Messrs. E. G. Bennett, C. J. More and E. Whiting (members of the committee) and representatives from Diss, Pullham, Redenhall, Saxlingham and Winfarthing. Other branches were represented by members from Halvergate, Norwich, Norton Subcourse, Reedham, Wroxham and Wymondham.

Mr. N. Golden spoke with regard to the proposal to include a list of all ringing done in the diocese on Coronation Day in the current year's report, and appealed to all tower masters or secretaries to send in details of the performances that day at their respective towers. So far, he said, the response had been very poor.

Details of the badge to be adopted were then given by Mr. Golden, who explained his design.

In support of the West Norfolk Branch's resolution with regard to an entrance fee, it was unanimously resolved 'that in the opinion of this meeting new members on election should pay an entrance fee to cover the cost of a certificate and badge, in addition to the current year's subscription.'

The annual meeting for the election of officers was fixed for January 15th at Diss.

The Rev. A. St. J. Heard was elected an honorary member, and the belfry election of Mr. F. W. Adcock, of Lowestoft, was ratified.

The Rev. A. St. J. Heard was thanked for his services, and Miss M. I. Hepburn for officiating at the organ. Mr. H. C. Boggis, leader of the local band, which, incidentally, turned up in full force, gave much help in making the arrangements for the meeting.

STEDMAN'S BELLS.

MORE USE NEEDED.

The annual meeting of the Ely District of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Cambridge on Saturday, October 2nd, when there was a good attendance of members from the district and other branches, an encouraging sign being the attendance of a number of young ringers from some of the newly-formed bands in the district.

Ringing commenced at St. Bene't's Church at about 3 p.m., service also being held there, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. Davey), who also took the chair at the meeting which followed in the vestry. In welcoming the ringers, the Vicar of St. Bene't's said he was proud to be connected with a church which held such a unique place in the history of ringing.

At the meeting the district secretary and committee were re-elected for the ensuing year.

After tea further use was made of the bells. Great St. Mary's bells were also available during the evening.

The interior of St. Bene't's has been redecorated and restored during the incumbency of the present Vicar, while as to the bells, despite various rumours that have appeared at times, no complaints were heard at this meeting. Although the writer makes no claim to any knowledge of the subject, his opinion is that the bells only want to be made more use of.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

NEW VENUE FOR JOHNSON DINNER.

Ideal weather favoured the members of St. Martin's Guild when they held their autumn quarterly meeting on Saturday, 2nd inst., at the ancient Warwickshire village of Coleshill. The Parish Church stands at the top of a hill, and its tower and spire are a well-known landmark for miles around. Good use was made of the bells both before service and again in the evening after the business meeting, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Major. The Guild's special service was conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a very interesting and helpful address.

Between 40 and 50 sat down to tea, which was admirably served by ladies connected with the church.

The business meeting followed, at which the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, presided. He thanked the Guild for the honour they had done him in ringing a peal of Stedman Cinques on the occasion of the celebration of his golden wedding day. Such an honour had never before been paid to a Birmingham citizen, and it would be many a long day before another would be similarly honoured. To know that he had the esteem of his fellow-ringers, such an esteem as prompted them to devote an evening to attempting a peal in his honour, was most gratifying to him. He was particularly grateful to Mr. W. H. Barber for having conducted the peal; he had rung with him many times, the first occasion being when he (Mr. Barber) was 14 years of age.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner as usual next year. The hon. secretary reported, however, that it would be impossible to hold this at the Imperial Hotel as in former years, as it was definitely closing at the end of this year. The choice of a suitable room was very limited, but he had succeeded in securing the White Horse Restaurant No. 1 room for Saturday, March 5th, 1938, and he felt sure the proprietors would put on a good dinner. This arrangement was confirmed.

The next dinner being the 50th, Mr. G. F. Swann proposed that the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, should preside. This was seconded by Mr. A. Walker and supported by Mr. Paddon Smith. Although the Master pointed out that he was getting old and his health might not permit him to attend, the resolution, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

The Master expressed his thanks for the honour conferred on him and promised to do his best not to let them down.

The tower election of Mr. J. W. Davidson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, as a life member was duly ratified.

The next meeting being the annual, it was resolved to hold this at headquarters as usual. The bi-quarterly meeting was fixed for Northfield on Saturday, November 13th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address in church, to the organist who accompanied the service, and to the ladies who served tea, concluded the business.

'NOISE' OF CHURCH BELLS.

ESSEX VICAR'S VIEWS.

The Northern Division of the Essex Association had a very enjoyable meeting at Witham on Saturday, September 18th, when 52 ringers and friends, representing 21 towers, took advantage of the ideal afternoon. The bells were going soon after 2 o'clock, first for a wedding and then the meeting, and continued with the exception of a break for service and tea until 9 p.m. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. B. E. Payne). In his address he welcomed the ringers and said they gave one of the most useful services to the church.

'For many years,' he continued, 'I had to endure a noisy one bell clanging, similar to a school bell. How different to listen to a good peal of bells.'

'Some complain about the noise of the bells when steps are being taken to abate other excessive noises, but as long as I am at Witham and you ring out your message on a Sunday, I am going to allow that noise to continue and very much so. It will be a very sad day for this country when bells are rung no more.'

Tea, at the Church House, was presided over by the Vicar. The district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) said the charge made for the tea was very small and would not nearly cover the cost. They had to thank Miss Ayre and others who had made contributions towards the tea, and also the ladies who had kindly prepared it.

BENEVOLENT FUND SUGGESTED.

At the business meeting the District Master (Mr. A. Saunders) presided. The Vicar was unanimously elected an hon. member amid applause.

The annual meeting for the division is to be held at Bocking early in November.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and his inspiring address, also to the lady organist for her services.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was very much surprised and delighted to be elected an hon. member.

Mr. J. Chalk suggested a Benevolent Fund for the association, and after his explanation it was agreed to raise the question at all district annual meetings, so that opinions could then be brought forward at the annual meeting of the association next year.

During the afternoon and evening touches in various methods up to and including London Surprise Major were rung.

DEATH OF OLD RAUNDS RINGER IN U.S.A.

ONE OF THE 'FATHERS' OF THE PETERBOROUGH GUILD.

Many of the older ringers, and particularly those of Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire, will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Fred Gilbert at Kalamayoo, Mich., U.S.A., at the age of 71 years. He died on September 20th in hospital after a short illness.

Born at Raunds, Northants, he early began his ringing career there on the then six bells, and was one of the foundation members of the Raunds Ringing Society, when it was formed at Whitsun, 1883. He rang in the first peal of the society, one of seven methods, on September 26th, 1883, the band being George Kirk 1, Fred Gilbert (age 17) 2, W. J. Gilbert 3, W. Hall (age 19) 4, J. Wilmot 5, Henry Stubbs (conductor) 6.

The Raunds Ringing Society later became the Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society, then the Central Northants Association and finally the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

A ringer and conductor of no mean ability, Mr. Gilbert rang almost a hundred peals, and, on his leaving the country, was presented with a gold medal by the Central Northants Association, which, at that time, presented them to members who had scored 100 peals for the association. Although Mr. Gilbert's total fell just short of this number, he was awarded the medal on his departure in recognition of his services.

His last peal was one of Bob Major on handbells in Peterborough Cathedral shortly before leaving the country.

Younger brother of the late William J. Gilbert, he married the only daughter of the late George Kirk, and thus became the brother-in-law of Mr. Frank Kirk, of Raunds, and uncle of Mr. Francis Kirk, of St. Albans.

A shoemaker by trade, he emigrated to America in 1911, and except for a short visit in 1915, never returned to England, but throughout the whole of this period he closely followed the ringing activities through 'The Ringing World,' and nothing delighted him more than to see the names of his relatives or ringing friends of bygone days appearing in this paper. Throughout last summer he was daily looking forward to having one of the gramophone records of the spliced handbell ringing, and news has been received that it arrived about a month before his fatal illness.

He leaves a widow and one son, his other son having been killed in the war.

GATHERING OF THE CLANS AT LEYTONSTONE.

ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS AND LADIES' GUILD.

The annual gathering arranged jointly between the Essex, Herts and Middlesex Associations and the Ladies' Guild was held at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, on Saturday, October 2nd. Many members, representing all four of the societies, attended including Mr. E. J. Butler (district secretary) and Mr. A. Prior (District Master), Essex Association; Mr. W. H. Lawrence (district secretary), Herts Association; Mr. A. W. Coles (Master), Mr. C. T. Coles (joint hon. secretary), Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president) and Mr. T. J. Lock (District Master), Middlesex Association; and Mrs. E. K. Fletcher (general secretary) and Mrs. R. F. Deal (vice-president), of the Ladies' Guild.

The ringing before service was in the hands of Mr. A. W. Coles, and many touches in all sorts of methods were rung.

The service was attended by some 60 ringers. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. W. Rowbotham, of St. John's, and an interesting address was given by the Rev. Guy Warwick, Vicar of St. Luke's, Leytonstone.

Tea, prepared by Miss Miller, daughter of the late Mr. William Miller, was served in the Church Hall. With over 60 sitting down, after less than half that number had sent in their names, it was surprising that there was enough food to go round, but eventually everybody was satisfied—at least, it appeared so. If there were any otherwise, the blame belongs to those who did not send in their names!

There was no business meeting, but Mr. E. J. Butler proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Canon Brown (who was unfortunately prevented from attending), for the use of the bells; to the preacher and curate for their services; and to Miss Miller and friends for preparing tea.

This was supported by Mr. C. T. Coles, Mr. W. H. Lawrence and Mrs. E. F. Deal, on behalf of the members of their respective societies, and carried with applause.

Mr. Coles took occasion to remind those present that the two trebles at St. John's were recently placed in the tower by the Exercise as a memorial to that great ringer, William Pye, for 25 years Master of the Middlesex Association. St. John's, Leytonstone, was thus a most appropriate place for a meeting of that description, and it was sincerely hoped that many more would be held.

Afterwards there was further ringing, under the guidance of Mr. Alfred Prior, and, whilst there were several touches, including one of Spliced Surprise, by mixed hands or bands composed of mere men, an excellently struck course of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by eight members of the Ladies' Guild—just to show that they are now 25 years old, and grown up, we suppose!

BUCKFAST ABBEY.

FIRST PEAL ON THE NEW BELLS.

In a beautiful setting in the upper part of the Dart Valley in Devonshire stands Buckfast Abbey, the home of a community of Benedictine monks. Centuries ago the Order occupied a monastery there, but at the dissolution in 1539, the building was dismantled and the occupants driven from the country. The Abbey completely disappeared from the face of the land.

Nearly 350 years later, in 1882, another community of the same Order reoccupied the site, started excavating the ancient foundations, and upon it, by their own hands, have raised a magnificent new building. Following the ground plan of the former structure, it reproduces the transitional style of the Norman and Early English period, is 240ft. from west to east and 62ft. in width across the nave and aisles. A massive central tower, the last part of the church to be completed, dominates the building, the crowning glory of which are the bells, which were placed there in 1936.

In 1910 a peal of twelve bells, with two semi-tones, cast by Warner and Son, were solemnly blessed under the shadow of the ancient Abbot's Tower (the solitary relic of former magnificent buildings). They were the generous gift of the late Sir Robert Harvey, of Dunderidge, near Totnes, as a memorial to his deceased wife, the late Lady Alida Harvey, and a few days after the ceremony were hoisted to the top of the Abbot's Tower, where they remained for ten years. Eventually they found their way to the uncompleted central tower of the Abbey Church. They were hung by Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, and on Christmas Eve, 1920, were chimed for the first time in their new abode.



BUCKFAST ABBEY.

The tower is not yet quite finished.

Before the tower was completed the old ring hung on the floor of what is now the ringing chamber, and were rung from a narrow stone gallery 51ft. from the floor of the Abbey. In October, 1930, the late William Pye took a band there and scored a peal of Stedman Cinques under these difficult ringing conditions.

Following the solemn consecration of the Abbey Church in 1932 by a Cardinal Legate, it was decided that the tower must be finished, and the Builder Brothers, who had already laboured incessantly for 25 years, resumed their work. A large bourdon bell was promised them as a reward, and this occasioned the recasting of the old bells. This was carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. at their Loughborough foundry and magnificently have they completed their task. The giant bourdon weighs 7 tons 9 cwt. 18 lb. and strikes the lower F. It was the gift of Miss Hilda de Trafford in memory of her sister, Lady Mildred Bellew, who died on December 29th, 1934, and is named 'Hosanna.'

The old bells with a tenor of 28 cwt. have been transformed into a noble peal with a tenor of 41 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in C, and these are hung on one level round their big brother. The two semi-tones provide a variety of 'peals,' including three major eights.

The new bells, which bear the names and inscriptions of the old ring, were blessed according to the official rites of the Church on March 25th, 1936. So much for the history of the modern bells of the Abbey.

ONE OF THE PRIZES.

A peal on Buckfast Abbey bells may well be counted one of the prizes of a ringer's career, and the band who last Saturday rang a peal of Stedman Cinques on them valued their opportunity and success by this measure. The 'official' record of the peal will be found in its appropriate column, but in view of the wide area from which the company was drawn, it may be not uninteresting to readers to give a list of the ringers and the places from which they came: J. S. Goldsmith (Woking, Surrey), A. Walker (Birmingham), C. T. Coles (Walthamstow, Essex), P. W. Perrons (Coventry), G. R. Pye (Romford, Essex), G. P. Swann (Birmingham), R. Richardson (Surfleet, Lincs), W. A. Cave (Bristol), F. E. Porvin (Coventry), A. P. Smith (Birmingham), E. P. Duffield (Colchester, Essex), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon, Wilts). Six of this band took part in the peal of 1930.

The majority assembled in Exeter on Friday evening, and completed the journey to Buckfast on Saturday morning, having first renewed acquaintance with the interior of Exeter's grand old Cathedral, with its unbroken roof of fan vaulting from west to east, a feature which one of the party duly impressed upon all and sundry.

Arriving at Buckfast, the company were welcomed by Mr. Aubrey Bennett, who had been instrumental in getting permission for the peal attempt, and were joined by Mr. T. Laver, hon. secretary of the Devon Guild. Three ladies were also of the party—Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Coles and Mrs. Richardson.

Altogether the ringers spent five hours in the Abbey tower. The first hour was occupied in raising the bells (the front eight being pulled up in peal), adjusting ropes and waiting for the termination of a service. The ringing chamber is still in an unfinished state, but the noise of the bells just overhead has been admirably modulated by the provision of a sound-deadening ceiling. At present the walls are in their rough state, and there is no glass in the window openings, but some of these are boarded up to resist the noise of the bells. When the chamber is completed the conditions in the tower should be perfect with regard to sound. The circle is not a particularly good one, as the necessity for hanging the 14 bells round the bourdon has resulted in 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 being hung in a straight line. The eleventh on the other side of the big chamber looks isolated, and the tenor is rung from a platform that stretches across one side of the ringing room.

However, the small difficulties thus presented did not prevent an excellent peal being rung in 3 hours 47 minutes, the only anxiety to the conductor, caused by a slow start, being whether the peal would be finished by the stipulated time, 6.50 p.m. He, however, speeded up his team by just sufficient acceleration to bring the bells round with three minutes to spare.

Some of the monks were the first to congratulate the ringers upon their success and fine ringing, and each member of the band was presented with a souvenir in the shape of a charm bearing the image of St. Benedict.

Later on, round the dinner table, Mr. Albert Walker thanked Mr. Bennett for all the trouble he had taken in making arrangements, and asked him also to convey the warmest thanks of the visitors to the Father Abbot for permission to ring and to other members of the Community for the welcome extended.

Then the party gave themselves up to celebrating the event by a 'musical' evening, in which handbells played a part. About 1 a.m. one of the company courteously said to the hostess, 'I hope we are not keeping you up.'

The visitors—except two who had vanished immediately after the peal in order to get home the same night—dispersed on their various long journeys next morning, not only gratified with their success, but also happy in the reunion of old friends which it had brought about.

The bells of the Abbey are rung by the monks for the principal services on Sundays. Usually eight are used, but sometimes ten. They have not yet got as far as using the twelve in peal. There are some 16 or 18 Fathers and Brothers who can handle a bell, but the 'call' changes which they produce are rung from a stand, on which numbers are interchanged by another Brother, who rings a small handbell, when the ringers have to start upon the new change.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

BOBBING, KENT.—At St. Bartholomew's Church on September 20th before morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. G. Rose, who is a local ringer: J. Wakelam 1. Ron Belson 2. J. Glover 3. Reg Belson 4. T. Jull 5. B. W. May (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal by the first four ringers and first local quarter-peal since before the war.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—At St. James' Church on Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest festival morning service, 1,231 Stedman Cinques: S. J. Hector 1. C. F. Andrews (conductor) 2. R. Amor 3. J. Francis 4. C. Butcher 5. *R. Newton 6. W. Baxter 7. *E. Parker 8. G. H. Harding 9. C. Raison 10. N. V. Andrews 11. *S. Francis 12. *First quarter-peal of Cinques.

LONG SERVICE.

WORKMEN HONOURED BY MESSRS. JOYCE AND CO.

'The world's oldest clockmakers,' Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co., of Whitechurch, Salop, who have been carrying on business for the last 300 years, are happy in possession of a staff whose senior members have spent their working lifetime with the firm. The skill, experience and technical knowledge thus accumulated goes into all the work of the factory and have helped to make the products of J. B. Joyce and Co. world famous.

The firm have established the happy practice of presenting souvenirs of long service to those who reach their jubilee, and recently two members of the staff received gifts on qualifying with 50 years' loyal service. They were Mr. George E. Beddow and Mr. John Green. The former chose a 'grandmother' clock and the latter a gold watch. Both timepieces were suitably inscribed and were presented by Mr. Arthur Mayhew, chairman of directors.

Among other employes with long service are Messrs. A. V. G. Ladds (manager), 39 years; James Thelwell, over 40 years; Hugh Langford, 35 years; Tom Briscoe, 33 years; William Millington, 32 years; Norman Joyce, 31 years; Cedric Batton, 20 years; and James Beddow, son of Mr. George Beddow, 19 years.

Among the foreign orders received just recently by Messrs. J. B. Joyce and Co. is one for a four-dial illuminated clock, with Westminster chimes and five bells weighing 30 cwt. for the Municipality of Ahmedabad, India, and another for a four-dial tower clock for the Dr. Gahine Memorial, at Belize, British Honduras, Central America.

A COLLEGE YOUTH'S BIRTHDAY.

MR. TOM GROOMBRIDGE IS 70.

The 70th birthday of Mr. Tom Groombridge, sen., has been celebrated by two peals, one at Crayford on the eve of the anniversary, in which his two sons took part with him, and the other on the new ring of bells at the Church of the Annunciation, Chislehurst, on 'the day.'

The peal at Crayford was rung for the College Youths, of which Mr. Groombridge has been a member for 40 years or more, and of which he is a Past Master. Mr. F. M. Mitchell, who also took part, is another Past Master, and Mr. E. H. Oxenham a former steward. It is believed to be 50 years since the last College Youths' peal was rung in this tower.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise at Chislehurst, where Mr. Groombridge has been instructing a new band, was rung under the auspices of both the Kent Association and the College Youths and was conducted by Mr. Groombridge.

After the peal the ringers were met by Mr. E. A. Young and two of the local band and taken by father Tom to the 'Albany Corner House,' where they were all entertained by Mrs. Groombridge, sen., to a very nice tea, to which ample justice was done. Handbell ringing was indulged in, and great interest was shown in the display of prizes won by Tom, when a trifle younger and no mean athlete. Sincere thanks were accorded to Mrs. Groombridge, sen., for her kindly thought, and to Mrs. Groombridge, jun., for her share in contributing to an enjoyable evening. The proverbial but none the less sincere wish of 'many happy returns' was coupled with the promise that (D.V.) the ringers would return in 1942 for a 'repeat' performance.

It is interesting to note that three generations of the Groombridge family are active members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

KENT RINGERS VISIT CROYDON.

Tunstall, Sittingbourne and Queenborough ringers united in an outing on September 4th and were favoured with perfect weather. The party were picked up at intervals on the early stages of the journey, until the coach was finally filled at Maidstone with a party of 32, while the old Riley came along in the rear with an overflow of Spice. Sevenoaks was first visited, but unfortunately no ringing was possible owing to the bereavement of one of the church officials, whose son had met with a fatal air crash. Nevertheless, a pleasant hour was spent. Some made the ascent to the top of the tower to enjoy the view; the church was inspected and the model tidiness of the churchyard admired. At 10 a.m. the party were off again to Croydon, where they paid a visit to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's foundry. They were welcomed by Mr. Stevenson, who conducted them over the factory and explained the many interesting works in progress. Mr. Spice, on behalf of the party, thanked Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and Mr. Stevenson. Ringing at St. John's Church followed. Some rounds were rung on this fine twelve and afterwards Stedman Caters. After lunch ringing took place at St. Peter's Church, where the visitors were met by one of their old friends, Mr. David Wright, and others of the local company, who assisted in ringing some of Mr. Lou Head's fancy touches of Stedman Caters and some Plain fare. A very pleasant run through lovely scenery brought the party to the picturesque village of Shoreham, where the light peal of eight was made good use of in a variety of methods. Tea and a 'social' at Ye Olde George followed, and then handbells on the green brought the villagers to their doorsteps to listen. At Wrotham another good 'ring' on a musical peal was enjoyed. Tunstall was safely reached at 9.45, after a most enjoyable day, with everyone satisfied with the arrangements made by Mr. W. Spice.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Please do your best to attend. The success of the meeting depends on you.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec., 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.

—Next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Whitworth, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m., when the subject of creating a Branch Ringing Master will be discussed. Will you please come along and make this meeting a success.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.

—The next meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. For tea, please notify Mr. H. Hancock, 60, Sandstone Road, Stonecroft.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern Division.

A meeting will be held at Great Bromley on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible?—F. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Jurisdiction of Glaston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Croscombe on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, 3, Great Stanhope Street, Bath.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.

—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, and business meeting at 5 p.m. Please ensure that your tower is adequately represented.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

HERTFORDSHIRE AND BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

—A joint meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) will be available from 2.30 p.m. A short service will be held at 4 p.m., followed by tea at 4.45 p.m. The peal of eight at Linslade will also be available. Numbers for tea, etc., to Walter Ayre, Leverstock Green, or F. J. Plummer, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at Clay Cross on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available 4 p.m. This peal has just been recast. All are welcome.—J. P. Tarlton, Dis. Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, October 16th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, the Schoolroom, 5, followed by a short meeting. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stratford-on-Avon on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) available for short periods from 3 p.m. and after meeting. Committee meet 4 p.m., at No. 8, Trinity Street. Tea in the Riverside Cafe at 4.30. Service, with address, in Holy Trinity Church at 5.30, followed by general business meeting in the tower. Future meetings at Stratford will depend on your attendance at this meeting.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—An informal meeting will be held at Garveston on October 16th (not 9th). Bells from 2.30. One mile from Thuxton Station. All are welcome.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Little Staughton on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (5) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 by invitation of the Vicar. You will be very welcome. Just drop me a card.—Frank C. Tysoe, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., in the Church Hall, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich, on Saturday, October 16th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—Joseph H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow, October 16th, at St. Mary's, Leyton. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 31, Limerston Street, Chelsea, S.W.10.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—By the kind invitation of Canon H. E. Fitzherbert, M.A., R.D., the autumn meeting of the above district will be held at St. Peter's, Netherseale, on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 5.30, to be conducted by Canon Fitzherbert and Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Ordsall. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, October 16th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. S. Mason, Branch Sec., 19, Broadwell Road, Oldbury, near Birmingham.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—A joint meeting of the Ladies' Guild, the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (S. and W. District), and the Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks Branch) will be held at St. John's Church on Saturday, October 16th. Bells (10) from 3.15 and after tea. St. Andrew's, Uxbridge (8), from 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, in St. John's Hall, at 5.15 p.m., 1s. each. Social evening (refreshments) in the Hall from 7.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcomed, but will you endeavour to notify for tea, please. Note: Hillingdon (Swakeleys) station is unsuitable; book to Uxbridge.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher, 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield; F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks; and A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Hon. Secs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th; Southwark Cathedral on the 21st; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 26th (nomination night), at 7.30. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

THE LADIES' GUILD. Arrangements for the Jubilee Dinner, Saturday, October 23rd. The bells of St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, will be available from 2.30-4 p.m. Special service for Guild members and friends at the same church at 4 p.m. Reception at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, from 5.30-6 p.m. Dinner will commence at 6 o'clock precisely, and all ticket holders are asked to be in their places by this time. On Sunday, October 24th, Corporate Communion will be celebrated at the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry, London, E.C., at 9.15 a.m. All visitors staying in London are cordially invited to attend.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The jubilee festival will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, at Alfreton. Ringing from 2.30 to 4.30. Service in church, address by Rev. R. E. Birtwistle (an old member of the association). High tea at 6 o'clock in the Parish Church Mission Hall, Mansfield Road. Tickets, 2s. gents, 1s. 6d. ladies. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittance, must reach me by Monday, October 18th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The October meeting will be held on Saturday, the 23rd, at Old Brampton, near Chesterfield. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Those hoping to be present, please drop me a card by Wednesday, October 20th.—H. L. Warburton, 72, Causeway Head Road, Dore, near Sheffield.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on October 23rd. Good bus service from all parts to Coalville, and then every few minutes from Marlborough Square. Big belfry; please fill it. For tea, post-card to H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

GRESFORD, NORTH WALES.—Re-opening of bells, Saturday, October 23rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea, ls., 4.30. Notify requiring tea by Thursday.—George Williams, The Sexton, Gresford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells available 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.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swalcliffe on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. For tea, please let me know.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Mackerell on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following. Please advise for tea.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil, Somerset.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Nantwich on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8) from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present please remember to send a card by the 20th inst.?—Richard D. Langford, Hon. Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Sacred Heart Church (R.C.), Talbot Road, on Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing on the eight bells from 4 to 6 p.m. only. Business meeting to follow.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, October 23rd, by invitation of the Vicar, when a peal board will be unveiled. Bells available from 2 p.m. Requirements for tea to reach me not later than Wednesday morning, the 20th inst.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, October 23rd, instead of October 30th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Willersey on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (6), which have recently been rehung, available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Numbers for tea by Tuesday previous to J. E. Newman, Hinton, Evesham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (5) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Handbells also available.—W. J. Whitmore, 80c, High Street, Raunds, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner at Blackpool on Saturday, October 30th. Owing to the large demand for tickets the County Hotel cannot find the necessary accommodation. The dinner will therefore be held at The Imperial Hydro, North Promenade, Blackpool (a penny tram fare from Talbot Square). Tickets 4s. each. A special room is being reserved for ticket holders from 5 p.m. onwards.—C. Sharples, 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, October 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., at the Eight Bells Hotel, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify by October 28th.—H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 30th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Carlton Cafe, High Street, 5.15. It is *your duty* to see that your tower is represented. Half fares up to 2s. will be allowed members. Please notify me for tea by Wednesday, October 27th.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

LADIES' GUILD AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, October 30th. Book the date!—(Miss) H. F. Mills and C. W. Denyer, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea, at the City Cafe, at 5 p.m., only for those who notify the secretary. Business meeting afterwards for the election of district officers, etc., and members are particularly urged to attend.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

WENDRON, NEAR HELSTON, CORNWALL.—The dedication of the bells will take place on Sunday, October 31st, at 6 p.m., by the Archdeacon of Cornwall—five bells restored in new oak bell frame and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

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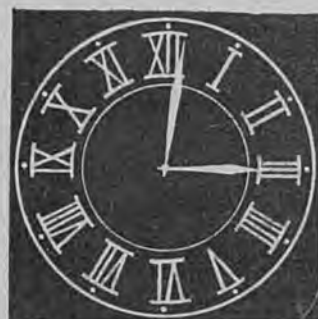
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To-morrow the Ladies' Guild celebrates its silver jubilee, and the good wishes and congratulations of the Exercise will go out to the members upon this auspicious event. When the ladies set up their organisation in 1912 there were doubts among many ringers, not so much whether the numbers justified the action, as whether they could make their operations effective, in view of the fact that they were few and far between. In those days ladies had only just begun to penetrate into the belfry, and they were, it was thought, already catered for in the existing territorial and diocesan associations. But the ladies had courage as well as faith, and they have proved that their optimism was justified. In these twenty-five years their numbers have grown nearly tenfold, and they have made for themselves an established place in the organisation of the Exercise.

It may be as well to recall the declared object of the Guild when it was founded, for it is an indication of the serious purpose which the ladies set before themselves: 'To encourage ringing among church workers as a spiritual, mental and physical exercise; to assist, when and where necessary, their brethren in the art of ringing; and to bring into a closer relationship all women and girl ringers in the kingdom.' Despite the handicap of a comparatively sparse membership spread over the whole country, the link formed by the Guild has certainly drawn the ladies into closer association and enabled them to co-operate as a body with other organisations. No one can deny the valuable services which ladies have rendered in many towers, not only in the war period but since, and those—and there are still a few—who are inclined to resent the presence of ladies in the belfry, are probably those who have not had the difficulty of keeping the bells going for service through depletion of man power. There are cases where the introduction of ladies has saved bands from virtual extinction and, even if the recruiting of this new material has not been due to the Guild, its existence must be an influence with many ladies when they contemplate entering the art. That there is a Ladies' Guild is one proof that bellringing is an occupation which they can becomingly take up.

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THOMAS E. SPEIGHT 3	HENRY TOOKE 7
PHILIP W. J. FRYER 4	WILLIAM J. CLOVERTenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... ..Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
DAVID VINCENT 2	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	J. WILLIAM LAST 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

L. C. Wightman's 400th peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MRS. JAMES E. BAILEY ...Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
JOHN WHEADON 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 6
JAMES E. BAILEY 3	HARRY PARKS 7
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEO. J. BUTCHER

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

CLAVERLEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 12, 1937, in Three Hours.

At the Church of All Saints.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*LAURENCE W. FRANCIS ...Treble	ERNEST A. DREW 5
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 2	CYRIL JONES 6
CYRIL CHAMBERS 3	FREDERICK J. HINTON... .. 7
JOSEPH MARSH 4	THOMAS DAVIES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. WOODBERRY.

* First peal. Specially arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Gordon Clifford Goodson, a member of the local band, and Miss Rosamond Mary Swift, of Claverley, who were married at this church on September 29th.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD... ..Treble	JOHN S. MASON 5
DANIEL T. MATKIN 2	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 6
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN... .. 3	WILLIAM DOWDING 7
WILLIAM SHORT... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent to Birmingham.

HYPHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY ...Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
WILLIAM BIDNELL 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
RICHARD J. BIRCH 4	A. PATRICK CANNON ... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 327). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE

HEAVITREE, EXETER.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four-and-a-Half Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.

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

Tenor 26 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... ..Treble	ERNEST J. TAYLOR 5
KENNETH FORD 2	*CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER 6
FREDERICK TARGETT 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
FRANK SKIDMORE 4	JOSEPH T. DYKETenor

Composed by J. CARTER (202 C.C. Collection).

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* 50th peal.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE GREEN Treble	MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 2	RONALD SUCKLING 6
*ARTHUR H. EVERETT ... 3	PERCY GREEN 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	ROBERT C. HEAZEL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS C. TEMPLEMAN ... Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON 5
*HARRY HODSON 2	*ARTHUR ROWLEY 6
GEORGE A. PACKER 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
CHARLES H. PAGE 4	WILLIS BUCKLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

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

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. Treble	EDWARD A. J. ALLEN 5
DANIEL THOMAS HILL ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
*FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
FRANK BELSEY 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal as conductor.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HAROLD TURNER Treble	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... 5
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	ERNEST E. WHITMORE ... 6
ARTHUR BIGBY 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

* First peal.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM FERNLEY Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
JAMES FERNLEY 2	JAMES A. MILNER 6
REV. FRANK BONNER ... 3	LIONEL CLOUGH 7
*JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 4	JOHN WORTH Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, who were the recipients of long service medals (for Sunday School and parochial church work) at the Cathedral, Manchester, the same day.

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ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*TREVOR M. RODERICK ... Treble	SYDNEY D. EDWARDS 5
JOHN E. BLOXHAM 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
EDWARD PHILLIPS 3	GEORGE TALBOT 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by J. W. LINES.

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major as conductor.

BOTTFESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ERNEST BARTRAM Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 5
WILLIAM G. THORPE 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 6
*JOHN W. KIRTON 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
FRANK DEWEY 4	ARTHUR W. WARD ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Stedman.

SIX BELL PEALS.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 17 methods, viz.: (1) Ockley and Norbury Treble Bob; (2) Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; (3) Old Oxford and College Bob IV. Delight; (4) Newdigate and Willesden Delight; (5) Charlwood and Wragby Delight; (6) Neasden and St. Albans Delight; (7) Chapel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR HIBBERT Treble	ALBERT T. BANCROFT ... 4
*REV. FRANK BONNER ... 2	†ERIC ELLISON 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	JAMES A. MILNER Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

* First peal in 17 methods away from treble. † First peal in 17 methods. First peal on the bells. Forty-two changes of method.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: 720 each of Wragby, Neasden, St. Albans, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 5 cwt. 22 lb.

MISS E. M. K. FETHERS ... Treble	ALAN BOWN 4
JOHN WORTH 2	ALBERT V. REES 5
THOMAS TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH WHITTAKER.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob and Hereward; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Double Oxford; (4) Double Court; (5) St. Clement's; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ADAM DEAS Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4
JOHN ANDERSON 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON ... 5
REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

First peal in ten methods by all the band. Fiftieth peal as conductor.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*PERCY H. MINTON 1	Treble	CHARLES H. TOMKINS 4
GEORGE T. COUSINS 2		ERNEST F. SALMONS 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 3		*LESLIE L. QUARTERMAIN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal. Quarterly peal for the Hereford District of the Guild.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

BRIAN F. SIMS 1	Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
LEONARD WILLIAMS 2		REGINALD WEST 5
DONALD L. COCKINGS 3		PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

GLASTON, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In five methods, being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS 1	Treble	JOHN H. BLUFF 4
ALBERT L. WARD 2		J. FREDERICK HUBBARD 5
J. GREGORY GEARY 3		ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Minor on the bells, which were augmented to six for the Coronation.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*STANLEY JOHNSON 1	Treble	†SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER, P.G. 4
†RONALD W. STEWARD 2		URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
†JAMES W. JENNINGS 3		ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Bob Minor.

WICKWAR, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

HORACE BENSON 1	Treble	*WALTER SMITH 4
LESLIE FRANCOMBE 2		*FREDERICK ROBERTS 5
HORACE ROBINSON 3		DONALD MARSH Tenor

Conducted by DONALD MARSH.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. First peal in more than one method for all except the ringer of the 3rd.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE W. HUGHES 1	Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
JAMES S. EASTWOOD 2		HOWARD HOWELL 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3		THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

First peal in seven methods by all except the ringer of the 3rd. First peal in more than one method by the conductor.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ECGWIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 extents of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 10 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES HEMMING 1	Treble	WILLIAM HUGHES 4
*GEORGE BAYLIS 2		ALBERT HUGHES 5
RICHARD STEPHENS 3		*JUBAL BEASLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal. Quarterly peal for the branch.

THORNHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY 1	Treble	*SIDNEY W. ARBON 4
ALBERT CHILVERS 2		JAMES BETTS 5
GEORGE BROWN 3		HARRY MOSS Tenor

Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

GOATHURST, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three extents of Oxford and four of Kent, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES HUNT 1	Treble	WILLIAM G. GIGG 4
ALFRED J. WYATT 2		JACK ROY 5
PERCY MERSON 3		S. GEORGE COLES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal on the bells. The peal contained 70 bobs.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM, BUCKS.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse College, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 11 lb. in G.

PETER A. BLAMEY 1	Treble	CYRIL A. BURGESS 4
*MARTIN A. BLAMEY 2		GORDON W. LIMMER 5
JOHN E. TAYLOR 3		GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Minor away from the treble. First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor, and first seven-method peal by the St. Peter's Society. Arranged and rung as a welcome home from Scotland to Col. Lionel H. Hanbury, C.M.G., V.D. (donor of the bells), and Mrs. Hanbury.

HANDBELL PEAL.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 12 in F.

MISS KATHLEEN M. JOHNSON 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	FRANCIS S. WILSON 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

STANSTED, ESSEX. — On Sunday, September 26th, for harvest festival at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Tharby 1, H. Watts 2, A. Prior (Leytonstone) 3, W. Prior 4, G. Jordan 5, I. Cavill (conductor) 6, T. Jordan 7, F. Morton 8.

FOR BEGINNERS.

FROM CALL CHANGES TO HALF-PULL RINGING.

We referred in our last article to the great importance of gaining bell control before a beginner proceeds to half-pull ringing.

When there are one or two learners who are practising with a competent band, the time spent in reaching this stage ought not to be unduly long. The difficulties arise when a young band are endeavouring to teach themselves. They will need patience and regular practice and should seek any help they can get from neighbouring ringers.

When they are able to strike rounds and call changes well, they can go on to half-pull ringing, but should not attempt to do so before they can strike accurately. The better they can 'strike' the easier they will find it to ring changes, because nothing confuses a beginner more, when he is endeavouring to find his next to strike over, than two other ropes coming down together.

There will be very few readers of these notes who do not understand what 'call changes' are, but in case there are any such, we would explain that these are changes 'called' by the conductor. Usually he changes the positions of one pair of bells at a time by telling them each which bell to pull over next, and when this has been done they go on ringing in the same order until the next alteration is made.

What happens to one pair of bells at intervals in call changes happens to as many pairs as possible at every pull when 'change ringing' is done, but while in the former the ringer may have several whole pulls after one bell and thus, if he has ears, the opportunity of improving his accuracy before he is moved again, in changes he has got to find the exact position for his bell at each pull on the rope, and, in addition, instead of being told which bell to pull over, he has got to find it for himself.

Here is one way in which a young band can approach change ringing, after having learned to manage their bells successfully in call changes. Instead of advancing all at once to half-pulls, they can change with the next bell at every whole pull, trying it at first by returning, at each alternate whole pull, to the previous position. Thus suppose they are ringing rounds on six bells, they can have alternate whole pulls (that is handstroke and backstroke), in the order 2 1 4 3 6 5 and 1 2 3 4 5 6.

They can do this for a time until, at each handstroke, the change is cleanly made all round. This accomplished, they can then do the same thing by making the change at backstroke and completing the whole pull at handstroke.

This will give them experience in making the change both ways of the rope.

From this stage the next should consist of whole pull ringing while changing with the next bell opposite to the one that the previous change was made with, so that if, in the first, 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 respectively change, producing 2 1 4 3 6 5, in the next 1-4 and 3-6 change producing 2 4 1 6 3 5. At the following whole pull all three pairs will change, that is 2-4, 1-6, 3-5, and following this two pairs 4-1 and 6-3. If this is continued systematically the bells will come back into rounds in twelve changes. If the beginner can work these out on paper for himself, changing three pairs and two pairs alternately, he will see what happens.

One advantage of beginning by ringing this in whole pulls is that it gives the learner more time to get his new position and pick out the next bell he has got to change with. He will learn that when he has to put an additional bell between himself and the lead he must hold up a little longer—a fraction of a second—because more bells have to strike round before his comes in; while, as he gets nearer the lead, he has to pull in a little quicker to maintain the beat, because there is one less bell to strike before his own.

In going from the lead upward he will probably have no difficulty in finding the bell he will strike after at the next change, because it is following him in this one. But coming back to lead it is not so easy to see the next bell he will strike over, because it is, in a sense, hidden by two others which are striking in between. If, however, he can see the total number of bells in front of him, in other words, see that he is pulling after five or four others (or whatever the number may be), and if he then ignores the one he is striking over and pulls in a trifle quicker to place himself over the last of the others which have been below, he will have found the bell he wants. If he has not been quite accurate at the first blow, he can further correct his position at the next before having to move again. That is the advantage of beginning by ringing these simple changes in whole pulls.

When this can be done, so that the movement is not only understood by the ringer, but the ringing itself is good, then the young band can take the first step in half-pull ringing by putting this 'method' into practice in the proper way, and changing position at both handstroke and backstroke.

It is a good thing not always to ring the same bell at these practices, but to take a different one at different times. It gets one used to making allowance in the striking for bells of different sizes. There is more 'space' required in striking a small bell over a large one than in striking a large one over a small one, assuming that they are all correctly clappered. But sometimes a bell may not be evenly clappered, and then it is that the beginner must most particularly use his ears.

PEAL NOTES.

PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES.

The ring of six at Glaston, Rutland, were augmented in honour of the Coronation, and the first peal—one of Grandsire Doubles—was rung by the local company. On October 11th the first of Minor was rung on them, and the band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. King for their hospitality afterwards.

The bells at Glaston are rung from the floor of the church and the ringers stand between the nave and chancel (as is also the case at Somerby, Leicestershire). Glaston tower, with its short stone spire, is very quaint and originally had a small saucer bell for the clock hanging from the south light of the spire outside. This bell now adorns the Rector's lawn, reversed as a flower pot! The clock was dated 1739. Eyre, of Kettering, made bells of this shape, and this is, therefore, also the probable date of the bell. It was too dark after the peal for the conductor (Mr. Ernest Morris) to note any inscription.

The peal at St. Mary's, Nottingham, recorded in our last issue, was Mr. Ronald Salter's first peal of Stedman and a birthday compliment to his mother, Mrs. F. A. Salter, and to Mr. George E. Foster. It was also Mr. F. A. Salter's 150th peal and they all received the hearty congratulations of the band.

Kent Treble Bob Maximus has now been added to the methods rung on the new twelve at Croydon, and in it six of the local men rang their first peal of Maximus. The peal, recorded last week, was a welcome to the new Vicar, who succeeds the Bishop of Lichfield in the incumbency. Croydon, surrounded by the Diocese of Southwark, is an isolated part of the Diocese of Canterbury.

Police-Supt. F. R. Williams, of Manchester, president of the National Guild of Police Ringers, took part on September 29th in a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Culworth, Northants, rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon Hill, for 39 years Rector of the parish. It was the first peal on the five bells and the first peal by three of the band. The details appeared in our last issue.

The bells of Poynton, Cheshire, were installed in 1887, but it was not until Saturday, October 9th, that the first peal was rung on them. They have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The peal was Spliced Treble Bob Minor in 17 methods.

The Rev. Frank Bonner took part in the peal. On the preceding Saturday he preached to the Stockport Branch of the Guild, and his homely address consisted of an analogy between a peal and life.

The first peal on the bells at Wickwar, Glos., was rung on Oct. 12th, in three methods of Minor. For five of the six ringers it was the first peal in more than one method, while two of the band rang their first.

On the occasion of the visit of the Duke of Kent to Birmingham on October 13th a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Hallowborne. The Duke's visit was in connection with the sixth annual conference of the Hospital Contributory Scheme.

Incidentally it may be mentioned that Mr. James George, who will be 84 next month, rang the tenor. Well, boys will be boys!

The Sunday service ringers at St. James' Church, Church, Lancs., scored a peal of Double Norwich on October 9th, when two of the band rang their first peal in the method. Eric Brunton, one of the rest of the band, is only 15 years of age. The peal was recorded last week.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise and Treble Bob Minor at Willingham, Cambs., on October 8th, was rung as a farewell to the Rector, Canon A. C. Hair. The peal details appeared in our last issue. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gleaves entertained the ringers. Mr. Gleaves and the conductor, Mr. P. Warrington, have rung 125 peals together.

Mr. Gordon Clifford Goodson, a member of the band at Claverley, Shropshire, was married on September 29th to Miss Rosamond Mary Swift, of Claverley. On October 12th a wedding peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for them.

A peal of London Surprise Major, rung at Framsdon, Suffolk, on October 11th, was arranged for Mr. David Vincent, of Altrincham, Cheshire, and was Mr. L. C. Wightman's 400th peal.

In honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. Leonard Williams, of Stagsden, a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung on October 9th.

What is the meaning of the mystic letters, 'P.G.', after the name of Miss Sylvia Bowyer, in the report of a peal of Minor at Sproughton? Surely they do not mean 'Peal Grabber'! Miss Bowyer has rung more than 25 peals this year, ranging from Minor to Maximus.

A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Townsend, Ringing Master at Leckhampton, Cheltenham, the peal of Stedman Triples rung at that church on October 9th was also in honour of the 65th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Williams, of Newent. We referred to this auspicious event in our last issue.

Mr. W. Oakey, who rang his first peal of Triples, in this performance at Leckhampton, is leader of the ringers at Badgeworth, Glos.

The tenor in the peal at Alsager, Cheshire, on October 9th, stood in at almost a moment's notice, and the rest of the band extend their thanks to him.

Mr. Fred Dexter, one of Leicester's most popular ringers, rang his two hundredth peal of Surprise when he took part in a peal of New Cambridge Royal at Loughborough Parish Church on Saturday.

This peal was also Mr. R. F. Elkington's two hundredth for the Midland Counties Association. Such a double 'double' needed a double celebration.

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WHAT HAPPENED TO THE UMPIRE?

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A handbell peal of Grandsire Triples at Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcestershire, on October 16th, was specially arranged for Mr. F. S. Wilson, of West Lavington, Sussex, who formerly resided at Ludlow.

The other three members of the band were Mr. J. D. Johnson and two of his sisters. Mr. John Thomas was the official umpire of the peal, but he was only present during the first and last four-parts of Parker's twelve-part. He was missing during the rest of the performance, and investigation into his movements during this interval traced him to various garages and eventually to a football match at least three miles away. John must have even better ears than we suspected to hear the bells at that distance.

A peal of Double Norwich Major was rung at Burton Latimer on October 16th as a welcome to the Rector (the Rev. R. W. Sharpley). It was also a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Saddington, whose son took part in the peal.

All the ringers, except the conductor, in the peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles at Norton, Worcestershire, on October 16th, were members of the local band, two of them ringing their first peal. It was the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob at Hythe, Kent, on October 16th, when Mr. T. E. Sone called another of Mr. Arthur Knights' compositions (No. 327) for the first time, was the conductor's 275th peal. Of this total he has called 190.

The peal of Superlative at Wicken on October 9th was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ralph Foddy. The composition, by G. Lindoff, is published in the Peterborough Diocesan Guild's report for 1932, peal No. 474.

The first peal of Major on the bells at Sowton, Devon, was rung on Saturday, October 9th. It was arranged to enable Mr. W. H. Howe to ring a peal at his native place and as a welcome to Mr. Clifford Vessey, who has gone from Notts to reside in Devon.

ANSTEY BOYS' PERFORMANCE.

On Sunday, October 17th, for evensong at St. Mary's Church, Anstey, Leicestershire, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung: Jack E. Adams 1, J. Terry Smith 2, Mary L. Disney 3, George E. Bowler 4, R. S. William Smith 5, Alban Disney 6, Redvers F. Elkington (conductor) 7, Eileen H. Cufflin 8. It was the first quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2 and 4, who are aged 15, 13 and 14 respectively and started to handle a bell only nine and a half months ago. This is believed to be the first quarter-peal ever rung on the bells by an entirely local band.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CANTERBURY DISTRICT'S INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP.**

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, on October 9th.

Ringling took place at the three local towers, St. Stephen's, St. Alphege and St. Dunstan's, in the afternoon, and the association's service held in St. Dunstan's, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Miller), the lesson being read by Mr. E. Trendell.

Tea, provided by the association, was served in the Parish Hall, the 83 members present being presided over by the Vicar.

Owing to a long standing promise made by the Vicar, he was prevented from staying to the meeting, but before he left he was heartily thanked for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for all the help he had given in making the day a success.

Mr. E. Trendell was voted to the chair. The secretary's report and balance sheet were read and adopted. The report showed an increase of 41 members over the previous year, the total of honorary and practising members in the district reaching the total of 291. The number of towers in union had increased from 28 to 30, the total receipts in the district amounted to £32 10s. 6d. and a balance was shown of £26 4s.

The district secretary (Mr. B. J. Luck) was re-elected, as were the district representatives, Messrs. F. G. Brett and H. Whitehead. The former was also re-elected Ringing Master.

Faversham was chosen as the venue for the district's spring meeting, St. Peter's, Thanet, for the summer meeting, and Wickham-breaux for the next by-meeting.

Votes of thanks were passed to the organist and to the ladies who had so splendidly looked after the wants of all during the tea.

RINGERS' WIVES.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to 'Ringer's Wife,' I, too, am a neglected wife, with regard to peal ringing, but I am very pleased to think that my husband is interested in such a splendid hobby. When he is ringing I can always be sure he is in good company, for where can be found a more friendly atmosphere than in the ringing chamber.

Recently I entertained a party of ringers who had come some distance to ring a peal, but after several attempts had to own they were defeated. Were there any long faces? Not so, one couldn't have wished to be in the company of a happier party, and all were determined to have another try. They even went so far as to say there wouldn't be half so much pleasure in ringing if they won every peal. That's the spirit for 'ringers.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Miss Dorothy L. Sayers, authoress of 'The Nine Tailors,' is among the guests attending the Ladies' Guild silver jubilee dinner at Audertou's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, were on Saturday the recipients, at the hands of the Lord Bishop of Manchester, of long service medals for Sunday School and parochial church work. The presentation took place in Manchester Cathedral, and afterwards a peal of Bristol Surprise was rung at Mottram-in-Longdendale in their honour.

The older generation of ringers will recall that in 1906 a new Treble Bob Major record was set up at Mottram, a peal of Kent, 16,800 changes in length, being rung there by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

The bells of St. Peter's, Beunemouth, which have been recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Son, of Loughborough, will be rededicated on Saturday, November 20th, at 3.30 p.m. by the Bishop of Winchester.

The Rev. J. M. Turner, Vicar of Moulton, Northants, who was instrumental in getting the bells at his church renovated and augmented to eight, has taken the incumbency of Washfield, near Tiverton, Devon.

At the annual meeting of the Over Society (Cambs), Mr. F. Warrington was elected captain and Mr. C. Robinson vice-captain for the coming year. Mr. A. J. Ginn, with no less than 45 ringing years and 25 years as captain, has resigned, but will assist as occasion arises.

The Bristol United Guilds will return to the Grand Hotel, Bristol, on January 15th, 1938, for their annual dinner. Mr. Donald Marsh (Coalpit Heath) will be chairman.

Mr. E. Guise will attend the tercentenary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths to represent the Bristol United Ringing Guilds. Twelve or more Bristol ringers will attend. There will also be a considerable contingent from Birmingham.

There was a record attendance of 160 at the Yorkshire Association's dinner at Leeds on October 9th, commemorating Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers. The detailed report of the proceedings reached us too late for this issue and will appear next week.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who has devoted nearly as many years to rifle shooting as he has to bellringing, has carried off the Ross-Patrick Cup of the City Rifle Club at Bisley ranges. A fine performance at 75 years of age. It involved shooting at ranges up to 600 yards.

FALSE PEALS OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been pointed out to me that a peal of 5,005 Stedman Cinques, called by me at Surfleet on July 31st last, is false. This composition is Mr. Arthur Knights' No. 37, and was then rung for the first time. The repetition occurs in the first six of the peal, which starts with a slow six, bobbed, and the first six after the course-end 413256 in the tittums.

Similarly Mr. Knights' No. 36 is also false. This peal was called by me at Lincoln Cathedral on September 5th, 1936, and was published in the Lincoln Diocesan Guild report for last year.

In withdrawing these peals, may I express my sincere regret to all who took part in them, especially those who travelled very many miles to do so.

C. T. COLES.

Higams Park, E.4.

STEDMAN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read your leading article on Stedman with interest. To my mind, it is not a fact that nothing is to be gained in Stedman Doubles by departing from the usual start. If we keep to it we can only get 10 six-scores with two singles only, but if we use the other five starts we can get 60.

The reason for what you term the strange start is, to my mind, quite obvious. If you divide the principle up into twelves, instead of only sixes, all twelves are symmetrical, a point that Stedman would be keen upon. With any other start it is not so.

E. BANKES JAMES.

Seafeld Park, Fareham.

A SYMMETRICAL PRINCIPLE.

Dear Sir,—I beg to submit that there is nothing strange about the start in Stedman. It is true that the method can be divided into Quick and Slow sixes, but my candid opinion is Stedman knew what he was about and believed in symmetry.

One of the Central Council's arbitrary definitions enforces symmetry in methods, then why not in principles? 'What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander.'

I have not the least doubt that Stedman knew that he had produced a symmetrical twelve with coursing order division heads and ends, five twelves are sixty, the extent of the method without singles, and I sincerely hope the Exercise will never permit any alteration in the start of the principle from the way in which the author produced it.

GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

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INSTRUCTING BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When I wrote the article on the above subject in your issue of Sept. 24th I expected (as I said at the time) that a number of people would disagree with my views. From the letters which appeared in the following issue, I gather that amongst these are numbered Mr. W. Shepherd and Mr. F. E. Dawe. But is there really any need for them to be quite so rude about it? Have we come to such a pass that no one who is too young to have rung peals at every cathedral in the country is to be allowed to express his views in your column, without being accused of 'thrusting his ideas down other people's throats'?

We are often reminded of the difficulty these days in persuading the younger generation to become interested in bellringing, and it is sometimes said in reply that when they do take up the art they do not receive much encouragement from the older hands. This may only be true in certain isolated cases, but the tone of the two letters mentioned above is certainly not calculated to encourage the 'young practitioner'!

And as for this argument—if such it can be called—that Grandsire *must* be the best method to teach first, because certain instructors used to do so 50 years ago, this sounds to me suspiciously like the old cry, 'It must be right because grandfather did it,' which, to say the least of it, is never very convincing. The point is, did these men select Grandsire as the first method to teach after careful thought as to the possible merits of other methods, or was it because it never occurred to them to start their pupils on anything else?

It would seem that Messrs. Shepherd's and Dawe's vision has been so blinded with rage at the audacity of one of my tender years daring to express an opinion not shared by them, that they have been able to read into my article certain passages which somehow or other failed to appear in my copy. Where, for instance, does Mr. Dawe find the sentence in which I 'advocate startling learners in the discordant jangling of the unmusical Surprise methods'? And perhaps Mr. Shepherd would point out where I showed my aversion to Grandsire Triples as a method. What I did say was that I had not found it so good as Bob Major or Minor for giving a beginner a real grounding in the essential elements of good change ringing, and I gave my reasons for forming this opinion in some detail and after considerable thought. Mr. Shepherd, on the other hand, is content to state baldly that 'it is beyond question that Grandsire is the best method, etc.', but I notice that he does not attempt to substantiate this bald statement with a single concrete argument; in fact, I have scanned both his letter and Mr. Dawe's in vain for one word of constructive criticism or the slightest attempt to refute any of the arguments I put forward.

Mr. Shepherd then takes me to task for saying that good leading is obtained with the *ears*, and he asks, 'Is this all?' The answer is in the affirmative, and I believe that most good strikers will agree with me—even if Mr. Shepherd doesn't.

I am more interested in Mr. Arthur Prince's letter, because he does at least discuss the subject of my article and not its writer. But one or two of his statements seem to call for some comment as follows:—

(1) 'Most instructors teach the same method of hunting up, etc.' Mr. Prince, I gather, is one of the exceptions, considering this a waste of time. But what is his alternative method? If I understand him correctly, he first teaches his pupils to make 2nd's and 3rd's places and then tells them where to pass the treble and when and how to dodge. But he does not tell us how he expects his pupils to carry out these instructions before they have learnt to plain hunt!

(2) 'Learning to strike evenly over the other bells.' The point I was trying to make here was the necessity for finding out by practical observation how much gap has to be left when striking over the heavier bells, *particularly the tenor*. Mr. Prince says you learn this by ringing Rounds, Queen's, Tittums and Whittington's. Perhaps he will tell us which bell strikes over the tenor in any one of these changes.

(3) 'Learning to lead.' Mr. Prince advocates doing this while No. 2 is in progress, by the most advanced pupil taking the treble. But is this quite fair to the others, who (presumably less advanced) are learning to ring Rounds and Queen's on the other bells? I should have thought that to give them the best chance it would be wiser to put your most competent man—possibly the instructor himself—on the treble. Furthermore, leading on the treble in Rounds is not quite the same thing as leading in changes.

(4) Finally Mr. Prince makes the somewhat curious statement that 'Stedman contains every position known in ringing.' Stedman, like Grandsire, is an excellent method, but I have yet to discover where it contains dodging in 3-4 or 5-6 or striking the tenor in any position, all of which Mr. Prince will surely agree occur in quite a few other methods.

This subject of instruction is, as I feel sure all your readers will agree, one of vital importance; and it seems to me that an exchange of views and results of personal experience—be it long or short—by *practising instructors* may well prove helpful to those most concerned, and produce something of real value to the Exercise; and possibly, as we are discussing whether the odd or even bell methods are the best to teach first, the evidence of those who have tried *both* ways will carry most weight. But whatever our views may be, do for Heaven's sake, let us have more concrete argument and fewer vague generalities about 50 years ago, more constructive criticism and less personal abuse.

Bristol.

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

AN ADVOCATE OF EVEN-BELL METHODS FIRST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was with great interest that I read your article on 'Handicaps for Beginners' in your issue of the 24th ult., and also Mr. S. H. Wood's excellent article. May I add it should give many other ringers cause for some hard thinking? I myself have had, during the past 44 years, a fairly varied experience of beginners and can, therefore, claim to be able to express some opinion on the subject. I cordially agree with Mr. Wood that it is far better to teach beginners even method ringing first, for the simple reason the beginner has not always to lead after the same bell, and when the beginner has mastered leading off all the bells in turn it must be easier to have always to lead off the tenor afterwards, although it may sound paradoxical. However, I maintain and always have done that those who learn even method ringing first and odd method ringing afterwards make the best strikers, and that is, or should be, the objective of all ringers.

I am sorely tempted to think that the sentence in your article that the hand, the ear and the eye are all needed, but that the ear is most neglected, is true, and pity 'tis 'tis true. However, to a certain extent I suppose we must grin and bear it.

There is also the point you mention that instructors themselves are sometimes bad or indifferent strikers. That, too, is perfectly true. I can give one instance. Some years ago a certain ringer was engaged by a Vicar in my district to teach a company on six bells, tenor about 7½ cwt., bells in good condition and plenty of opportunity to coach a band. But as the rev. gentleman himself was never a first rate hauler and the instructor was one of the slovenliest handlers I ever met, nothing ever came of it, simply because it was a case of a square peg in a round hole. Further comment is needless.

'INTERESTED.'

STEDMAN RECOMMENDED.

Sir,—I have had a good share of teaching beginners. Stedman is the best method. Leading 'wrong' is as simple to the novice as leading 'right' and the slow work is mastered easier than double dodging. Old Grandsire ringers do double dodging easier than the novices, but cannot manage the slow work any better, if as well.

After showing pupils how to strike handbells, they should be exercised in leading, dodging and place-making; then plain hunting by commencing on four bells and continuing on the successive numbers up to as far as is practicable (leading is thus easily acquired whether from the tenor or not). It should be done progressively—one change at a time—repeated if necessary until the striking-after bell is observed—and when the run-out is reached, start again if the correct order is not remembered. Coursing down can be shown after memorising the running-out has been mastered. If anyone cannot learn this way they never will learn.

Then Stedman! Attempt only a six at a time, then recommence and thus progress by the successive sixes until the whole course is accomplished and a good foundation laid for all methods.

I have had learners who could ring on handbells three methods, viz., Stedman, Grandsire and Treble Bob, before they could properly handle the tower bells.

H. D.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

YOUTH WANTED AT MEETINGS.

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Tunstall on Saturday week. Forty members and friends were present from Burslem, Biddulph, Brown Edge, Cheadle, Draycott, Kids Grove, Kingsley, Lawton, Leek, Longton, Macclesfield, Norton, Newcastle, Stoke-on-Trent, Tunstall and Wistaston.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Institute, where a hearty welcome was extended by the Rev. S. F. Linsley (Vicar). The Vicar of Tunstall has started to ring, and it was encouraging to hear a person talk about Doubles and Triples, knowing that he knows what he is talking about.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. Hurd to the Vicar and ringers for the use of the bells. Mr. E. Steele, who seconded, said Tunstall brought back memories of the days when Mr. J. Johnson was secretary of the association. He was not only a good secretary, but a great help to young ringers.

Congratulations were extended by the association to Mr. W. Rigby, of Lawton, who recently celebrated his golden wedding. Mr. W. Rigby suitably replied. He was a ringer at Tunstall many years ago.

Mr. A. D. Steel, Ringing Master for the eight-bell towers, thanked the members for the great co-operation given to him at Uttoxeter, and expressed his desire for better meetings, both in attendance and in the standard of ringing. More of the youth were invited to attend the meetings and the practice meetings to be held on week-nights.

The secretary also hopes Mr. A. D. Steel will have better support at the practices arranged for Surprise ringing.

The next meeting will be held at Burslem on November 13th and not the 6th as previously arranged.

After tea the ringers, at the invitation of the Vicar, attended evensong.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—For harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major: *W. E. Symonds 1, D. C. Mears 2, W. J. Houghton 3, *E. W. Winters 4, A. E. Symonds 5, C. V. Hare 6, T. Castle 7, L. Fidler (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

FUNDS CENTRALISED.

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, October 2nd, at Burbage, near Hinckley, and, whether taken as a social, business or ringing gathering, was a great success. Although Burbage is somewhat 'off the beaten track,' a goodly company assembled and kept the eight bells going to various methods, and for a meeting the ringing was remarkably good and well struck.

The committee met in the Parish Room, and, arising from their business, the hon. treasurer reported that all invested funds and bank balance had been centralised and now rested in one bank at Nottingham instead of being scattered as hitherto.

A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. D. H. Pughe, who gave an inspiring address and an instructive talk on the church's history, etc. A retiring collection was made and 17s. 9d. given to the Association Bell Repair Fund. About 60 members and friends afterwards sat down to tea. They were from Burton, Derby, Loughborough, Leicester, Hinckley and Nottingham districts, and a party from Irthlingborough, which included old friends in Messrs. A. Tyler, W. Perkins and others, was also welcomed.

The general meeting was presided over by Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president), supported by the Rector, Mr. W. E. White (hon. treasurer) and Mr. Ernest Morris (hon. secretary).

The President gave a review of the past quarter's peals, which he stated made a very good record, no less than 34 having been rung, but none above Major and none on handbells. He referred to the association's loss by the death of an original member, Mr. Herbert W. Needham, whose obituary notice had recently appeared in 'The Ringing World.' The President thanked the Rector for permission to come to Burbage and for his splendid service in church; also the local band for making this gathering such a success.—The Rector replied in a witty speech.

New members proposed since the last quarterly meeting, viz., 23 ringing, two rejoins, four life, were duly elected.

It was pointed out that the next quarterly meeting was fixed for Repton and would probably be January 15th, 1938.

Local secretaries were asked to prepare a short account of their district activities for inclusion in the next annual report, stating number of meetings held, whether attendance had been good, new members elected, Sunday service ringing and any other items of interest.

This concluded the business and further ringing took place.

BURTON DISTRICT SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

A very pleasant meeting of the Burton District of the Midland Counties Association was held at St. Peter's Church, Netherseale, on the eve of the Sunday harvest festival.

The Rector (Canon H. E. FitzHerbert) conducted a short service, the lesson being read by the Rev. W. R. L. Jones, curate of Seales. An interesting address was given by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, Rector of Ordsall, North Notts, in the course of which he spoke of the encouragement which should be given by older ringers to beginners and reminded them of the high standard of striking which should be maintained for Sunday service ringing.

Tea was generously provided by the Rector of Seales in the Village Hall and was admirably served by the ladies connected to the Church Council.

The Rector presided over the business meeting which followed and read an apology from Mr. W. W. Worthington, J.P., chairman of the district and patron of the living of Seales, who, he regretted to say, was indisposed.

One honorary and one ringing member were elected, and the next meeting fixed for Newhall on November 6th.

Mr. J. H. Swinfield proposed thanks to the Rector for his hospitality and for the use of the bells. This was seconded by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, who said he was delighted to be amongst old friends of the Burton and Derby Districts once again. He referred to the beautiful peals of bells within the Burton District, especially mentioning the two peals of eight in the parish of Seales and referring to the restoration of the church and bells at Netherseale.

The motion having been carried with applause, Canon FitzHerbert replied thanking the ladies who had prepared the tea and also those who had assisted in raising the £1,100 necessary for the restoration scheme. He especially mentioned the magnificent grant from the Bell Repair Fund of the Midland Counties Association.

Handbell ringing then added variety to the proceedings, and on the return to the tower the bells were rung to various methods until the hour of curfew.

The towers represented were Burton St. Paul's, Ashby, Appleby, Measham, Overseale, Winshill, Newhall, Ticknall, Ibstock, Rotherham, Derby Cathedral, Derby St. Andrew's, Walsall, Wolverhampton and the local company.

RINGERS' BIRTHDAYS.

At Amersham, Bucks, on Saturday, October 2nd, after a peal attempt had failed, 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: R. Smith 1, Miss D. R. Fletcher 2, Miss K. E. Fletcher 3, J. Harrison 4, W. Edwards 5, H. Wingrove (conductor) 6. This was arranged as a birthday compliment to Miss D. R. Fletcher and Miss E. Harrison, also as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. R. Smith.

A JOINT SOCIAL GATHERING.

FUN AND FROLIC AT HILLINGDON.

Fun waxed fast and furious at the annual social held at Hillingdon on Saturday by the Middlesex Association, the Oxford Guild and the Ladies' Guild. The event attracted ringers and their friends from a wide area and altogether nearly a hundred were present from over 30 towers.

The proceedings began in the afternoon with ringing at St. John's (Hillingdon) and St. Andrew's (Uxbridge) Churches, and a congregation numbering somewhere about seventy assembled in the former church for the customary service. They waited in vain for the arrival of a clergyman, and were meanwhile regaled with organ music by Mr. A. W. Owen, organist of Ruislip. After a quarter of an hour or so, the announcement was made that the service would be abandoned and the congregation filed out. No sooner had they dispersed than the curate (the Rev. B. Barron) arrived. There had been a misunderstanding with regard to the time.

Tea was served in St. John's Hall, Mr. J. A. Trollope (vice-president of the Middlesex Association) presiding, supported by the Rev. B. Barron, Mrs. R. F. Deal (vice-president of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. C. T. Coles and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow (joint hon. secretaries of the Middlesex Association), Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild), Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Coles, etc. The tea was served by Mrs. Goodfellow and lady friends.

Afterwards on behalf of the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Bashford), the Rev. B. Barron welcomed the ringers to Hillingdon and apologised for the misunderstanding with regard to the service.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LADIES.

The Chairman, in congratulating the Ladies' Guild upon their silver jubilee, welcomed them and the Oxford Guild to the Middlesex Association's tower. He said he remembered the time when there were no lady ringers and when a tower-bell peal was first rung by a lady she was regarded by some people almost as a freak (laughter). She was, however, not a freak, but a pioneer (hear, hear). Ringers were afraid in those days that if ladies came into the towers the standard of ringing would go down dreadfully, but he did not think it had gone down very much as a result. Some of the ladies were very good ringers indeed. In the Middlesex Association they were very pleased to have the ladies among them, and they offered the Ladies' Guild their congratulations (applause).

Mrs. Deal, who replied, thanked Mr. Trollope for his good wishes. Years ago, she said, there were mixed feelings when a lady ringer went into a tower, but nowadays the ladies were absolutely certain of a kind welcome from most societies. The Ladies' Guild was delighted to take part again in that joint meeting, and she was sure that the congratulations that had been offered would be much appreciated.

Mr. A. D. Barker supported Mr. Trollope in the congratulations to the ladies and expressed the pleasure of his branch in being able to take part in that joint gathering.

Mr. Coles proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of Hillingdon and Uxbridge for the use of the bells, to the Rev. B. Barron for his attendance, to Mr. A. W. Owen for coming from Ruislip to play the organ, to the local ringers, especially Mr. Pratt (captain) and Mr. Smith (steeplekeeper), of St. John's, and Mr. F. Corke, St. Andrew's; also to the ladies, and particularly Mrs. Goodfellow, for preparing the tea.—This was carried by acclamation.

Although the tower bells were rung again after tea, there were a number of gossips, handbell exponents and stage managers who remained in the hall and made it look untidy. Eventually all the party reassembled to find a programme drawn up to last until about 10.30, but after 11 o'clock the company was still clamouring for more! The official programme was launched shortly after 7.30 with a sing-song, led by the Stoke handbell specialists under Mr. A. D. Barker. Later on this trio played more tunes, with all the variations dear to the hearts of tune ringers.

A course of Bob Major was rung on a set of very large handbells. These bells, we were informed, were last rung in 1919 when the late William Pye visited Hillingdon for a peal to mark the peace celebrations.

Several sketches caused much amusement, especially the 'Operation' (a silhouette, with sound and speech effects!) and the 'Secretary-bloke' who had to wait for his wife (most unusual, we believe!). A violin solo skillfully executed completed the individual items.

Various games caused much hilarity to players and onlookers alike. The 'peal grabbers' had a high old time. A competition, arranged by Mrs. Barker, required contestants to draw a slip, bearing the name of a method, from a large pan, and find the corresponding slip, pinned up somewhere in the room. The young and the not-so-young started dashing about the hall in search of peals, and the winner was eventually found to have 'grabbed' nine.

The famous handball competition was contested in no slipshod manner. Spectators saw the 'tough guys' 'sock' into one another in earnest, and each match produced its casualties! Eight teams entered the contest from Cookham, Ealing, Hillingdon (two teams), Ruislip, Stoke Poges and Uxbridge, together with a team of the Tower Snatchers Union (N.U.T.S.). Shortly before 11, Hillingdon 'A' and Uxbridge fought out the final, with the latter fairly easy victors.

Mrs. Goodfellow thoughtfully provided refreshments during the evening and earned the thanks that were accorded to her.

NETHERTON LEADER'S RETIREMENT.**LONG FAMILY CONNECTION WITH THE BELLS.**

Mr. Albert Prestidge has recently resigned the leadership of the ringers at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, an office which he has held for 20 years. He has had to give up ringing on account of rheumatism in the hands.

Mr. Prestidge has been ringing at Netherton for 37 years and is the second generation of his family to be connected with Netherton bells. His father, Joseph James Prestidge, and his uncle, Samuel, had learned to ring at West Haddon, Northampton, and in 1870, six years after they came to Netherton, six bells were given to the Parish Church. They at once formed a band and Samuel became first leader of the belfry. His brother afterwards succeeded to the leadership and held it for some years until his death in 1917.

He had taught his two sons, Walter and Albert, and on his death the latter became leader. For years Mr. Albert Prestidge strove to have the old bells recast and rehung and eventually this was done in 1935.

Two sons and two nephews now carry on the family tradition. Mr. Prestidge was always chiefly concerned in maintaining service ringing at the church, but he has rung 28 peals as follows: Bob Triples 1, Bob Major 9 (conducted 2), Grandsire Triples 5, Grandsire Caters 1, Treble Bob Major 8, Stedman Triples 3, Erin Triples 1.

Mr. Alfred Davies, of 19, Crescent Road, Netherton, Dudley, has now been appointed leader of the Netherton band, and applications for ringing, etc., should be sent to him for confirmation by the Vicar.

HUGHENDEN'S OLDEST RINGER.**DEATH OF MR. HARRY STRATFORD.**

By the lamented death of Mr. Harry Stratford, Hughenden has been deprived of its oldest and one of its most respected ringers. He was 78 years of age.

Ever of a genial disposition, Mr. Stratford was a most regular attendant both at services and practice while his health permitted. Although he had rather more than 60 peals to his credit, he was never an enthusiastic peal ringer, putting service ringing first. He took part in 1894 in the first peal of London Surprise for the Oxford Guild, in which the late Rev. F. E. Robinson also rang, the first peal of Superlative for the Guild, and one of the only two peals of 'Alliance' ever rung, Crawley ringing the other one on the previous evening.

Stedman was his favourite method, and nothing pleased him more than a well-struck quarter-peal.

In addition to his ringing abilities, he was a member of the church choir for a great many years, and secretary of the Church Helpers' Society from its inception down to his death. In fact, any project for the welfare of his beloved church had his wholehearted support, and a former Vicar declared that 'Harry was worth two curates.'

A large and representative congregation attended the funeral to pay their last respect to an esteemed parishioner. The service was fully choral, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave, the tower bells afterwards being rung half-muffled. A well-struck quarter-peal of Stedman was rung on the Sunday following by his fellow-members with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to a devoted churchman.

He will be greatly missed at Hughenden. A hackneyed expression, perhaps, but certainly true of Harry Stratford.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**MONTHLY PRACTICES TO BE HELD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Enville, near Stourbridge, on Saturday, September 25th, in beautiful weather and with the country seeming to be at its best. Ringing began about three o'clock and later a service was held, at which the Rev. W. F. O'N. Fisher (Rector) officiated and gave an interesting address. Mrs. Fisher kindly presided at the organ.

The Rector kindly placed his study at the disposal of the members for the business meeting. The Rector presided and gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Enville.

It was proposed that the quarterly peal be attempted at Enville, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master, the Rector kindly giving his consent to the attempt.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Old Hill, subject to the usual permission being obtained. Failing Old Hill it was left to the secretary to make other arrangements.

The question of holding a practice night for the Guild and others who might care to attend came in for a lengthy discussion. It was eventually proposed to hold a practice at St. Thomas' Church, Dudley (10 bells) on the first Monday evening in the month. It is hoped that many members will avail themselves of this arrangement so that the practices may be made successful.

Mr. S. J. Hughes proposed and Mr. J. H. Cox seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector of Enville for his kindness and to Mrs. Fisher for the musical part of the service.—The Rector briefly replied on behalf of his wife and himself and said that he hoped to have the pleasure of welcoming the Guild again.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT RETTENDON.**

Although there was not a large muster at the South-Eastern Division meeting at Rettendon on October 9th, those who attended had a very pleasant and enjoyable time. Ringing began at 3 p.m.

Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. R. Norman), the hymns were accompanied by Miss Meeson, and the lesson was read by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. W. Shadrack).

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, 20 sitting down, presided over by the Rector.

It was announced at the business meeting which followed that the annual divisional meeting would be held at Writtle on November 27th. The Rector said that he and his ringers were very pleased to welcome the association and hoped they would enjoy their visit and the ringing.

Mr. H. W. Shadrack thanked the Rector for allowing the meeting to be held and also for his interesting address.

A vote of thanks to Miss Meeson, to the organ blower and to Mr. Jay and the local band was proposed by Mr. J. D. Buckingham and carried with applause.

After handbell ringing a return was made to the tower, where ringing continued in a variety of methods, with rounds for two beginners who were present, until 9 o'clock.

The following towers were represented: Great Baddow, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Fryerning, Goldhanger, Maldon, Rettendon and Springfield, also visitors from Prittlewell.

RECTOR TO THE RESCUE.

On Saturday, October 16th, a meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Great Bromley, when about 30 members (including five lady ringers) attended from Tending, Mistley, Dedham, Weeley and St. Matthew's, Ipswich. Among other towers represented were Harwich, Colchester, Thorington, St. Osyth's and Ipswich. After a short service, conducted by the Rector, it was found that tea was not obtainable at the usual place, so the Rector very kindly came to the rescue by inviting all to tea at the Rectory.

Afterwards some returned to the tower for more ringing, while others went over to Little Bromley to ring on the four bells there, an unusual experience for the Surprise ringers. These bells were rehung in 1898 and nothing has been done since. They had not been rung for many years until recently, when some ropes were obtained from a neighbouring tower and an enthusiastic member from Mistley had spent some time in oiling and making them ready. Quite a good time was spent here, after which all returned to Great Bromley again, where, during the day, some good ringing took place in methods ranging from Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

On the way home some of the ringers were able to have a pull on the fine eight at St. Peter's, Colchester, which were being rung by an outing party.

At the meeting, after some discussion, it was decided to hold the annual meeting again at Colchester in December.

Thanks are due to the gentleman who kindly lent his car and took those without cycles to Little Bromley, although he is not now able to ring.

TWO ASSOCIATIONS MEET.**HERTS AND BEDS RINGERS AT LEIGHTON BUZZARD.**

Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire ringers held a combined meeting on Saturday at All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard. The fine peal of ten were set going to Stedman Caters soon after 3 p.m., and ringing was continued until 4 o'clock, when a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Stephens), who, in his address, spoke of the history of bells and described the important part ringers play in the Church's life. He thanked all ringers for the services they so freely gave for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

After service the whole party (very appropriately) adjourned to the Golden Bell, where they enjoyed a very excellent tea. The Vicar welcomed the ringers from over the border.

Handbells were demonstrated by the experts, spliced Little and Plain Bob Major being splendidly struck. The party then returned to the tower, while a few went to Linslade to try the light peal of eight. On their return, with the help of Mr. Reuben Sanders and others, a grand course of Cambridge Royal was successfully completed, and a course of London Major was well struck. Methods from Grandsire Triples to Little Bob Royal were also in the programme, and a very successful meeting was brought to a close about 8 p.m. It is hoped this may be one of a series of joint meetings of the two associations, and ringers in Bedfordshire look forward to a visit to Hertfordshire.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, October 10th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans): E. Wilson (first quarter of Stedman) 1, A. O. Lewis 2, J. Woodyatt 3, G. E. Large (conductor) 4, D. R. Sayers 5, R. W. Sayers 6, R. Woodyatt 7, G. Colley 8. Arranged for A. O. Lewis, of Bromsgrove.

PRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.—At St. Lawrence's Church on October 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Oswald Claybrook 1, William Bibby 2, Norah M. Bibby 3, Cyril Valentine 4, Francis Bibby 5, George H. Randles 6, John E. Bibby (conductor) 7, Thomas Lightfoot 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the bells by a local band.

SURREY ASSOCIATION AT LAMBETH. MASTER WELCOMED BACK.

Members of the Surrey Association who attended the North-Western District meeting at Lambeth on Saturday week had the pleasure of seeing their Master, Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt, back in his accustomed place at the head of the table after his long illness, and took the opportunity of expressing their gratification. Mr. Birt, in opening the meeting, thanked them for their kind expressions of sympathy and welcome and said how happy he was to be back with them once more. 'Coming over Lambeth Bridge this afternoon,' he said, 'I could not help feeling how beautiful Lambeth bells sounded and what a happy contrast they provided to the turmoil of the present day and all that we see going on around us, reminding us as they do of higher and nobler things.'

'Of all the minor arts,' he added, 'I think we may regard the art of bellringing as the greatest and most worthy of encouragement, for we can never really know what people feel or what help we are giving when we ring our bells. In those days of stress and strain I believe that help to be very very real.'

Mr. Birt said he had been asked to convey to the meeting apologies for unavoidable absence from their assistant general secretary, Mr. C. H. Kippin, and their District Master, Mr. D. Cooper, and others who were busily engaged in ringing a peal of welcome to the new Vicar of Croydon. He also extended a hearty welcome to their visitors, amongst whom were the South and West District Master of the Middlesex Association, Mr. Ernest C. S. Turner, and the Guildford District secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Mr. G. L. Grover; Mr. J. Herbert (Twickenham), Mr. O. L. Ashbrook (Isleworth), Mr. E. B. Hartley (Willesden), and Mr. F. H. Hicks and Mr. C. Brasier (Rotherfield, Sussex).

Three new members were elected—Mr. R. C. Cressy and Mr. Francis P. Gato, of Immanuel Church, Streatham, and Mr. John R. Davison, of Mitcham Parish Church.

There being no further business, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. W. Hardy for having everything in readiness in the tower and arranging the meeting, and to the ladies for the catering.

A return to the tower was then made, where ringing continued until 7.30 p.m., when evensong was said. Further ringing took place from 8 o'clock to 8.30 p.m., when another happy meeting terminated. The total attendance was 43, representing most of the towers in the district.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

HAWKHURST, SUSSEX.—For harvest festival on October 3rd, 1,280 changes of Bob Major: F. Chapman 1, G. Maskell 2, A. Kemp (first quarter-peal) 3, A. Stevenson 4, L. Jarvis 5, A. Goldsmith 6, W. Gorringe 7, J. G. Powell 8.

HOLLOWAY.—For morning service on October 17th at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Charge 1, R. Newman 2, H. R. Boyce, Lowestoft (first quarter-peal) 3, H. Franks 4, G. Charge 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, E. W. Pye 7, A. Johnson 8.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 1937.

The following towers will be open from 12.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.:—

St. Mary-le-Bow	...	12 bells.
St. Giles, Cripplegate	...	12 "
St. Magnus, London Bridge	...	10 "
St. Clement Danes	...	10 "
St. Lawrence, Old Jewry	...	8 "
St. Andrew, Holborn	...	8 "

3.00 p.m. Unveiling of tablet on the tombstone of Sir Henry Tulse, Lord Mayor and Master in the year 1684, in the churchyard of St. Dionys, Backchurch, Lime Street, E.C.

3.30 p.m. Three courses of Stedman Cinques, to be rung at St. Paul's Cathedral by the members of the St. Paul's Cathedral Band.

4.00 p.m. Service in St. Paul's Cathedral. Seats will be reserved under the Dome for members and their friends and relations. All members of the general public will be welcome. There will be a special hymn and anthem, and a course of Stedman Triples on handbells. Preacher: The Venerable The Archdeacon of London. There will be a collection for the A.S.C.Y. Benevolent Fund and St. Paul's Cathedral.

5.15 p.m. At the Cannon Street Hotel, the Master will receive the members and guests for dinner at 6 p.m. (The reception room will be suitably furnished.)

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Arrangements for the Jubilee Dinner, Saturday, October 23rd. The bells of St. Clement Danes' Church, Strand, will be available from 2.30-4 p.m. Special service for Guild members and friends at the same church at 4 p.m. Reception at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, from 5.30-6 p.m. Dinner will commence at 6 o'clock precisely, and all ticket holders are asked to be in their places by this time. On Sunday, October 24th, Corporate Communion will be celebrated at the Church of St. Lawrence Jewry, London, E.C., at 9.15 a.m. All visitors staying in London are cordially invited to attend.—E. K. Fletcher, Hon. Sec., 45, Walsingham Road, Enfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Hugglescote on October 23rd. Good bus service from all parts to Coalville, and then every few minutes from Marlborough Square. Big belfry; please fill it. For tea, postcard to H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells available 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.—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swalcliffe on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting. For tea, please let me know.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Mackerell on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting following. Please advise for tea.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil, Somerset.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Somersham on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Gt. Staughton, St. Neots.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN.—Bath Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, October 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15.—Theo. Grant, Hon. Sec., Swainswick, Bath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Sacred Heart Church (R.C.), Talbot Road, on Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing on the eight bells from 4 to 6 p.m. only. Business meeting to follow.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool, S.S.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, October 23rd, by invitation of the Vicar, when a peal board will be unveiled. Bells available from 2 p.m.—Roland Park, Hon. Sec., 23, Oaklands Terrace, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, October 23rd, instead of October 30th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for service at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, October 23rd, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Usual monthly practice on Thursday, October 28th, commencing 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bear Road, Bexleyheath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 28th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 26th (nomination night), at 7.30. *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, October 30th. Bells (six) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service, if arranged. Please inform Mr. H. W. Giddings, 2a, Church Street, March, Cambs, numbers for tea. I beg members to make effort to attend.—F. Warrington, Cox End Lane, Over, Cambs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, October 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, etc., in the Club. Will those requiring tea please inform me by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner at Blackpool on Saturday, October 30th. Owing to the large demand for tickets the County Hotel cannot find the necessary accommodation. The dinner will therefore be held at The Imperial Hydro, North Promenade, Blackpool (a penny tram fare from Talbot Square). Tickets 4s. each. A special room is being reserved for ticket holders from 5 p.m. onwards.—C. Sharples, 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30th.—Herts meeting at Oxhey. Bells (8) open from 3.30. Tea at 5.30. Excellent train and coach service.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Carisbrooke on Saturday, October 30th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., at the Eight Bells Hotel, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea please notify by October 28th.—H. P. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, Isle of Wight.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 30th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Carlton Cafe, High Street, 5.15. It is *your duty* to see that your tower is represented. Half fares up to 2s. will be allowed members. Please notify me for tea by Wednesday, October 27th.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

LADIES' GUILD AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, October 30th. Book the date!—(Miss) H. F. Mills and C. W. Denyer, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea, at the City Cafe, at 5 p.m., only for those who notify the secretary. Business meeting afterwards for the election of district officers, etc., and members are particularly urged to attend.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, October 30th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers are welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, October 30th, at Witcombe. Bells open at 3 p.m. (Special bus from Worcester Street, 2.45 p.m.) Tea free. Kindly notify me for tea not later than October 27th.—W. H. Harris, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Hughenden (8 bells) on Saturday, October 30th, at 5.15 p.m. Tea at Lyons', High Wycombe, 4 p.m. No names this time.—A. D. Baker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wroxeter (6 bells) on Saturday, October 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business after tea. For tea, please advise W. A. Farmer, 6, Mayfield Terrace, Mountfields, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramshott on Saturday, October 30th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5.15, followed by business meeting. All requiring tea, please let me know by Wednesday, October 27th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

BARKWAY, NORTH HERTS ASSOCIATION.—These eight are still capable of producing everything from Rounds to London—it's the ringers 'at the bottom' that are required. So book the date, Saturday, October 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Mr. C. Bysouth, High Street, Barkway, is kindly arranging a tea, to be prepared at the Wheatsheaf, so I think we ought to let him know the number, don't you?—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, October 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, October 30th (Aldwick bells not available). Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who let me know by Wednesday, the 27th, all the proceeds to go to the bell fund. Make this meeting a success.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rippingale on Saturday, October 30th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the School, which will be free, kindly provided by the Rippingale ringers, for those who notify Mr. S. Laxton, Rippingale, Bourne, by Wednesday previous. Business meeting after tea.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 30th, at Pucklechurch and Abson. Bells (6) open from 3 to 4.45 at Abson. Service 5 at Pucklechurch. Tea and business to follow. Further ringing at Pucklechurch until 9 p.m. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Frampton Cotterill, near Bristol.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at East Ardsley on Saturday, October 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea can be obtained near the church. Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Leeds, 12.

WENDRON, NEAR HELSTON, CORNWALL.—The dedication of the bells will take place on Sunday, October 31st, at 6 p.m., by the Archdeacon of Cornwall—five bells restored in new oak bell frame and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SOUTH BRENT, DEVON.—The bells will be re-dedicated on Wednesday, November 3rd, at 3 p.m.—a ring of six, tuned and rehung in new bell frame by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Wendon on Saturday, November 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Brede on Saturday, November 6th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present oblige by letting me know not later than Wednesday, the 3rd.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

BISHAMPTON, NEAR PERSHORE, WORCS.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Worcester on Sunday, November 7th, at 6.30 p.m.—a ring of six, tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The jubilee dinner and concert will be held at the Stafford Hotel, City Road, Chester, on Saturday, November 20th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Application for tickets (enclosing remittance) to H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire, or the branch secretaries, before November 13th.

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LONDON.—For evening service at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City, on October 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples from 'Thurstans': G. Parsons 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, J. Bennett (conductor) 3, G. R. Pye 4, W. R. Madgwick 5, C. T. Coles 6, E. C. S. Turner 7, H. Willson, jun. 8. Rung for the harvest festival.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for morning service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): D. Hayes 1, E. J. Ayliffe 2, B. D. Elliott 3, Mrs. F. Bowden 4, J. McDermott, R.N. 5, H. Smithers 6, F. Bowden (conductor) 7, R. Hayes 8. Rung for the harvest festival and the fourteenth anniversary of the opening of the bells.

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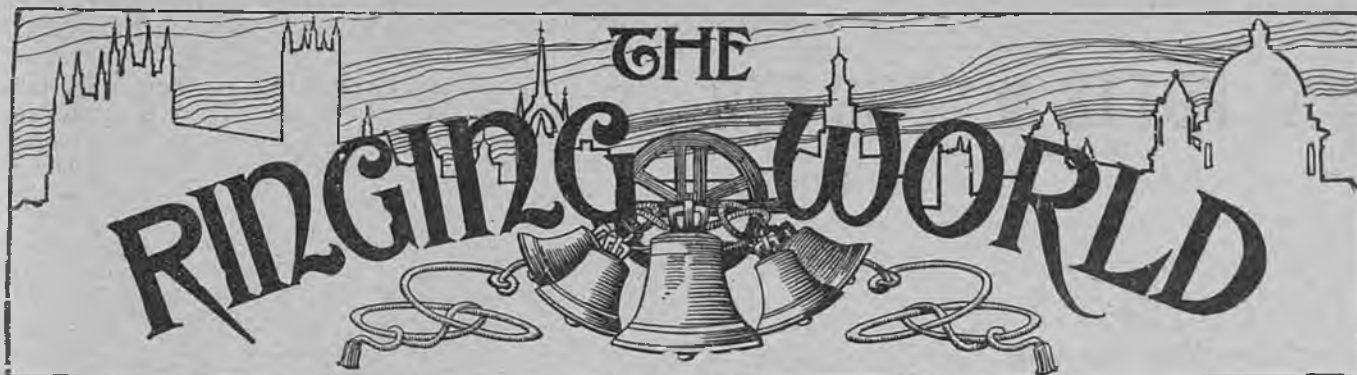
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FALSE PEALS.

Last week two peals of Stedman Cinques were withdrawn because false compositions had been rung; this week a false peal of Bob Major is similarly withdrawn. Within the last two years conductors have had to cancel quite a large number of peals, because they have used figures which have subsequently been found defective. It is always a matter of regret when performances of this kind are discovered to be worthless, because, in many instances, there have been involved not only the energies of the ringers in the actual ringing, but much organisation and travel. In both the Lincoln and the Surfleet peals many of the band had come from considerable distances, and this makes the disappointment all the greater. In both these peals, and in the one at Eastwood, which is withdrawn to-day, the compositions were by men of high standing among composers, and Mr. Arthur Knights, skilled and experienced as he is in the production of peals, admits, in a letter in another column, that a lapse of memory allowed him to step into a trap which was quite familiar to him.

The work of men of outstanding reputation is so seldom at fault that conductors rely implicitly upon their productions, but the risk is there, and these recent happenings go to show once more that the most reliable authors are, after all, only human, and that there is nothing in peal compositions in which truth can be taken for granted without independent test. It is the eminence of the name which lulls one into a sense of security, for experienced conductors generally take steps to check up the figures of the lesser lights before they call their compositions. But one wonders how many false peals really have been rung and have passed unnoticed.

There are those who think that the discovery of false peals some time after the performance should not invalidate the record, but with this view we cannot agree. It would at once undermine the whole spirit of peal ringing, which, from the very beginning, has been based upon the strict truth of what is rung. To find out years afterwards, as in the case of the long peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, that the composition is false, does not detract from the credit of the ringers in putting up a fine ringing achievement, but such a performance cannot rank as a true peal. Neither, in our view, would it be right, when a false peal has been discovered, not to disclose the fact, particularly when the figures of the composition have been published. One of the main purposes of frankly withdrawing false peals is to prevent others ringing them again afterwards, although once the figures have been in print there can be no certainty that someone may not

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subsequently get hold of them, not knowing of the falsehood, and repeat the performance. There is always that risk. It is quite possible, too, that many false compositions have been rung, and handed on to others, which no one but the composers and those who have called them have seen, and everyone concerned is still in blissful ignorance that there is anything wrong with them. We do not for a moment intend to cast a general slur on unpublished compositions, but when, as we have seen, men of reputation sometimes fail, it behoves all those who call peals by lesser-known composers to take every reasonable precaution to ascertain first of all that the figures are true.

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PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HARRY SEAR Treble	*HARRY V. SEAR 5
THOMAS LAW 2	GEORGE VALENTINE 6
PHILIP JONES 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
GEORGE FREEMAN 4	JOSEPH C. DRAN Tenor

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Tenor 24 cwt.

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RICHARD C. CLARK 3	HENRY W. SHADRACK 7
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JOHN SADDINGTON 2	CHARLES ALLSOP 6
JOHN P. FIDLER 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
FRED W. SALTER 4	GUILDFORD ONSLOW Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES ALLSOP.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT Treble	FRED W. MUNNINGS 5
*CAPT. A. JOHNSTONE, R.N. 2	RUSSELL RICHES 6
CHARLES W. LOOME 3	ROBERT GUNTON 7
FREDERICK GUNTON 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

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JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	*DEREK M. SHARP 6
*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS 3	*EDWIN A. BARNETT 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	*HARRY HOVERD Tenor

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FREDERICK C. GUNTON ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
STANLEY W. COPLING ... 4	CHARLES W. LOOME Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by CHARLES W. LOOME.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

WILLIAM J. WASEY Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	*WILLIAM E. BASON 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	GEORGE BAILEY 7
R. WILLIAM BARBER 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM CLOVER.

* 200th peal.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ERNEST J. AYLIFFE Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON 4	C. ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by C. ERNEST SMITH.

* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method on the bells and by the Guild. First peal in the method as conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	JAMES A. MILNER 5
REV. FRANK BONNER 2	LIONEL CLOUGH 6
C. KENNETH LEWIS 3	JOHN WORTH 7
WILLIAM FERNLEY 4	JOSEPH WHITTAKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	*SIDNEY W. ARBON 5
BERT CHILVERS 2	HARRY MOSS 6
JAMES BETTS 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal on eight bells.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
GEORGE F. SPERRING 2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE 6
RONALD G. JONES 3	ARTHUR NEWELL 7
ALBERT E. RICHARDS ... 4	EDWARD PRICE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Mr. R. Sperring's 550th peal.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET, CITY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE A. PARSONS Treble	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung in honour of the Silver Jubilee of the Ladies' Guild.

MERE, WILTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

EDWARD G. L. COWARD ... Treble	FREDERICK A. TARGETT ... 5
FREDERICK A. COWARD ... 2	EDWARD G. ROWE 6
KENNETH FORD 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
EDWIN H. NASH 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	HARRY PARKES 6
HARRY HOVERD 3	JAMES E. BAILEY 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 4	THOMAS MORTIMER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

CHAGFORD, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... Treble	R. E. TRUMAN 5
REV. RHYS JAMES 2	J. E. LILLEY 6
F. C. SMALE 3	C. R. LILLEY 7
*G. E. WOODLEY 4	W. H. HOWE Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

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

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

PERCY GREEN Treble	FREDERICK RIDGEWELL ... 5
GEORGE GREEN 2	DR. P. T. SPENCER PHILLIPS 6
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	*ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* 25th peal of Cambridge. Especially arranged and rung as a compliment to George Green, on his completing 50 years as a ringer at this church.

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NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

T. TEBBUTT Treble	W. R. PARKER 5
G. FREEMAN 2	P. JONES 6
T. LAW 3	W. H. AUSTIN 7
J. C. DEAN 4	A. MONK Tenor

Conducted by T. TEBBUTT.

A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 5th. T. Law's 100th peal.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
LUTHER J. HONESS 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 6
*FREDERICK W. BUDGEN 3	JOHN O. WELLER 7
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 4	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 327). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE
* First peal on eight tower bells. A seventh birthday compliment to Audrey Sone, daughter of the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WHITCHURCH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

*WALTER L. PROSSER Treble	JOHN W. JONES 4
*HOWARD L. MORGAN 2	GEORGE TALBOT 5
ROBERT SMITH 3	JOHN PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

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

ARKSEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.).

GEORGE CLARK Treble	HARRY GOODALE 4
WILLIAM FAY 2	FOORD NEWTON 5
*HOWARD SCOTT 3	ERNEST COOPER Tenor

Conducted by E. COOPER.

* First peal. A birthday compliment to Mr. G. Clark.

CHOLSEY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty 120's, six of Pitman's and five of Morris' 240's (21 callings).

FREDERICK J. NOBES Treble	WALTER WEBB 4
JOHN NOBES 2	PERCY W. FLETCHER 5
ALFRED BENNETT 3	ERIC FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

EAST ANSTEY, NORTH DEVON.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(DUNSTER DRANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

HENRY PURCHASE Treble	*CECIL BELLOW 4
*WILLIAM GEORGE WATTS 2	CLAUDE TARR 5
ALBERT TOUT 3	VICTOR N. BURROW Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK W. VERNON Treble	JACK C. VESSEY 4
*KENNETH W. MAYER 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 3	THOMAS VESSEY Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in seven plain methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER LYCETT Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 4
THOMAS PRICE 2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER 5
FREDERICK PRICE 3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

First peal in five methods on the bells and by all the band except the ringer of the 4th. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. C. Pigot (treasurer of the association), who is retiring after 25 years as Rector of this parish.

KEDINGTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE N. IVES Treble	ARTHUR P. BALLARD 4
RALPH BIRD 2	ALBERT CATTERWELL 5
BERNARD W. PETTITT 3	RONALD SUCKLING Tenor

Conducted by R. SUCKLING.

First peal on the bells.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM COLLINS Treble	ARTHUR DILLEY 4
†STUART BONNETT 2	PERCY TOMPKINS 5
JOHN CHURCH 3	R. THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal and attempt.

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DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 23 methods, viz.: (1) Norbury, Morning Star Treble Bob and Disley Delight; (2) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and College Exercise Treble Bob; (3) Marple, Taxal and Willesden Delight; (4) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, and Newdigate Delight; (5) Braintree, Humber and Wragby Delight; (6) Neasden, St. Albans and Charlwood Delight; (7) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	ALBERT T. BANCROFT ... 4
Rev. FRANK BONNER ... 2	JOHN WORTH 5
C. KENNETH LEWIS ... 3	JAMES A. MILNER ... Tenor

Conducted by C. K. LEWIS.

Seventy-two changes of method. * First peal in 23 methods. Rung fully muffled as a last token of respect and esteem for Mr. H. Haythorn, a valued member of the local band and of the Guild.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ... Treble	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 4
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
URBAN W. WILDSNEY ... 3	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... Tenor

Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER.

First peal in four methods as conductor.

HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. EDBURGA'S SOCIETY, YARDLEY.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CONRAD PHILLIPS ... Treble	GEORGE H. TAYLOR ... 4
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 2	WILLIAM C. RHODES ... 5
JOHN LINDON ... 3	*JOSEPH PRENTICE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. TAYLOR.

* First peal, and a local ringer.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE BENEY ... Treble	ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 4
ALBERT RELFE ... 2	FRANK H. HICKS ... 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* First peal. A birthday peal for the ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*LESLIE SMITH ... Treble	*GEOFFREY LEE ... 4
HARRY HUNT ... 2	ERNEST TREAGUS ... 5
JOHN NETLEY ... 3	*HENRY BENTINCK ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

OVERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. Matthew's Church on Sunday, October 10th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples for matins: W. Bosworth 1, W. E. Clayfield 2, H. C. Adams 3, H. Carter (first 'inside') 4, G. W. Clayfield (conductor) 5, W. Brooker 6, J. W. Cotton 7, H. Curson 8.

DIDSBURY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, September 26th, for harvest festival at Christ Church, 1,428 Grandsire Triples: H. Jones 1, T. Jones 2, H. Davies 3, A. Frost 4, G. Newton 5, B. Murgatroyd 6, N. Heaps (conductor) 7, F. Lapham 8.

PEAL NOTES.

INTERESTING POINTS FROM PERFORMANCES.

Members of the Surrey Association, conducted by Mr. C. H. Kippin, added to their fine list of peals of Royal by ringing another of London Surprise (No. 3 'version') at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, on Oct. 16th. Messrs. Bill Hewitt and Fred Collins scored their first peal in the method.

With reference to the handbell peal rung at Hinton-on-the-Green on October 16th and published in our last issue, it is interesting to note that in 1915 Mr. F. S. Wilson rang handbell peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters respectively with the late Mr. F. J. Johnson (father of the talented family of ringers) and with the late Miss Ellen M. Johnson, the eldest daughter, so that Mr. Wilson has now rung handbell peals with no less than five members of the Johnson family.

At Lyminster, Sussex, on Saturday, the first peal was rung on the bells since they were returned and rebung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Mr. T. Law, of Northampton, rang his one hundredth peal on Saturday, and Mr. John H. Cheesman, of Greenhithe, his 150th peal on Crayford bells on Friday.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles at Hampton-in-Arden, Warwickshire, rung by members of St. Edburgha's Society, Yardley, Birmingham, was in celebration of the wedding of Mr. Roland Edwards, a member of the society, and to mark the rehanging of the bells by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight at Worsley, Lancs, on October 20th, as a 'coming of age' compliment to Mr. J. K. Welsby. It was also the birthday of Mr. H. Allred, sen., and the wedding anniversary of Mr. R. Allred. All of them received the congratulations of the rest of the band.

The conductor, Mr. J. H. Ridyard, has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal, and this was the quickest peal on the bells. It was rung in exactly three hours; the tenor is 24 cwt.

Mr. William B. Duncan has now added Hethersett to the list of towers where he has 'completed the circle.'

October 21st was the 26th anniversary of the first peal rung by eight brothers, the Baileys, of Leiston, Suffolk. That peal was Allen P.'s first, and he celebrated it on Thursday week by calling a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells at Stockport.

The Bailey brothers made history by the number of family peals they rang.

Odd-bob peals of Stedman Triples are a rare occurrence now that Maurice Swinfield and the Midland Counties' Wednesday band have ceased operations, but Mr. P. W. Cave called Carter's No. 2 at Halewood, Lancs, on Saturday.

Mr. W. H. Shaker, hon. secretary of the Lancashire Association, has just completed 50 years of ringing, and on Saturday celebrated it by ringing his 150th peal.

In this peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Gorton, Manchester, Messrs. Alfred Barnes and Charles Ollier also took part, and both these have put in over 50 years' service. It was the one hundredth peal together by Messrs. P. Laffin and A. F. Bailey.

Sheila Graham has begun to receive birthday compliments early. To celebrate her first birthday, a peal was rung at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, on the twelfth anniversary of the restoration of the bells.

The tenor at Kedington, Suffolk, was recast and the rest of the bells rehung in a new frame and fittings by Mr. R. White, of Appleton. The first peal was rung on them on October 17th.

Mr. Sidney W. Arbon rang his first peal on eight bells on Saturday. It was Kent Treble Bob Major at Debenham, and previous to the peal he had not rung as much as a plain course in the method in the tower.

Mr. Bert Chivers, who took part in the peal, and on the previous Saturday rang in a peal of Minor at Thornham, Suffolk, has only one arm. Despite this handicap, he can strike a bell really well.

Mr. Robert Sperring, of Chester, rang his 550th peal on Saturday when he called a peal of Grandsire Triples. He chose this method as his first peal, rung at Holt, Denbighshire, in 1901, was Grandsire Doubles.

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HANDBELL PEAL.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JAMES W. WASBROOK ... 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5-6
HAROLD JACKSON ... 3-4	ALFRED BARNES ... 7-8
PETER LAFIN 9-10	

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Witness: Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

A PEAL OF MAJOR AT ST. PETER MANCROFT

(Continued from previous page.)

The Rev. C. E. Wigg rang the tenor at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, to a peal of Double Norwich Major on October 12th. It is not often, in these days, that this bell is turned in to Major. She weighs nearly 38 cwt.

Members of the Middlesex Association rang a peal of Bristol Surprise at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on Saturday, in honour of the silver jubilee of the Ladies' Guild. Afterwards the three married men of the party went on to the dinner held by the ladies in celebration of the event, but it was noted that the five bachelors made their escape from the city as quickly as possible. There were rumours that Kate would be present at the dinner.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Great Baddow on October 23rd was rung as a compliment to Mr. George Green on his completion of 50 years as a ringer at that church. The peal was conducted by his son. The band was afterwards kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Green.

George Green is a keen and talented ringer, and his jovial manner and his kind and generous disposition has won for him a large circle of friends, who wish him many more years of continued activity in the Exercise.

On the light eight at Chelmsford Cathedral, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on October 18th in honour of the birth of a son to Col. Whitmore, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Essex.

A peal comprising 23 methods in seven 720's was rung fully muffled at Disley, Cheshire, on October 18th, as a last token of respect and esteem for Mr. H. Haythorn, a valued member of the local band and of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer rang the tenor (8 cwt.) to a peal of Minor at Tuddenham, Suffolk, on October 18th, and scored her first peal in four methods as conductor.

Mr. O. E. Carr on October 16th 'completed the circle' at Stoney Stanton with a peal of Grandsire Triples, to which he rang the 7th. The peal was rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Erith on Saturday was rung after meeting short for Bristol Surprise, Mr. T. Mortimer kindly standing in at the last moment and ringing the tenor.

The first peal on the bells of Chagford, Devon, recast by Taylor in 1914, was rung on Saturday, and was the first peal for the Devon Guild by the Rev. Rhys James, the vice-president.

Chagford was the home town of W. Aggett, who did a lot of bell-hanging in the West in the past generation. He was the inventor of the self-aligning bearing for bells. Though hung on wood by him, with his patent bearings, before the war, Chagford bells go remarkably well.

F. W. Vernon and T. Vessey completed the circle of the tower at Barbury-in-the-Willows, Notts, when they took part in a peal in seven methods of Minor on October 16th.

The Rev. E. C. Pigot, who is hon. treasurer of the Shropshire Association, is retiring from the incumbency of Moreton Corbet after 25 years as Rector. Members of the association rang a farewell peal of Minor on Sunday, October 17th. Mr. Pigot has always taken the greatest interest in ringing and ringers.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Stow Bardolph, Norfolk, on Sunday, October 17th, was Mr. William Buckenham's fiftieth for the Ely Diocesan Association.

A band from the Dunster Deanery of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association rang the first peal on the bells at East Anstey, North Devon, on October 16th. The ringers came from Chipstable, Bampton, Milverton and Wiveliscombe.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Double Norwich at Burton Latimer on October 16th was Arthur Bigley and not Bigby as printed.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

YATELEY, HANTS.—For the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. G. Bunch 1, S. Bunch 2, E. Hearman (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, C. Bunch 4, G. Butler (conductor) 5, A. Goodall 6, S. J. Riddell 7, G. Over 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples with A. Hearman 3 and A. E. Hearman 8, conducted by G. Butler.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church on Sunday, October 3rd, for harvest festival morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. F. Glaysher 1, C. Mounter 2, P. J. Spice 3, F. E. Pitman 4, I. Emery (conductor) 5, G. Huxley 6, A. James 7, R. Williams 8. First quarter-peal by the treble and tenor men.

HITCHIN.—At St. Mary's Church on October 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. E. Symonds 1, H. Else 2, C. V. Hare 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, L. Fidler (conductor) 6, T. Castle 7, A. E. Symonds 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the treble ringer, who is only 14 years of age.

RELIGRAVE, LEICESTER.—At St. Peter's Church for harvest festival on Thursday, September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Williams 1, R. Swann 2, H. Martin 3, G. Walker 4, G. Tilson 5, S. Harrison 6, R. Barrow (conductor) 7, H. Woolaston (first quarter-peal) 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church for morning harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. Glaysher (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Mounter 2, P. Spice 3, F. E. Pitman 4, I. Emery (conductor) 5, G. Huxley 6, A. James 7, R. Williams (first quarter-peal) 8. All are local Sunday service ringers.

TEACHING BEGINNERS.

REPLIES TO MR. S. H. WOOD.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—Briefly, my replies to Mr. Wood's letter are:—

1. 'Method of hunting up, etc.' Returning to the lead after the making of 2nd place or 3rd place, the teaching of 'hunting up' is incorporated in the work which follows, be it Bob Major or Grandsire Triples.

2. No 2 is still my plan to 'learn to strike evenly over other bells, as stated in my letter published in 'The Ringing World' on Oct. 1st.

3. Learning to lead. For my part, I should not be satisfied until each pupil had passed the instruction test of 'learning to lead' by taking the treble, and I should not prolong the instruction by ringing the treble myself. The subject is 'learning to lead.'

4. 'Stedman' is the parent of Surprise methods, and, I claim, can be taught a *band* more easily than Grandsire.

The one thing which inspired Mr. Wood to write his first article in 'The Ringing World' was to try to find out 'which is the best method on which to start beginners,' and at the moment I cannot agree that a Major method is best. And why do anything to detract from the splendid articles published each week in 'The Ringing World' for beginners?

May I refer Mr. Wood to April 25th, 1925, and ask, was it encouraging and beneficial to greater efforts?

Bath.

ARTHUR PRINCE.

GRANDFATHERS WERE NOT ALWAYS WRONG.

Sir,—Because one happens to disagree with Mr. S. H. Wood and simply gave a few plain facts, in reply to his distorted arguments, he says he is subjected to rudeness and personal abuse. Mr. Wood dislikes being told straight, and in the fewest words, that his article is neither new nor original, and, like a good many other writers in various spheres, drags in the grandfather phrase. Our grandfathers were not always wrong, and we owe much to them for their hard work, enterprise and splendid examples, especially with regard to good striking.

My vision is not blinded with rage, and because I do not choose to write page after page trying to raise arguments, Mr. Wood says there is no constructive criticism. When Mr. Wood puts forth a reasonable argument, I shall be pleased to deal with the subject in a fuller manner. Having stated that he leads only with his ears and nothing more, I need not comment further.

Mr. Wood wants to know where he states his aversion to Grandsire Triples. My answer is, on pages 633 and 634 of 'The Ringing World.' I still say that Grandsire is the best method to teach beginners, and it has been proved beyond question in many ways, if Mr. Wood will only take the trouble to find out. There is no argument about it whatsoever. I would refer Mr. Wood to page 663 of 'The Ringing World,' which will give him some idea of the correct method to teach beginners, and if he requires further information it can be obtained without much trouble. It is not for me to tell him how to get his proofs.

In conclusion, I may say that, having reviewed both letters which are claimed to be rude and abusive, I fail to trace anything of same in either of them, and when devoid of reasonable argument it is easy to state that those who disagree are capable of such measures.

W. SHEPHERD.

BOYS' QUICK GRASP OF STEDMAN.

Dear Sir,—I have read Mr. Stephen Wood's two letters on this important subject with considerable interest. Mr. Wood says he would like to hear results of personal experience in this matter, and I think that an experience we have had at our tower at Anstey, Leicestershire, during the last ten months may interest him. Judging by this experience I should say that, *providing you have the right instructor* and pupils of average intelligence, *Stedman* is the best method to start a beginner with.

Last Christmas holidays our Ringing Master, Mr. Redvers F. Elkington, who is well known in Midland ringing circles, started to teach three lads, who are scholars at the Boys' Wyggeston Grammar School, Leicester, and were then aged 12½, 14 and 14½ respectively. On Sunday, October 17th, these three rang in a good quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

Their method of instruction was roughly as follows: First of all plenty of practice with the 'clapper-stays' on to get them thoroughly master of their bells; then rounds and 'call changes,' followed by 'plain hunting' commencing on four bells. While they were in the 'plain hunting' stage, Mr. Elkington took pains to explain the Stedman method very thoroughly to these three lads, so that when they came to ring it later on they found little difficulty with it.

Mr. Wood's point about even-bell ringing for beginners is an interesting one. These three learners were given a certain amount of 'plain hunting' on six bells, and after having the Kent Treble Bob method explained to them they quickly mastered the Minor and were soon able to ring Kent Treble Bob Major—in fact, two of them had had luck recently as they rang very nearly to the end of a quarter-peal of Kent for the weekday harvest festival service, a 'trip' unfortunately putting 'paid' to it about a course from home. We do not possess any handbells, and all the instruction, therefore, had to be done on the tower bells.

Anstey.

ALBAN DISNEY.

SNOWDEN MEMORIAL DINNER. RECORD GATHERING AT LEEDS.

The annual dinner in commemoration of past officers of the Yorkshire Association was held at the Leeds and County Conservative Club on Saturday, October 9th. This was a new venue. Whether the change had anything to do with the size of the gathering it is impossible to say, but the fact remains that a record number of 160 sat down to the excellent repast provided, a total which left the previous record held by Sheffield far behind. A further gratifying feature was that on this occasion by far the greater percentage of those present were resident members of the Yorkshire Association, so that the usual plea of the president for a greater loyalty to their own association was unnecessary, as indeed it should be.

Amongst those who sat down under the presidency of Canon C. C. Marshall were the Right Rev. P. F. D. de Labilliere (Bishop Suffragan of Knaresborough), the Rev. W. Thompson Elliot (Vicar of Leeds), the Rev. F. J. Lindley (Vicar of Burley), the Rev. C. O. Ellison and the Rev. J. H. Z. Andrews, Messrs. White and West (churchwardens of St. Chad's, Headingley), and Schofield (churchwarden of St. Michael and All Angels, Headingley). Extra-territorial participants included Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (representing the Central Council and the Ladies' Guild respectively), Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shaker (Lancashire Association), Mr. R. Park (secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. N. Park (treasurer of the Durham and Newcastle Association), Mrs. Park, Mr. J. O. Pollard and Mr. J. Reed (president and secretary respectively of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association), and Mr. G. W. Park, of Darlington.

After the dinner Councillor E. E. Bullus proposed the toast of 'The Church and State.' In a short and pointed discourse, Councillor Bullus suggested that, although to some disestablishmentarianism might seem the only solution to the reconciliation of the Church and State on certain points, such as had been raised by the new Divorce Act, in which the Church had been placed in an anomalous position, he himself thought, on the contrary, this was a time when there should be a closer unity, and he appealed for support to the Archbishop's recall to religion as an answer to the problems arising from modern conditions of life.

Canon W. Thompson Elliot responded to the toast. He paid tribute to those, such as the president, who had done much to raise and maintain the status of ringing and ringers, and referred to the unique position that bells occupied in the parochial life of England. Indulging in reminiscences, he said he remembered when a proposal to rehang a peal of bells, in which he was interested, was opposed on the grounds that there was no canonical authority for more than three bells in a church and no authority whatsoever for bells to be used for recreative purposes. He was able to say, however, that the peal of bells was restored and no attention was paid to the remarks of the objector to the enterprise.

Regretting that even to-day there are two classes of ringers, the one going to service after ringing and the other going to drink beer, he hoped that (whilst again he had no canonical authority for saying this) ringers would come to regard themselves as being members of a minor order of church ministers. He concluded by wishing the association and the ringers themselves success in the work they were doing.

A course of Grandsire Caters was then rung by Messrs. S. F. Palmer 1-2, G. Lewis 3-4, P. J. Johnson 5-6, W. Barton 7-8 and J. Ambler 9-10.

Canon C. C. Marshall then read a telegram which had been received from Mrs. and Miss Snowden, of Carlisle: 'Best possible wishes to this evening's meeting,' and next called upon Mr. P. J. Johnson to propose the toast of the evening, 'Jasper Whitfield Snowden and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association.'

NOTABLE PAST OFFICERS.

Mr. Johnson said that he considered it a signal honour to be able to propose a toast to those early members of the association, and whilst he had no personal knowledge of Jasper Snowden, he had been associated with many who knew him intimately as a true son of the Church. Yorkshire and the Yorkshire Association were proud of him who did more than any other single man to further the cause of change ringing by his writings. His brother, William Snowden, he (Mr. Johnson) knew well, and he considered that his ability was

insufficiently recognised, as he devoted himself wholeheartedly to the propagation of his brother's writings throughout the Exercise.

Other officers known to many included C. H. Hattersley, of Sheffield, a grandson of a former ringer of that town—William Booth. A composer of great merit, Charles Hattersley had left behind in Sheffield belfry a large manuscript collection, as well as numerous books, which was highly treasured by the Sheffield ringers. Referring to Charles Jackson, of Hull, the speaker recalled that he was a good story teller who was prepared to go peal ringing at any time and every time. William Whittaker, of Leeds, and G. Bolland, of Tong, were mentioned for their excellent striking as well as for other virtues, before the speaker passed on to that well-known ringer and conductor, the late Mr. James Cotterell, who was treasurer of the association for many years, and a man of great ability, who commanded the respect of all who met him.

Mr. H. Lofthouse, secretary of the Leeds and District Society, welcomed the visitors and proposed the toast to them. The toast, which was further supported by the president and replied to by the Bishop of Knaresborough and Alderman Bretherick.

'CAMPANOLOGISTS' A HORRID TERM.

The Bishop said that he did not think that he was altogether amongst strangers as, whilst he was not a ringer, he was, what was probably the next best thing, one who has tried, but, after dangling at the end of a rope and then measuring his length, considered that ringing was not his vocation (laughter). He would, however, raise two contentious questions, one from the point of view of an anti-noise association, 'Do bells make a noise or a melodious sound?' He would suggest that the answer to this question would depend mainly on the conscience of the person who was listening to the bells.

The second was whether the use of that horrid hybrid term, 'Campanologists,' should be continued, as it savoured too much of the new-fangled terminology beloved of Americans, and recalled that he was talking to a chauffeur who had returned from Salt Lake City, where he said that he had been driving for a 'mortification.' He suggested, therefore, that this term was unworthy of the ringers of church bells, which had been ascribed with the power of driving away devils as long ago as 1552—work which, he said, they could still do by working on the conscience of the hearer. 'May England,' he concluded, 'long continue to be known as the ringing isle.'

In proposing the toast of the 'Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association,' Mr. W. Barton pointed out that this was an important toast, as it was a matter which concerned all the members of the association. He recounted briefly the gradual growth of ringers' societies from the early days of the art, and asked the members to note that now, as then, the welfare of the society depended upon the individual members and not upon the officers of the association, and that by obeying the rules of the society in such small items as paying their subscriptions promptly, they could facilitate the easy running of that body, whilst they would help themselves by attending meetings which were arranged for them.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher, in a short speech, drew attention to the fact that the long overdue visit of the Central Council to Leeds would take place next year, which would give Leeds an opportunity to show what it could do. He was sure that Leeds people would not let the Yorkshire Association down.

A course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major then followed on handbells by W. Ambler, P. J. Johnson, W. Barton and J. Ambler.

A vote of thanks to the chairman was proposed by Mr. E. White, who congratulated him on his successful juggling with the programme. After the reply by Canon Marshall, in which he promised the Central Council a Yorkshire welcome, the company slowly dispersed.

During the evening songs were rendered by Mr. J. Allerton and Mr. Naylor.

Mr. F. G. Sherwood is to be heartily congratulated upon the excellent arrangements which he made for the ringing previous to the dinner and for the dinner itself. He proved himself an able secretary for the occasion.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATIONS SIX-BELL CONTEST.

LIVERSEDGE WIN.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Elland on October 16th. The contest consisted of 600 changes, with a plain course for practice, and the three teams that entered rang in the following order: Liversedge (who rang College Exercise), New Mill (Oxford), Meltham (Oxford).

Tea was served in the Parochial Hall, to which about 30 visitors sat down, and after the competing teams had rung the meeting was held in the school.

The President (Mr. Earnshaw) moved that the best thanks be accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company at Elland for entertaining the association that afternoon.

In the absence of the Vicar, the curate (the Rev. F. R. Arnott) replied. The judge, Mr. W. Idle, gave his decision as follows: Liversedge, 98 faults; New Mill, 156 faults, rang out; Meltham, 180 faults, 5 penalty, total 185. Liversedge were, therefore, declared winners, and the Rev. F. R. Arnott presented the cup to the Liversedge conductor, Mr. F. Hodgson.

The next meeting is due to be held at New Mill on March 19th, and it was proposed that Kirkheaton be approached with a view to holding the contest there on April 23rd, 1938.



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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. LEWISHAM DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of Lewisham District was held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on October 16th. Ringing was enjoyed by some 50 members during the afternoon and evening.

The association's service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Cotter), and afterwards the members were entertained to tea in St. Mary's Hall by the Vicar, who presided, supported by his churchwarden, Mr. J. A. Musto.

At the meeting the chairman and Mr. J. A. Musto extended a warm and generous welcome to the visitors.

The secretary's report and balance sheet were read and adopted. It was suggested that such reports be printed, hectographed, or otherwise duplicated, in order that members interested might obtain copies for future reference.

The election of one member previous to a peal was ratified.

Eltham was chosen for the next meeting, to be held, if possible, on Saturday, January 29th.

The district secretary (Mr. A. G. Hill) and the Ringing Master (Mr. T. Groombridge, sen) were re-elected. The selection of district representatives on the Management Committee led to the re-election of Mr. F. J. Cullum and the appointment of Mr. W. Smith to succeed Mr. J. Wheadon.

Votes of thanks were passed to the officers for their past services, the secretary being instructed to convey this expression of appreciation to Mr. Wheadon, who was unavoidably absent.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell (the general secretary) was invited by the chairman to address the meeting, and did so wisely, shortly and well, voicing the general satisfaction felt in observing a good proportion of younger ringers among those attending.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his generous hospitality, for conducting the service and presiding at the business meeting, to the Vicar and churchwarden jointly for their welcome to Lewisham, to the organist and the caterers for their willing help, and to Mr. H. Warnett (steeplekeeper) and Mr. O. H. Walker (secretary, St. Mary's ringers) for making such smooth working arrangements.—The Chairman replied, and further ringing on the tower bells terminated proceedings.

FAREWELL TO A VICAR.

At the Parish Church, Willingham, Cambs, on Sunday, October 10th, before evensong, as a farewell to Canon A. C. Hair, a quarter-peal (1,320 changes, Bankes James') of Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. Adams 1, C. Robinson 2, F. Warrington 3, A. W. T. Ginn 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, R. Thoday 6.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS ENTERTAINED AT GARVESTON.

An informal meeting of the North Norfolk Branch was held at Garveston on October 16th and was well attended by representatives from all four branches: Attleborough, Dersingham, East Dereham, Fakenham, Gressenhall, Halvergate, Reedham, Saham-Toney, Wymondham and the local band. At a short service held in the afternoon the Rector (the Rev. R. C. Boorman) dedicated an illuminated record of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, rung on July 24th, 1937. Afterwards the members present were entertained to tea at the Rectory.

The branch secretary, Mr. H. Tooke, thanked the Rev. and Mrs. Boorman for entertaining them and for the use of the bells.—Mr. R. W. Cooke seconded, and, in reply, the Rector welcomed all present to Garveston. He said he was pleased to allow the bells to be rung on such an occasion, and he paid a tribute to Mr. T. Spight, of Wymondham, for his work in preparing the peal record.

The local company have arranged a practice night on Thursdays fortnightly from October 21st, and will welcome any ringer who would care to attend.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A VICAR'S THANKS TO MEMBERS.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, October 16th, when members attended from Alresford, Bishop's Waltham, Bishopstoke, Curdridge, Coleman's Hatch, Fareham, Gosport, Liss, North Stoneham, Petersfield, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Southampton, Soberton, Swanmore, Winchester and Wickham. The recently augmented peal was well in demand during the afternoon. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. N. H. Stubbs). Tea was served in the Church Hall, after which the business meeting was presided over by the district chairman (the Rev. E. B. James).

Mr. W. H. Heyhoe (Wickham) was elected a ringing member of the Guild, and Havant was selected for the next quarterly meeting, to be held in April, 1938.

The Vicar thanked the members of the Guild for their generosity and kind donations towards the cost of the two new bells recently added to the ring of six.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, Church Hall and officiating at the service. Thanks were also extended the organist and the ladies who kindly catered for tea. The members afterwards returned to the tower for further ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The eight bells of the Church of the Sacred Heart (R.C.), Talbot Road, Blackpool, will be at liberty for ringing from 4 p.m. to 5.30 on Saturday next on the occasion of the Lancashire Association's annual dinner.

Lady's Surprise is the latest thing in ringing. It was depicted on Mrs. Fletcher's face when a handbag was presented to her at the Ladies' Guild dinner on Saturday and she discovered its contents.

The members of the Ladies' Guild who attended the silver jubilee festival on Saturday came from no fewer than 18 counties. Five of the foundation members attended, and the youngest member present (in point of age) was Miss Enid Richardson, who is 13.

Mr. 'Jim' Bennett, of Lewisham, underwent an operation in St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Tuesday. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery. He is in the 'Percival Pott' Ward of the hospital.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

MR. A. B. PECK TO SUCCEED MR. W. T. COCKERILL AS HON. SECRETARY.

At a meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths at their headquarters on Tuesday evening the officers for the ensuing year were nominated.

There will be only one change. Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who is giving up the secretaryship after 46 years' service, will be succeeded by Mr. Alfred B. Peck, who has been a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral company for many years.

The other officers were renominated, viz.: Master, Mr. E. H. Lewis; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. L. B. Porter; junior steward, Mr. J. Waugh; trustees, Messrs. C. F. Winney and H. R. Newton.

BEQUEST TO BELLRINGERS.

£10 EACH FOR MEMBERS OF BANSTEAD BAND.

Lt.-Col. Thomas Frank Parkinson, of De Burgh Park, Banstead, Surrey, barrister of the Middle Temple, who died a short time ago, left £15,737 (net personalty £11,259).

He was a ringer at Banstead Parish Church and a member of the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Surrey Association.

In his will he left £10 to each of the bellringers at Banstead Church who have rung on at least 40 Sundays in the year ending with his death, and £15 extra to the captain at the date of his death of the band of bellringers.

He bequeathed his residence and effects to Alice Newman, his housekeeper for 36 years. He also left her £100 and an annuity of £208, and a life interest in the residue of his estate subsequent to the life interest of his brother and sister.

ANOTHER FALSE COMPOSITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As I have just learned that the peal of Bob Major which I called at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on June 15th, 1937, and which was subsequently published in 'The Ringing World,' is false, I beg to withdraw it. I should like to take this opportunity of apologising to the ringers who took part in the peal, which was a 5,216 by Arthur Craven, with tenors parted 24 courses, giving 4-8-8 and 6-4-8 course ends.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham.

A FORGOTTEN 'TRAP.'

Dear Sir,—I sincerely regret that the two peals of 5,005 Stedman Cinques have been found to be false. I knew of this 'trap' many years ago, but had quite forgotten it, as I had never previously used it. I wish to apologise to Mr. C. T. Coles and all who took part in the peals. It was a complete lapse of memory. I have now corrected both peals.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Chesterfield.

SUFFOLK TOWN WITH THREE PEALS.

SUDBURY'S GOOD FORTUNE.

Sudbury, Suffolk, with a population of only seven thousand, has three peals of eight bells, all in good ringing order. It must be the only town of this size in the country so well equipped.

The bells of All Saints' Church have recently been rehung on new bearings and the tenor provided with a new iron headstock. The work was formally dedicated on Sunday, October 17th, by the Bishop of Dunwich. The Bishop was conducted by the Vicar, the churchwardens and Mr. H. G. Herbert, hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild, to the west end of the church, where he recited the dedicatory prayers and, handing a rope to the Vicar, committed the restored bells to his charge.

The bells were rung in the opening touch by S. Gridley 1, T. Chinery 2, H. G. Felton 3, W. Lee 4, A. A. Fitch 5, L. Johnson 6, S. Howell 7, D. H. Elliott 8.

LADIES' GUILD SILVER JUBILEE.

SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION IN LONDON.

Presentation to the Hon. Secretary.

The Ladies' Guild celebrated the silver jubilee of their organisation at an enthusiastic and representative gathering in London on Saturday. Founded on October 26th, 1912, the membership has grown in the 25 years from 40 to over 300, and more than 70 of them were present to join in the festivities. They came from all parts of the country, and in the afternoon took part in ringing at St. Clement Danes Church. They then attended service, at which the lesson was read by the president (Miss E. Steel, of Bedford), and an address given by the Rev. W. L. Bell (curate). Miss G. Church, a member of the Guild, was at the organ.

Afterwards a dinner was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, attended by a company of about 130. Miss Steel presided and was supported by Miss Dorothy L. Sayers, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council and Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mrs. Lewis, and Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild). Those also present included the following vice-presidents: Miss L. K. Bowling (Northern District), Mrs. Bruce (Southern District), Mrs. J. Bray (Lincoln District), Mrs. R. F. Deal (Central District), Mrs. Boulton (Northants District); district secretaries, Mrs. R. Richardson (Lincoln District), Miss S. Thursfield (Northants), Mrs. G. H. Cross (Central), Miss N. G. Williams (Western), Miss H. F. Mills (Southern), Miss K. M. Bradford (assistant secretary, Central). The company also included Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary, Kent County Association) and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association) and Mrs. Coles, Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Lincoln Guild) and Miss Enid Richardson, Mr. A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer, Oxford Guild) and Mrs. Barker, Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer of the College Youths) and Mrs. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Goodship and Miss G. Goodship, Misses E. K. Fulton, F. Clayton and F. Harle (Harrow Weald), Miss E. Foulk (Dufield), Misses M. and D. Lidbetter (Isleworth), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perrens (Coventry), Mrs. A. Beamish (Nuneaton), Misses M. Godderidge (Polestone), Radley (Broxbourne), G. Church (Waltham Cross), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Housden (Tunbridge Wells), Mr. and Mrs. R. Collins, Miss D. Collins (Sevenoaks), Mr. and Mrs. G. Parks (Croydon), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davis (London), Misses M. Robertson, H. W. Bill and A. Cushion (Norwich), Mr. and Miss H. Snowden (Halstead), Mrs. Tillotson, Mrs. Osborne (Loughton), Miss K. M. Shepherd (East Grinstead), Misses K. and D. Fletcher (Beaconsfield), Miss E. Knight (Bedford), Mrs. A. Chapman (Walthamstow), Miss E. N. Belcher (Ditching), Mrs. L. Hardy, Miss N. Baker (Leicester), Mr. and Mrs. C. McGuinness, Mrs. A. McGuinness, Mrs. Neal (Lincoln), Mrs. L. East (East Collingham), Mr. and Mrs. J. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, Misses O. Pittock, N. Scopes and E. Collins (Enfield), Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight (Wrixton), Misses M. Gardiner and A. Brown and Mrs. Skidmore (Bristol), Mrs. Norton (Kingston Seymour), Miss Turnbull (Edmonton), Mrs. O. Cotterell (Leeds), Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Atkins, Misses B. Hart, Vale and Jacques (Kilburn), Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. P. Humphrey, Miss P. Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. J. Botham, Miss B. Mills and Miss L. Keeley (London), Miss K. Avenall (Worplesdon), Mr. and Mrs. W. Massey and Mr. G. Massey (Claygate), Mrs. C. Matthews (Southfields), Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Elson (Putney), Mr. and Mrs. N. Bagworth (Fulham), Mr. and Mrs. R. Rawlings (Beckenham), Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilson and Miss B. Roughton (Isham), Messrs. G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), J. A. Trollope (vice-president, Middlesex Association), A. E. Sharman (hon. secretary, Bedfordshire Association), G. H. Cross (Master, Royal Cumberland Youths), J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), A. H. Ward (Derby), R. F. Deal, C. W. Roberts, W. Williams and T. J. Lock (London), J. Bray and G. Feirn (Burton-on-Stather), G. Hart (Harrow Weald), F. E. Collins (Croydon), R. Curzon and H. Tooke (Norwich), etc.

After an excellent meal, the loyal toast was honoured on the call of the president.

Miss Sylvia Thursfield proposed the toast of 'The Church,' which, she said, was vitally connected with the work of the Guild. If they were to ask what point in their connection with the Church was most vital, she would say, the fact that their work and this Exercise which



MRS. E. K. FLETCHER.

they so greatly enjoyed was privileged to take place within the churches and cathedrals. That day they were celebrating their silver jubilee. They had not got the antiquity which other ringing guilds and societies enjoyed, but could they imagine what might possibly have happened if women had started ringing, say, a hundred or more years ago? She thought it might easily have jeopardised their chances for ever; they might have been looked upon with such alarm and concern that they would never afterwards have stood much chance. Instead, today, they had an established position and were not only recognised, but welcomed by the Church. That was due, she thought, very largely to the clergy. She came from one of the smallest districts of the Ladies' Guild, but from her experience she could say that what they met with, from the church officials, was not just a balance of average friendliness, but a definite recognition of the full value of their work. They had many friends among the clergy and that night they greatly welcomed Canon Coleridge, who had been a staunch supporter of the Guild ever since it started (applause). Ringing parsons were one of the greatest assets they had got, but second to them she put the non-ringing parsons, whose interest, she thought, was largely due to the words which the ringing parsons put in for the ladies. The support which they got from the clergy was a thing they should realise and value. She hoped it might long continue and grow from year to year (applause).

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

Canon Coleridge reminded the company that the 'Church' referred as much to them as to himself. He held office in one position in the Church, they held it in another and did an enormous amount of good. He looked back to the days when it was a very rare thing to find a lady in the belfry, but on those rare occasions when he was now able to ring he was always delighted when he could get a lady near him (laughter). When he called to mind the many wonderful things which had been done by ladies in the belfries, he could not but be very definite in expressing his warm thanks and the thanks of all connected with the Church for the wonderful work they had done, were doing and would do in the future for the Church. Soon after the Ladies' Guild started he preached to them once at Reading, and he little thought then that it would develop as it had done. With such a healthy looking lot of ladies in front of him he did not think there was much doubt they would attract the young men to the belfry (laughter), and many of them would no doubt find their true partner in life.

Continuing, Canon Coleridge said he had just read that delightful little book brought out by Mr. Trollope—'A History of the College Youths.' He advised everyone to get a copy and read it, because it showed them how very different the Exercise was nearly 300 years ago to what it is at the present day. Canon Coleridge read a short extract from the book in reference to the occasion when the College Youths rang their peal of 7,018 of Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, for the first time with 13 men only. Having rung this peal, they very naturally desired to commemorate it, and it was recorded that a month afterwards they repaired to The Meece and partook of 'a very handsome dinner in commemoration of that unequalled performance and were accompanied by many worthy gentlemen who delight in the Exercise.' 'Does not history repeat itself?' added Canon Coleridge. He did not know exactly what 'a very handsome dinner was,' but he saw many handsome faces round him that night. It was equally true that many worthy gentlemen who delight in the Exercise were present on that occasion, and it gave them the greatest possible pleasure to be there (applause).

Continuing, Canon Coleridge attributed many of the changes of recent years to the admirable example set by the lady ringers. They came to the front in the war time and filled the gaps and had kept on with a perseverance that was wonderful. To illustrate the changes, the speaker quoted extracts from the diary of a village tailor who was also a ringer at Thorverton, Devon, when he (Canon Coleridge) learned to ring there as a boy. It recorded, for instance, in 1831, that 'this day Rev. Dr. Coleridge took the benefits and gave the ringers £3,' and a month after, 'Rev. Dr. Coleridge read himself in to-day and gave the ringers a sovereign.' When his daughter was married they received two sovereigns, and when the daughter gave birth to her first child he gave the ringers a pound. On one occasion when a local yeoman farmer was married he gave the ringers £2 in money, three rounds of beef (rounds of beef in those days were about 30 lb. each) and 100 gallons of beer (laughter).

Canon Coleridge concluded by thanking the ladies for the toast and said he trusted they would all go on to do the very best they could for the Church by every means in their power.

FOUNDATION OF GUILD RECALLED.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith submitted the toast of 'The Ladies' Guild.' He congratulated the Guild on reaching its silver jubilee and said that it gave him special pleasure to propose the toast because he took part in the formation of the Guild 25 years ago. He was not only present when the Guild was formed, but was privileged to take the chair at the inaugural meeting. To that extent he was responsible for bringing it into the world. He did not know whether they would call him the father of the Guild or the family physician, but in whatever relation he stood to it, he had watched with the greatest interest, as the whole Exercise had done, the growth of the Guild through the

LADIES TRIUMPH OVER DIFFICULTIES.

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intervening years. He recalled the discussion which took place at the first meeting as to whether it should be called the Ladies' or the Women's Guild, and said he thought they had chosen rightly. But in any case the members were ladies by their conduct and example in the belfry, and women in the best sense of the term, by the way in which they were ready to fulfil the duties laid upon them by their adopted calling and their readiness to share on equal terms with the men the discipline which change ringing imposed.

He could look back, he said, to the days when ladies were unknown in the belfry as ringers, and he remembered the mild sensation which was caused when Miss Alice White, as she then was, rang in the first peal on tower bells in which a lady had taken part. Her performance was greatly admired, but it was generally felt to be just a passing incident. No one at that time imagined that the ladies would take up the art as seriously as they have done and in such numbers. But many a church had reason to be grateful to the ladies for the part they played in helping to keep the bells going during the war period, and in not a few cases since. The formation of the Guild in 1912 set the seal on their position in the Exercise. Ladies had been received in most belfries with open arms, and the other associations, with one notable exception, had been ready to embrace them—metaphorically (laughter). While sharing in the interests of other associations they had shown their independence by running their own Guild, whose activities were bounded only by the seas and their aspirations by the heavens. And looking back over the last 25 years one wondered at the success which the Guild had attained, in face of the difficulties which had confronted it from the very start—a scattered membership and the difficulty of maintaining touch with each other. The formation of districts had helped partly to solve the problem, but not wholly, and those who knew something of the organisation of ringing associations marvelled at the way the ladies kept the Guild together under very difficult conditions. They admired them for the tenacity with which they stuck to the task and hoped that in the coming years they would reap the reward of still larger membership and wider influence (applause).

Proceeding, Mr. Goldsmith 'disillusioned' the ladies who held the idea that women had only in comparatively recent years taken up ringing, and caused much amusement by quoting from some hitherto unpublished (and unauthenticated) pages of the diary of Samuel Pepys, who found some ladies ringing at St. Olave's in 1670 and afterwards accepted their invitation to a dinner.

In conclusion Mr. Goldsmith referred to the work which had been done on behalf of the Ladies' Guild by a succession of presidents and district officers, and to the devoted labours of Mrs. Fletcher. She, he said, was one of the prime movers in founding the Guild, she had been honorary secretary and treasurer throughout the whole 25 years, and had discharged the duties with increasing zeal and success; in fact, she had largely made the Guild what it was to-day. In asking them to drink to the continued success and prosperity of the Ladies' Guild, he asked them also to drink to the health of Mrs. Fletcher, their guide, philosopher, secretary and friend.

LADIES' FIRST PEAL AND WHAT CAME OF IT

The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and Mrs. Fletcher was cordially received when she replied. She said that 25 years seemed quite a short time compared with the life of some of the societies in various parts of the country, especially the old society in London, which this year was celebrating its three hundredth anniversary, but when they formed the Ladies' Guild in 1912 it did not seem possible that it would so grow that they would be able to have a meeting of that description 25 years after. With them that night they had five of the original members of the Guild and five who took part in the first ladies' peal at Cubitt Town on July 20th, 1912. The others, she was glad to say, were all alive and would have been present, but were prevented by ill-health. Mrs. Fletcher recalled that they struggled for five hours to ring that peal. They started in the afternoon, on a very hot day. They failed, and tried again and failed. Then some wise woman suggested they should have a cup of tea. So they had their cup of tea and then started again, and after three hours they accomplished their peal (applause). They were all very tired and the blisters on some people's hands would have frightened some men (laughter). She did not think she had ever seen blisters like it. On the way back to London someone suggested they should form a Guild. They advertised in 'The Ringing World' and had forty applications for membership from ladies in various parts of the country. They held their inaugural meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Field in October and started on their way. Some of the members who were there on that day had passed away, among them Miss Margery Sampson and Miss Pigott, of Smethwick. In addition, from those who joined at the time, they had lost Mrs. George Williams, the first lady ever to ring a peal on handbells, and Miss Nellie Johnson, of Evesham. They were four of the original members. They found it very difficult in those early days, Mrs. Fletcher continued, because there were not enough members in the country to form districts. There was just one here and there. So they did their best and had meetings occasionally which were not always very well supported. Then came the Great War, but just before that they had enough members to be eligible for election to the Central Council. They were very dubious as to whether they would be admitted, but they had a very good friend in the president at that time, Sir Arthur Heywood, who, besides helping them with a

big donation at the start of the Guild, did his utmost to get them admitted to the Council. In 1914 at the meeting at Winchester they were admitted to the Council, and there was only one man who raised his hand against them (laughter). They sent one representative, but when their membership grew sufficiently they sent two, and this year they had sufficient members to enable them next year to send three representatives (applause). During the war, continuing Mrs. Fletcher, many ladies started in the belfry and kept the bells going while the men were away, but after the war a number dropped out and the membership of the Guild fell a little. Afterwards they began to grow again, and they formed the districts one by one. The work which the district secretaries put in was really wonderful, for they had many disappointments and got precious little support in some parts. But gradually the Guild had spread and they hoped in time they would be able to have every part of the country in some district or other. Continuing, Mrs. Fletcher said that the Guild had rung 15 peals since the one rung at Cubitt Town. They rang one peal of Grandsire Triples in 1915, and another in 1918; a peal of Bob Minor in 1922; Stedman Triples in 1924 and again in 1925; Stedman Caters in 1926; Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise in 1928; Bob Major in 1929; Minor in three methods and Cambridge Surprise in 1930; Kent Treble Bob Major in 1931; Bob Major in 1932; Superlative Surprise in 1935; and Stedman Triples in 1936. Considering their difficulties, she did not think they had done badly in regard to peals (applause). In conclusion, Mrs. Fletcher expressed appreciation of all that had been said about the Guild, and hoped that that wonderful gathering would make them all determined to do more for the Guild in future.

GIFTS TO THE HON. SECRETARY.

The President said Mrs. Fletcher had told them a little about the work that had been done for the Guild. The members wanted to show some slight appreciation of what she had put into it, and she asked her to accept their gift with their best wishes. She hoped, when they held their 50th anniversary dinner, that Mrs. Fletcher would still be their secretary and that they would see present in 25 years' time all the faces that had gathered there that evening (laughter and applause).

Miss Steele then handed to Mrs. Fletcher a very nice leather hand-bag, which, when opened by the recipient, was found to contain a pearl necklace, with diamond clasp, and a handsome gold wristlet watch inscribed with a monogram and the date.

Mrs. Fletcher, who received the gift amid loud applause, was taken completely by surprise, and thanked the members from the bottom of her heart.

THE HELP OF KINDRED SOCIETIES.

Miss Kathleen Bowling gave the toast of 'Kindred Societies,' to whom she said the Ladies' Guild owed a tremendous debt of gratitude. Among the societies represented were the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Middlesex, Kent, Midland Counties, Bedfordshire and Yorkshire Associations, the Lincoln, Warwickshire and Guildford Guilds and the National Police Guild. They welcomed them very warmly and were glad to see so many friends joining in the ladies' jubilee celebration. They were specially honoured, she said, in having with them Mr. Lewis, both in his capacity as president of the Central Council and Master of the College Youths, to whom, through him, they would like to extend warmest congratulations upon their tercentenary and best wishes for the future. The Ladies' Guild, continued Miss Bowling, had to depend a great deal upon their brother ringers, more than they, perhaps, sometimes realised. In the first place, they taught them to ring and certainly made it possible for them to hold successful district meetings. The ladies were so scattered that it would be almost impossible for them to hold district meetings with purely their own members, and the gentlemen were always an enormous help in the ringing. There had been, said Miss Bowling, a good deal written and said from time to time about whether the presence of ladies was desirable in the belfry or not. There were all sorts of opinions on the subject, but from her own experience she could say that ladies always met with real friendliness in the belfry. They were most grateful for all the help they had received from kindred societies through the 25 years of their existence (applause).

Mr. E. H. Lewis, in reply, thanked Miss Bowling for her congratulations to the Ancient Society which he represented that night, and said he would duly convey them to the members. The various associations appreciated the help which the ladies gave at their meetings, said Mr. Lewis, and he went on to refer to some of the performances which they had put up. He recalled two particularly in which their secretary was concerned. In one year before the war, when they used, after the Central Council meeting in London, to hold a social at the Westminster Hotel, Miss E. K. Parker rang the trebles to a course of Bob Royal on handbells, and Sir Arthur Heywood said he had never heard trebles rung better in Royal in his life (applause). The other performance was by the same talented lady recently when she rang the 30 cwt. tenor at Wedmore to a peal of Stedman Triples and afterwards was anxious to turn it in to a course of Bob Major, but the seven men in front had had enough (laughter and applause). In conclusion, Mr. Lewis hoped the friendship between the Ladies' Guild and the other societies would long continue.

Mrs. F. M. Mitchell submitted 'The Visitors,' whom she welcomed very heartily. She was particularly pleased to see present her old friend Canon Coleridge, who was among the earliest of her ringing

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AUTHORESS OF 'THE NINE TAILORS.'

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recollections. There was only one whom she knew better, and that was the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn. They would probably be surprised to know that 'Kate' had honoured them with her presence. Evidently she thought there was safety in numbers (laughter). And Francis Bacon, too, was there and appeared to be happy among the ladies (laughter). They were highly honoured in having with them the noted authoress, Miss Dorothy Sayers (applause), who in her book, 'The Nine Tailors,' had enlightened many readers upon the art of change ringing. It was wonderful how she toiled over figures until she was able to prick out Grandsire and Treble Bob without any previous knowledge of ringing. Members of the ringing fraternity might well take example from her by using more pencil and paper (laughter and applause). They were also pleased, said Mrs. Mitchell, to welcome another author, Mr. Trollope, who in his book on the history of the College Youths had shown them again how painstaking he was in what he did for the benefit of the Exercise (applause).

KINDNESSES FROM BELLRINGERS.

Miss Sayers, in responding to the toast, said she felt most embarrassed, for she must have been chosen to reply because she was the most ignorant person in the assembly in regard to ringing. She only came into the bellringing world on the principle, as it were, of being among those who rush in where angels fear to tread (laughter). When she first quite rashly undertook a book on bellringing, she knew absolutely nothing about it, but one thing she had learned since writing that book was that what she had always heard, about the great kindness and friendliness in the bellringing world, was certainly a very well-founded tradition, for she had received an extraordinary amount of kindness from bellringers, since writing 'The Nine Tailors.' In that book she made the bells of Fenchurch St. Paul kill a man who was left tied up in the belfry. She did not usually get kind invitations to dinner, for example, from the Incorporated Society of Poisoners or the Ancient Society of Footpads and Highwaymen (laughter). Robbers and gangsters did not ask her to 'go for a ride' with them, nor did the murderers ever let her into their secrets (laughter), but the bellringers had been most kind to her and offered to take her into their towers and show her the bells ringing. She was not sure whether it was with sinister intention that they took her into a bell chamber to stand as near as possible to the bells. It was true it was only for about nine seconds, instead of nine hours (laughter). Miss Sayers thanked her hostesses for a very delightful entertainment; the dinner had been 'handsome' in every sense of the word (laughter). A good deal had been said about the entries of ladies into bellringing, but she felt sure that in spite of the admirable extracts from Mr. Pepys' diary, which suggested that it might have been considered in the past 'unsexing,' she could not believe that it was so, for looking at their programme she found that the handbell ringing and the songs all dealt with the tender emotion of love (laughter). Miss Sayers added that she hoped the Ladies' Guild and all the other guilds of ringers would go on and prosper, that there would be more bells dedicated and more people ringing and making a merry noise in the church. She never understood why the devil should have all the best tunes and the loudest noises. He certainly had a great many of them and she was only too glad there was still one great noise which they were allowed to make to the glory of God and their own enjoyment, in spite of the people who preferred the noise of petrol engines and the blaring of unpleasant instruments (applause).

HOW LADIES WERE ELECTED TO CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, whose name was also coupled with the toast, thanked the Ladies' Guild on behalf of the men for allowing them to spend such a very enjoyable evening. Being a bachelor, he naturally only saw the best side of ladies (laughter). His recollection, he continued, went back to the very first lady ringer (except those referred to in Mr. Pepys' diary). She was the daughter of a Norfolk clergyman. After her came one or two others, and then presently they began to hear about a young lady, a daughter of Jim Parker, ringing London Surprise and calling from an inside bell. In those days London Surprise was only rung by the tip-top, exclusive bands, and it didn't seem right to some ringers that a girl should be doing what they couldn't do. So they got over it by saying they did not believe she could do it (laughter). Some of the old ones began to shake their heads and wonder what was going to happen when ladies took up ringing. They said there would be a great lowering of the standard of ringing and men would be pushed out of the towers (laughter). When it was said that these girls were going to form a Guild of their own, and afterwards when it was said they were going to apply for membership of the Central Council, some of the older people—they were all dead now—said that was going a bit too far (laughter). What they expected the Council to do was to say: 'Oh, yes, we shall be very pleased indeed to have you, but the time is not quite ripe (laughter). Come back in ten years; in the meantime, just run away and play' (laughter). He knew quite a dozen members of the Council who had made up their minds to have no truck with the ladies, but they all voted for them at the finish, except one man (laughter). He was a bachelor and they would be glad to know he suffered afterwards for his faults. He was married now (laughter). All the things the pessimists prophesied had not come to pass. Certainly the standard of ringing had not gone down. If the ladies wanted to know if there were any good ringers among them, they

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MISS SAYERS ELECTED AN HONORARY MEMBER.

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should first look in the looking glass; and when in the tower look at each other, and when they had done that they should look at Mrs. Fletcher. They would not find anywhere among ringers anyone whose knowledge of practical ringing was better than hers or one whose opinions on things appertaining to ringing was better worth having (applause). There had been one or two references that night to a person named Kate, and it had been hinted that he might know something about her. He could assure them he knew no more about her than they did. He had certainly never met her and never expected to. In fact, he did not believe there was such a person. If there ever had been, he believed she was one of those bright spirits who had been sent down to this earth to cheer up mankind, and, having done her job, had disappeared (laughter).

The remaining toast was 'The Press,' proposed by Mrs. Richardson, who referred in terms of appreciation to the services rendered to the Exercise by 'The Ringing World.' Without it, she said, ringers in one part of the country would not know what was being done in other parts and much of the interest would be lost. For that reason alone they should support 'The Ringing World' in far greater degree. The Editor had shown his interest in the Ladies' Guild, and the Ladies' Guild, in return, should support the paper and act as 'missionaries' in the districts in which they lived. 'The Ringing World' linked up ringers not only in this country, but throughout the Empire. Without the paper ringers would be at a loss, and she asked the members of the Ladies' Guild to do their share in getting others to support it.

The toast was acknowledged by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

The President announced, amid applause, that Miss Sayers had joined the Guild as an honorary member.

Miss Sayers, in acknowledging the election, said she felt most unworthy of the honour and thought she must go and read 'Troyte' all over again (laughter and applause).

The speeches were interspersed with some delightful handbell solos by Mrs. A. A. Hughes and some charming songs by Miss Enid Collins. Mrs. Bray, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Richardson rang a touch of Grandsire Triples, and Messrs. Trollope, Lewis, Cross and Richardson rang a short touch of 'Oxford and Kent' Treble Bob.

The happy proceedings formally terminated with 'Auld Lang Syne,' but were continued informally afterwards to a late hour. The gathering achieved great success and everyone responsible deserved the hearty commendations passed upon their efforts, especially the hon. secretary (Mrs. Fletcher) and the members of the Dinner Committee: Mrs. Deal, Mrs. Cross and Miss Bradford.

DARTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, October 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Fox 1, J. R. Lambkin (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, Mrs. J. E. Bailey 3, F. Walker 4, J. E. Bailey 5, J. H. Cheesman 6, N. Summerhayes (conductor) 7, R. Jenkins 8.

FORMER RINGER'S MUNIFICENT GIFT.

DEDICATION OF NEW TOWER AND BELLS AT STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

Only rarely does one hear of a tower being rebuilt in order to fulfil its primary function, and when such a scheme is made possible through the generosity of a former ringer, the subject becomes of double interest. Yet this has happened at the village of Stoulton, near Pershore, and by the dedication of the new tower and bells by the Lord Bishop of Worcester at the evening service on Sunday, October 17th, yet another has been added to the chain of six-bell towers surrounding the Bredon Hill.

Situated on an eminence a few yards from the main Worcester-London road, the picturesque, old, ivy-clad tower had been something of a landmark, but the ivy had done its work too well, for, penetrating in places right through the walls, it had caused irreparable damage. Becoming unsafe for the ringing of the five bells it contained, these had been silent for the past 15 years.

These facts coming to the knowledge of Mr. Bruce Kingsford, of Cheltenham, the son of a former Vicar of Stoulton and himself an old Worcestershire ringer, he made the magnificent offer of financing the building of a new tower, the recasting and rehanging of the bells with the addition of a treble.

The new tower is built of Cotswold stone, similar to the main part of the church, and follows the old design except that it is slightly higher and possessed of more substantial buttresses. In the east arch and dividing the tower from the main body of the church is a handsome oak screen, which finishes about 3ft. above the ringing chamber floor, the ringers thus being in full view from the church. This screen bears the following inscription:—

'In 1936 the tower of this church was rebuilt and the bells were recast and one added by Hamilton Bruce Kingsford, in memory of his father, Hamilton Kingsford, M.A., Oxon., priest in charge of this parish, 1867-1912.'

The bells, with a tenor of 7 cwt., have been hung in a new cast iron frame. They are now a tuneful peal, all of solid tone and speaking out in a manner hardly to be anticipated from their weight. Even with everything lending itself to the perfect job, they reflect the greatest credit on the founders, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

DONOR TAKES PART IN RINGING.

A huge congregation assembled for the dedication service, every available space being utilised for extra seating, even to the vestries and the porch. Basing his address on II. Corinthians v., 17, 'Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new,' the Bishop said they could draw two lessons from their recast peal of bells. He could not say the same of the tower because the old one had gone too far, but of the bells five were not new, but were the old metal, remoulded, recast and retuned. Applying this to human nature, the Bishop said, 'We are created as we are for a purpose. God takes us exactly as we are and remoulds, recreates us. Allow this creative spirit in your hearts and you are like a peal of bells—giving out sweet sounds in complete harmony with all around. Secondly,' he continued, 'to-night this church is crammed—it is not always so. Those beautiful bells you have just heard send forth a message—calling, calling, calling. Would they consistently respond to that call, first as individuals, then as a parish and as a diocese, and so fulfil the words of our Lord, "Ye shall be my witnesses"?'.

Immediately after the words of dedication had been pronounced, the bells were rung in rounds by a representative band of the Worcestershire Association: S. T. Holt 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, W. Short 3, J. D. Johnson 4, T. W. Lewis 5, C. Camm 6. Later a large gathering of ringers kept the bells going until nearly 9 p.m., an interesting touch being 120 Stedman Doubles, to which the donor rang the tenor. Two others of the band (Messrs. W. Short and R. G. Knowles) rang with him some 40 years ago. The founders were represented by Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. J. Thomas (who carried out the work in the tower).

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Ormesby on Saturday, October 2nd. The attendance was not as good as was expected, but those who did attend made good use of the lovely peal of bells and had a very pleasant time.

Tea was provided at the Bungalow Cafe, presided over by the president, Mr. J. C. Pollard. The only business was to pass a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

The Vicar visited the tower later in the evening and expressed regret that he was not able to be present at tea, but welcomed the association to Ormesby and wished that they would come more frequently.

Ringings continued until 8 p.m., the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major. Ringers attended from Middlesbrough, Stockton, Skelton, Saltburn, Guisborough, Leeds, Darlington and Ormesby.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GUILD.

A very happy and successful meeting of the Wednesday Afternoon Guild of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at St. George's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on October 13th.

Tea was generously provided by the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Woodhouse), after which a short meeting took place. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for preparing the tea.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Mary's, Gateshead, on December 1st.

Towers were represented from North Shields, South Shields, Houghton-le-Spring, Gateshead, Chester-le-Street and from All Saints', St. George's and St. Nicholas' Cathedral, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

NEW BISHOP OF LICHFIELD BECOMES PATRON.

The autumn meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford took place at St. Bartholomew's Church, Penn, in beautiful weather, when about 60 members and lady friends took advantage of a trip into the country. The bells were raised at 3 o'clock and were kept going in a variety of methods, including London Surprise. A short service was conducted by the Rev. N. D. Fourdrinier, and an address given by the Vicar, the Rev. Edgar Hartill, M.A., R.D. Mr. Brewster officiated at the organ.

A capital tea, laid in the Parish Hall, was kindly provided by Mrs. A. C. Twentyman. The Vicar presided.

A letter was received from the new Bishop of Lichfield signifying his pleasure in becoming patron of the society, and accompanied by the hope of his meeting the members on some future occasion.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Coseley in January.

A meeting for practice is to take place at Penkridge, of which due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and the use of the bells, etc., to Mrs. A. C. Twentyman for providing the tea, and to all who had assisted in making provision for the comfort and happiness of the visitors, was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker, L.Th., and carried with applause.

A DAY ROUND OXFORD.

CRAYFORD RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The third annual outing of the Crayford ringers took place on Sunday, October 3rd. The ringers, and friends from West Wickham, Chislehurst, Dartford and Beckenham, made the journey by coach to Oxford. The bus left Crayford Church at the early hour of 7 a.m. and picked up various members of the party en route. In spite of protest of the driver, who considered that there was one too many in the vehicle, the three-hour journey to Oxford was much enjoyed by all the party.

Oxford was looking her best in the morning sun when the party arrived about 10 a.m. Mr. R. A. Post was patiently waiting at the car park to lead the way to All Saints' Church, where they were met by Mr. Walter Judge. The tenor here weighs only just over 7 cwt., and the bells are a really musical and easily handled peal. Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and a course of Cambridge went well, the last named only being completed in time to set the bells up at backstroke before the morning service.

Coffee and biscuits were followed by a visit to the beautiful Christ Church Cathedral. The driver, having recovered from his little grievance, joined in the sightseeing tour, and afterwards at Stewart's Restaurant 23 enjoyed a very good lunch.

Some of the party remained sightseeing in Oxford while others made the journey to the delightful village of Appleton, where they were met by Mr. Richard White and other 'long-pealers.' Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Royal and a course of Cambridge on the back eight formed the fare here. The visitors seemed to have some difficulty with striking these bells, and, perhaps, the less said about our performance here the better. All were interested in the tablets recording the long peals, and in the photos of the bands, which they were given permission to view in the Thatched Tavern.

Returning to Oxford by another route, the Crayfordites were lucky to 'grab' another tower. The Vicar of Cumnor, Berks, was kind enough to allow them to ring there for half an hour. Those are a rather heavy six of 19½ cwt., and very musical. Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire and the inevitable Cambridge were rung. After tea in Oxford a move was made to St. Giles', where Mr. V. Bennett and other members of the local band greeted the visitors. Stedman, Cambridge, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung on this very ancient but musical peal, tenor 14 cwt. At 7.15 p.m. a visit was paid to the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, with its magnificent peal of six bells, tenor 27 cwt. The bells were first raised in peal, then Kent Treble Bob and a few rounds were rung, and a fitting climax to a very enjoyable day was reached by a perfect course of Cambridge Minor, to which 'Tubby' turned in the tenor. The bells were afterwards lowered in peal, sounding out with a touching majesty across the ancient city where all had spent such a happy day. A happy party arrived home about 11.30 p.m. and wish to convey their thanks to all incumbents and towerkeepers, those whose names are here mentioned and those whose names are not, and most of all to Mr. R. A. Post, who gave up his whole day to entertaining the excursionists.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH OFFICERS' SUCCESSFUL WORK.

Fourteen towers were represented when the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held its annual meeting at St. John's, Worcester, on Saturday, October 16th, and though the attendance was below expectations, the 34 members present formed an enthusiastic company. The Church of St. John the Baptist contains a very pleasant ring of eight bells, hung on ball bearings, the tenor weighing 15½ cwt. These were made good use of from 3 o'clock until 4.15, when a short service, with address, was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. T. Powell. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, where the business meeting was afterwards held.

The Vicar presided, and supporting him were Messrs. J. R. Newman and R. G. Knowles (vice-presidents), E. E. Barber and S. T. Holt (auditors), C. Camm (Branch Ringing Master), G. E. Large (hon. secretary and treasurer), W. Ranford (Central Committee) and W. Lewis (Ringing Master, St. John's). Apologies were read from Major M. F. S. Jewell (hon. member) and Mr. J. D. Johnson (general hon. secretary).

All the officers were re-elected and had many 'bouquets' handed to them. The Branch Ringing Master was complimented on the way he looked after the ringing at meetings. 'Charlie' Camm has held that office for many years and there seems to be no desire for a change on the part of members. In another 20 years or so he will perhaps have qualified for a grandmother clock, but he, being a modern version of Hercules, will doubtless require one of the grandfather variety.

Messrs. E. E. Barber and R. G. Knowles paid tribute to the work of the hon. secretary, congratulating him upon the flourishing condition of the branch.

The Chairman caused much amusement by saying: 'This esteemed gentleman, the hon. secretary, has so much correspondence to attend to that he has to-day moved into a larger house.'

Mr. G. E. Large, in reply, thanked the speakers for the nice things they had said about him. As he had their confidence, he would be pleased to hold the secretaryship of the branch another year.

'Bill' Ranford was warmly thanked for his services as representative to the Central Committee, but the chairman's efforts to get him to speak failed, for 'Father' took refuge behind an imaginary cold!

It was reported that the quarterly peal attempted at Longdon had failed. Mr. W. Lewis was delegated to arrange the quarterly peal to be rung at St. John's. The secretary said he had received a strong invitation for the branch to hold its next meeting at Ripple, and there were also invitations from Ombersley. This latter place was chosen after some discussion, on account of its being nearer to the majority of towers in the branch in the event of bad weather. Ripple was placed on the minutes as the first choice for the summer meeting.

Three new members were elected and one re-elected.

Mr. J. R. Newman, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. T. Powell, said it gave him extra pleasure to do so, because he had had intimate connections with St. John's all his life. He asked the chairman to accept their sincere thanks for giving up so much of his time that afternoon and evening.

To this the Vicar replied, saying it had given him pleasure to do what he had done. They were, he knew, anxious to get back to the tower before the customary service at seven o'clock, after which they would ring on until the police stopped them!

Methods rung during the day ranged from Oxford Bob Triples to Cambridge Surprise. One or two of the experts were 'floored' when a member of the Dodderhill band asked for Darlaston Bob Triples—'What's that?' and 'How does it go?' might have been (but wasn't) answered by 'This is where you get off!'

A GAINSBOROUGH BRIDE.

TAKES PART IN HER WEDDING RINGING.

The wedding took place at Gainsborough Parish Church on Saturday, October 9th, of Mr. Eric Grey and Miss Ethel Marshall, both of Gainsborough.

Canon Witworth, vice-president of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, officiated, and the ceremony was witnessed by a large number of friends and relations, including about a dozen ringers.

The bride is a very popular ringer in the district and is a member of the Gainsborough band. She has rung about 25 peals for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, the North Notts Association and the Ladies' Guild. A few years ago she was one of the band of lady ringers who rang a peal of Bob Major at Handsworth, Yorks, and in January of this year she was one of the band of ladies who made an unsuccessful attempt of Double Norwich in the same tower.

A peal had been suggested in honour of the event, but as there were others present besides the peal band, and in order that the bride could ring on her own wedding day, the idea was abandoned and the afternoon was spent in ringing touches in various methods.

The couple received numerous presents, and on behalf of the Gainsborough and district ringers Mr. F. S. W. Butler, in a few well-chosen remarks, presented them with two cases of spoons and forks. He said how much the services of the bride had been appreciated as a ringer and wished the happy couple every success and happiness in the future.

The honeymoon was spent in Boston, and Mr. and Mrs. Grey's home is now in Gainsborough.

THE START OF METHODS.

SUGGESTED CHANGE FOR STEDMAN, GRANDSIRE, ETC.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I quite agree with Mr. H. Miles that a change in the start of Stedman should be made this year, for the reason that he gives and also because there would be no dodge at the start if the first row after rounds was the first row of a 'six.'

I have always thought it a campanological error that methods like Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Forward should start with a dodge; it is as though we were unwilling to leave rounds and pass on to changes.

In my humble opinion, the dodge would sound better at the end of a lead, plain course or touch instead of at the beginning. Probably the reason why the Plain Bob method has such musical charm is because all the bells do a plain hunt for as long as possible and also because the dodge comes at the end of a lead, when the treble is leading, therefore we ought to take the Plain Bob method as our criterion.

In its present form, the dodging occurs in Grandsire when the bell in the hunt is leading. In my opinion, Grandsire would be improved if the dodging occurred when the treble is leading. In order to achieve this, the bell in the hunt would have to lead immediately before the treble leads always, and the bell that the bell in the hunt turns from lead would have to make 3rd's place. The bell in the hunt in the plain course would be the 3rd and not the 2nd. Starting Stedman with the first row of a quick 'six' would make the go off similar to this new start in Grandsire.

Turning to the even-bell methods, I would have a Plain Bob go off for Oxford, and nearly the same for Kent and Forward, except for the place-making in 3-4.

W. A. WOOLER.

LADY RINGER MARRIED.

A pretty wedding of interest to ringers took place on Saturday, October 9th, at St. George's Church, Brede, when Miss Joan Kingdon, secretary of the Brede belfry, was married to Mr. Robin Home McCall, solicitor, of Bexhill.

The bride, in her mother's wedding gown of heavy ivory satin, was attended by a page, in kilt of the McBeth tartan, and three bridesmaids wearing dresses of shot gold taffeta, carrying bouquets of golden brown chrysanthemums and dahlias named 'Joan Kingdon' after the bride.

Guides formed a guard of honour and the bells were rung before and after the service by members of the tower, and later a peal of Bob Minor by members of the Sussex County Association and Hastings District Guild was rung as recorded last week.

Miss Kingdon, with her sister, learned to ring at Worplesdon, Surrey, before removing to Brede about three years ago.

A MONMOUTHSHIRE TOUR.

On Saturday, September 25th, a band of Monmouthshire ringers visited several towers in the neighbourhood of Raglan, Tregare (5 bells), Penrhos (4 bells), Llanarth (6 bells) and Usk (8 bells). The party were given a very hearty reception at Penrhos, where tea was provided for them, by the Vicar and his wife. The band, under the leadership of the Rev. I. J. Richards, Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, were Miss G. M. Smith, Messrs. W. Powell, R. Smith, S. Bamford, G. John, of Llanfrehfa, J. W. Jones, L. Bainham, of All Saints', Newport, A. Williams, Llangibby, and G. Popnell, Bedwelty. Thanks are due to the Vicars and tower keepers of the towers visited.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—About two years ago Mr. C. W. Roberts, of London, sent me a peal of Bristol Surprise with one lead short of the full extent of 4, 5 and 6 in 6th's in 13 courses, asking me if I could improve upon it. I sent the two following peals as my best contribution. In your issue of September 10th you publish a very good peal by Mr. T. B. Worsley on the same lines. Incidentally all these peals have one lead missing.

F. DENCH.

Saffron Walden.

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36245	1	—	2	2
54263	2	—	2	1
43265	2	—	1	2
42635	1	—	2	2
65324	2	—	2	2
63254	1	—	2	2
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54326	2	—	2	1
53246	1	—	2	2
26435	2	—	2	2
52364	2	—	1	2
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A RARE MEETING PLACE.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

Ringings meetings at Stratford-on-Avon are, of necessity, few and far between, only four having been held there during the last 30 years. However, despite the fact that Stratford is right on the edge of the county, such meetings have always been found to be well attended, and at the meeting held there on October 16th by the Warwickshire Guild the attendance was above the average for quarterly meetings. Ringers attended from all parts of Warwickshire, towers represented including Bulkington, Keresley, Stoke, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Leamington Hastings, Lillington, Erdington, Allesley, Exhall, Warwick, and members of the local band. Welcome visitors included the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell, of Staverton, Mr. E. Pearson, of the Oxford Guild, and others from Banbury and Mickleton.

Before the business meeting the Rector, the Rev. Canon W. G. Melville, who has recently celebrated his jubilee in the priesthood, ascended the tower and in a short speech welcomed the Guild and expressed the wish that they would 'come again.'

At the business meeting Mr. F. W. Perrens was chairman. Meeting places were discussed and were arranged as follows: November at Poiesworth, December at Berkswell, and the January quarterly meeting at Chilvers Coton.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. R. C. Chapman, R. Walker, S. Oughton and S. J. Oughton. A very welcome 'new member' was Mr. J. F. Simpson. He was a member of the Stoke, Coventry, band from 1919 until 1925, when he went to reside in Oxfordshire. He has now returned to live at Warwick.

Touches in various methods from rounds and Bob Triples to Surprise were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS A BELLRINGER.

PRESENTATION AT TRURO.

At Truro Cathedral on Tuesday, October 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to commemorate the completion by Mr. W. H. Southard of 25 years as a member of the Truro Cathedral company.

Mr. Southard is the only remaining member of the original band formed in 1912. He was Master of the company from 1924 to 1932, and has been Vice-Master and treasurer for the last two years.

After the quarter-peal he was presented with a suitably engraved silver bell inkstand by the members of the company as a token of appreciation of his services.

The ringers in the quarter-peal were Miss M. Penrose 1, W. H. Southard 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, W. E. Minors 4, H. Williams 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, C. E. Laxton (conductor) 7, J. Treloar 8.

HALF-PEALS.

On Monday, September 20th, at the Parish Church of St. Cynwyd, Llangynwyd, members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association rang a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles (2,520 changes) in 1 hour 35 minutes: E. Stith (conductor) 1, T. H. Roderick 2, J. Hale 3, Ivor Bassett 4, John Ryland 5, J. David 6. It was the first attempt and longest length by ringers of 3, 4, 5 and 6, who are local men, and was rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. J. Thomas, curate-in-charge, who is leaving the parish, and whose departure will be a very great loss to the Guild and the church in general. The half-peal was also rung for the wedding of Mr. O. Bowser, a ringing member of the Guild, whose marriage took place earlier in the day.

At Wallasey, Cheshire, on Thursday, September 23rd, a half-peal of Minor, consisting of 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and 360 Oxford Bob, was rung by J. Ledsham (longest length) 1, L. L. Gray 2, F. Varty 3, A. Howard 4, H. Rogers 5, T. Rogers (conductor) 6. A welcome to the Rev. F. G. A. Willis, the first assistant curate St. Nicholas' Church has ever had.

As a farewell to Canon A. G. G. Ross, who is leaving Swindon after 45 years' ministration, a peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans' Four-Part) was attempted at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, September 25th, but owing to a ringer's indisposition the bells were allowed to run home at half-way: C. J. Gardiner 1, W. W. T. Daniell 2, S. Palmer 3, C. J. Hathaway 4, W. H. Trueman 5, N. Allnatt 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, E. Vincent 8.

MRS. PENNINGTON BICKFORD'S BIRTHDAY.

On Sunday evening, October 17th, for evening service at St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, as a birthday compliment to Mrs. L. Pennington Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clement Danes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: John R. Wilson (first quarter-peal on eight bells) 1, J. S. Hawkins 2, R. W. Green 3, H. C. Alford 4, W. H. Seabrook 5, A. C. Darnell (conductor) 6, T. G. Bannister 7, C. H. Vitter 8.

On Monday, October 18th, a peal of Bob Royal was rung at St. Clement Danes as a compliment to Mrs. Pennington Bickford.

GOLDEN WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Peter's Church, Hersham, Surrey, on Friday, October 22nd, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Painter, of Hersham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: F. Oakley 1, W. Simmonds 2, J. Gill 3, J. Loveridge 4, G. Curtis 5, H. Colcombe 6, F. Dodson (conductor) 7, W. Mills 8. The bells were then 'fired' and lowered in peal. All the band belong to the local company.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6th, 1937.

The following towers will be open from 12.30 p.m. to 3 p.m.:-

St. Mary-le-Bow ...	12 bells.
St. Giles, Cripplegate ...	12 "
St. Magnus, London Bridge ...	10 "
St. Clement Danes ...	10 "
St. Lawrence, Old Jewry ...	8 "
St. Andrew, Holborn ...	8 "

3.00 p.m. Unveiling of tablet on the tombstone of Sir Henry Tulse, Lord Mayor and Master in the year 1684, in the churchyard of St. Dionys, Backchurch, Lime Street, E.C.

3.30 p.m. Three courses of Stedman Cinques, to be rung at St. Paul's Cathedral by the members of the St. Paul's Cathedral Band.

4.00 p.m. Service in St. Paul's Cathedral. Seats will be reserved under the Dome for members and their friends and relations. All members of the general public will be welcome. There will be a special hymn and anthem, and a course of Stedman Triples on handbells. Preacher: The Venerable The Archdeacon of London. There will be a collection for the A.S.C.Y. Benevolent Fund and St. Paul's Cathedral.

5.15 p.m. At the Cannon Street Hotel, the Master will receive the members and guests for dinner at 6 p.m. (The reception room will be suitably furnished.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual dinner at Blackpool on Saturday, October 30th. Owing to the large demand for tickets the County Hotel cannot find the necessary accommodation. The dinner will therefore be held at The Imperial Hydro, North Promenade, Blackpool (a penny tram fare from Talbot Square). Tickets 4s. each. A special room is being reserved for ticket holders from 5 p.m. onwards.—C. Sharples, 35, Berwick Road, Blackpool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, October 30th. Bells (six) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service, if arranged. Please inform Mr. H. W. Giddings, 2a, Church Street, March, Cambs, numbers for tea. I beg members to make effort to attend.—F. Warrington, Cox End Lane, Over, Cambs.

LADIES' GUILD AND GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, October 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Hall, 5. Meetings after.—(Miss) H. F. Mills and C. W. Denyer, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting, Tonbridge, Saturday, October 30th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Carlton Cafe, High Street, 5.15. It is *your duty* to see that your tower is represented. Half fares up to 2s. will be allowed members.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Evensong at 4 p.m. Tea, at the City Cafe, at 5 p.m., only for those who notify the secretary. Business meeting afterwards for the election of district officers, etc., and members are particularly urged to attend.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham, Kent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Hughenden (8 bells) on Saturday, October 30th, at 5.15 p.m. Tea at Lyons', High Wycombe, 4 p.m. No names this time.—A. D. Baker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wroxeter (6 bells) on Saturday, October 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Business after tea. For tea, please advise W. A. Farmer, 6, Mayfield Terrace, Mountfields, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramshott on Saturday, October 30th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5.15, followed by business meeting.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

BARKWAY, NORTH HERTS ASSOCIATION.—These eight are still capable of producing everything from Rounds to London—it's the ringers 'at the bottom' that are required. So book the date, Saturday, October 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Mr. C. Bysouth, High Street, Barkway, is kindly arranging a tea, to be prepared at the Wheatsheaf, so I think we ought to let him know the number, don't you?—Don Mears, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, October 30th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Rippingale on Saturday, October 30th. Bells (6) available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea in the School. Business meeting after tea.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkingham, Lincs.

OXHEY.—Saturday, October 30th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea, 5.30, at Cottage Cafe, High Street. Business after. Excellent train and bus service from all parts. Herts Association.—C. H. Horton, Bushey. City 4270.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Saturday, October 30th (Aldwick bells not available). Bells ready at 3 p.m. Make this meeting a success.—Ernest Cooper, 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

WENDRON, NEAR HELSTON, CORNWALL.—The dedication of the bells will take place on Sunday, October 31st, at 6 p.m., by the Archdeacon of Cornwall—five bells restored in new oak bell frame and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

SOUTH BRENT, DEVON.—The bells will be rededicated on Wednesday, November 3rd, at 3 p.m.—a ring of six, tuned and rehung in new bell frame by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on November 4th (8 p.m.); *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th (election night); St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 23rd; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th, 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 Wendon on Saturday, November 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Brede on Saturday, November 6th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present oblige by letting me know not later than Wednesday, the 3rd.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ravensthorpe (5 bells) on Saturday, November 6th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. secretary not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea.—Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A special meeting of this district will be held at Bedford on Saturday, November 6th. The bells of St. Paul's Church (10), will be available from 2.30. Short service at 4.15. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ormskirk, on Saturday, November 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, November 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Mr. G. Wright, sen., will arrange tea for anyone sending him a card addressed Enderby Road, Thurlaston.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come, as you will help to make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Lugwardine on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (8) available 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than November 2nd.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held on Saturday, November 6th, at Timberland (6 bells, subject to the tower being available). Tea at moderate charge to those who inform me by Tuesday, November 2nd.—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Staveley Parish Church on Saturday, November 6th. For tea, please notify Mr. A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, near Chesterfield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—A practice meeting will be held at Cartmel Priory on Saturday, November. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8 bells) on Saturday, November 6th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me if you require tea.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice will be held at Calverton (6 bells) on Saturday, November 6th, from 5 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, November 6th. Short service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Will those who intend being present kindly inform me by Wednesday, November 3rd? All are welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, with short meeting to follow, 5 o'clock. For tea, please advise W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

BISHAMPTON, NEAR PERSHORE, WORCS.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Worces-

ter on Sunday, November 7th, at 6.30 p.m.—a ring of six, tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Lathbury on Saturday, November 13th. 2.30 ring up. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—J. F. Amies.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will be held at St. George's Church, Mossley, near Manchester, on November 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me not later than Wednesday, November 10th, certain?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in the Church Hall at 9d. per head, to all who notify me by Tuesday, November 9th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walsden on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends to come along and support us.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—What have you done for the Guild this year? If the answer is 'Nothing' or 'Not much,' make amends by attending the district meeting at Shalford on Saturday, November 13th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Don't trouble to send your name for tea. I am in form at guessing. (If you see the joke, let me know by November 9th).—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The jubilee dinner and concert will be held at the Stafford Hotel, City Road, Chester, on Saturday, November 20th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Application for tickets (enclosing remittance) to H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire, or the branch secretaries, before November 13th.

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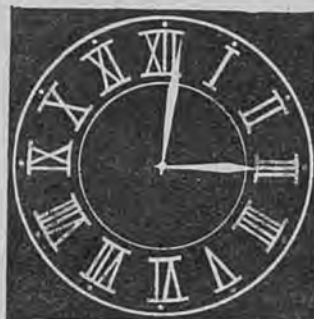
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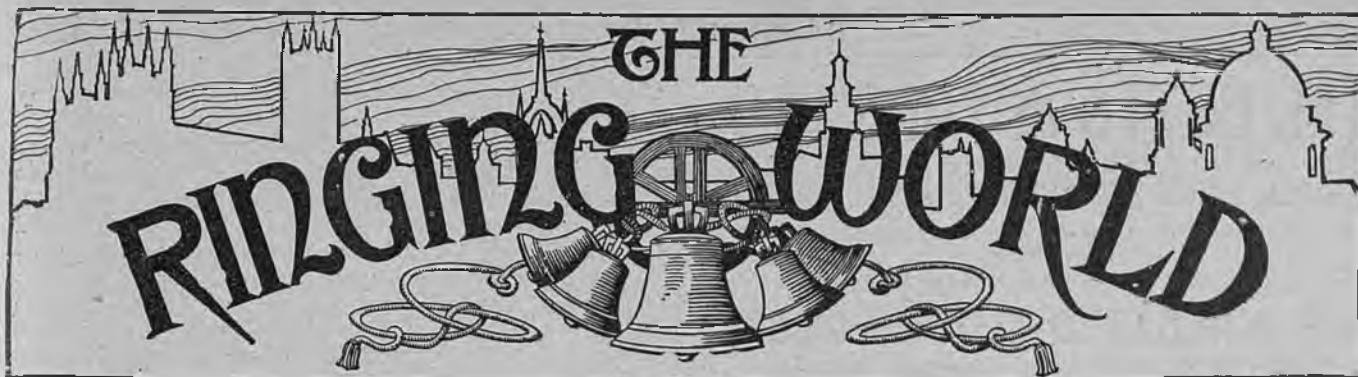
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To-day is the tercentenary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, which was founded on the fifth of November, 1637. Three hundred years of unbroken existence is a wonderful and honourable record for any organisation, and the ringing Exercise is proud of the venerable society which has achieved this great distinction. The good wishes and sincere congratulations of ringers everywhere will go out to the society on this historic occasion, and the celebrations which take place in London to-morrow have, of course, a special interest and significance.

Among ancient guilds, the annual 'feast' was the great event of the year. In the College Youths this social feature has been maintained for more than two and a half centuries, even if not from the very beginnings of the society, and this year's gathering promises to be by far the biggest in all the long line of similar festivities. In addition there are to be two other events of interest, one the service in St. Paul's Cathedral, which confers a special honour on the society, whose members have always been responsible for the service ringing there since the present bells were installed nearly sixty years ago, and the other a tribute to the Master of 1685, Sir Henry Tulse, who was Lord Mayor of London in the same year that he was at the head of the College Youths.

The history of the society, as Mr. J. A. Trollope so well remarks in his recently published work, is an epitome of the history of the ringing Exercise. Its foundations go back to the very beginnings of the art of change ringing, and it is the one definite connecting link which we have with those far-off days. Through all the changing and shifting fortunes of the centuries, the College Youths have gone on, not always, of course, without internal difficulties and dissensions of their own, but unbroken in continuity, thus forming, as it were, a core round which the Exercise has grown and developed.

It has played in its time a vital part in the maintenance of the art, and the veneration in which it is held to-day is due to its share in the development of change ringing in the past as well as to the antiquity of the roots. If in these days of territorial organisations, other forces are moulding the Exercise, it does not detract from the admiration which is felt for the position which the old society has filled through all the generations that have come and gone since Lord Brereton was elected the first Master, but a little fuller recognition of these forces in some quarters would expand rather than lessen the influence of the society in the future, and certainly its dignity would suffer no loss.

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This tercentenary celebration should bring the society an increased prosperity. Under its present ordering it cannot compete with the activities of the 'modern' organisations, its scope is too circumscribed. Its membership is nation-wide, but its operations are really parochial, and there are those who would not have it otherwise. The special interest which this auspicious occasion is attracting to the society, however, can be turned to valuable account, and we hope the old society will continue to gather strength and influence as the years go by. To-day every ringer will turn his thoughts to the College Youths and, in the terms of its time-honoured toast, wish it continued success and prosperity.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30 1937 in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in D flat.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... 1 Treble	HERBERT P. CLIFF ... 7
THOMAS W. CROWE ... 2	REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 8
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JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 4	ADAM DEAS ... 10
JOHN ANDERSON ... 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 11
ROLAND PARK ... 6	RICHARD THOMPSON ... 12 Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

* First peal on twelve bells. This peal was rung to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the association.

TEN BELL PEAL.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 1 Treble	MADRICE SMITHER ... 6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7
THOMAS E. DENYER ... 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 8
E. LEONARD TAYLOR ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... 5	RICHARD HAYES ... 10 Tenor

Composed by E. BENNETT.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST J. KING ... 1 Treble	FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ERNEST A. REEVE ... 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 3	NORMAN V. MANNING ... 7
MISS OLIVE L. ASHBROOK ... 4	ARTHUR HARDY ... 8 Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALLISON PURDOM ... 1 Treble	JIM HURRELL ... 5
JOHN E. LYNDIARD ... 2	GEORGE W. FOGDEN ... 6
WALTER F. TYLER ... 3	EDMUND MOUNIER ... 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... 4	JACK DAFTERS ... 8 Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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*GEORGE F. TIZZARD 2	GEORGE LAMBERT 6
*HERBERT D. WHYTE 3	ERNEST J. LADD 7
RICHARD D. DIVALL 4	SIDNEY W. CHESSON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung to commemorate the 50th year of ringing at the above church by Joseph Wren.

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THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR MULVEY Treble	MISS GRACE BURCHNALL 5
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 2	FREDERICK HOOPER 6
KENNETH W. MAYER 3	FRANK W. VERNON 7
MISS KATHERINE BURCHNALL 4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.) in F sharp.

*WILLIAM HAWLEY Treble	†MRS. E. BRADLEY 5
*MRS. J. W. RENDLER 2	†FRED TERRY 6
HORACE S. MORLEY 3	ROBERT H. VIGOR 7
†WILLIAM TERRY 4	†EDWARD BRADLEY Tenor

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

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. The ringers of 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8 are members of the local band.

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On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS Treble	EDWARD E. DAVEY 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	MATRICE J. LING 6
CHARLES A. ANDREWS 3	HORACE A. WRIGHT 7
*MISS VIOLET FROST 4	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

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On Sunday, October 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

JAMES PARR Treble	LESLIE L. WILLIAMS 5
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JACK CLEGG 3	JAMES BARNES 7
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Tenor 20 cwt.

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HARRY HOSKINS 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
BERNARD H. SWINSON 3	JOHN W. EGSTON 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by F. HOLDEN.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS W. HAMMOND Treble	*ERNEST T. BENNETT 5
JOHN BROWN 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
SYDNEY FORSHAW 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	WILLIAM DICKENSON Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung as a Coronation peal.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, October 26, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

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ARTHUR W. DIX 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN 7
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Tenor 16 cwt. 25 lb.

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ERNEST STITCH 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
GEORGE TALBOT 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
ALFRED W. HEATH 4	BERT SHELDON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mrs. John Phillips, of Cardiff.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 29, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

FRANK LAWTON Treble	ARTHUR TAYLOR 5
OGDEN MOORES 2	VERNON SYKES 6
JOSEPH OGDEN 3	IVAN KAY 7
JAMES LEES 4	JOSEPH WARBURTON Tenor

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

Rung in honour of the 60th birthday of Mr. Herbert Barlow, aringer at St. Mark's Church, Glodwick.

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HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

ELLEN E. HARDCASTLE Treble	EDITH K. FLETCHER 5
IVY R. HOUSDEN 2	MAJORIE L. CROSS 6
ELSIE M. BAGWORTH 3	FRANCES BOTHAM 7
EVRYLN STEEL 4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Guild.
Rung in honour of the silver jubilee of the Guild.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in F.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by L. G. BRETT.

First peal of London in the tower.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY STONE Treble	JOSEPH B. FENTON 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	ERNEST STONE 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest Stone, this peal being his 100th for the Warwickshire Guild.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
JAMES TOPP 4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.
Arranged and rung as a tercentenary peal for the society.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	FRED PRICE 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM 2	FREDERICK W. RISEWORTH 6
WILLIAM C. RHODES 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
LATIMER C. WILLIAMS 4	*JOHN GILSON Tenor

Conducted by FRED PRICE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Arranged and rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. Norman S. Power, eldest son of the Rev. W. S. Power, Vicar of Erdington.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE E. FEARN Treble	FRANK E. HAYNES 5
THOMAS H. REEVES 2	HENRY H. FEARN 6
*JOHN S. MASON 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
ALBERT E. NORMAN 4	WILLIAM C. DOWDING Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. Specially arranged and rung in honour of the tercentenary of the Ancient Society by members resident in or near Birmingham.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FLITTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Woodbine, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

RONALD SHARP Treble	*ANDREW C. SINFIELD 4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 2	C. HENRY HARDING 5
REGINALD J. HOUGHTON 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

* First peal in more than one method 'inside.'

HENLOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Woodbine, Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

LEWIS H. BYWATERS Treble	HERBERT SHERMAN 4
PERCY TOMPKINS 2	JACK CHURCH 5
EDMUND WAGSTAFFE 3	FRANCIS S. BEAUMONT Tenor

Conducted by F. S. BEAUMONT.

BUTTERWICK, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Sandal, Willesden, College Bob IV., Old Oxford, Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN R. KEMP Treble	JOHN R. YOUNG 4
HENRY JOHN 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS Tenor

Conducted by A. E. FLATTERS.

First peal of Minor as conductor, also first extent of first five methods.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN E. S. MORRISON Treble	PERCY STONE 4
ERNEST STONE 2	S. GEORGE CHAPLIN 5
JAMES DRAYCOTT 3	JOSEPH H. BEALE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. BEALE.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER AYRE Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4
* HERBERT GATES 2	FRANCIS TOMPKINS 5
FRANCIS KIRK 3	HORACE L. WAITE Tenor

Conducted by HORACE L. WAITE.

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

LEVERINGTON, CAMBS

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

RALPH NARBOROUGH Treble	LEWIS BUSH 4
GEORGE MASON 2	FRED WIGMORE 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. in A flat.

* JOHN HILSON Treble	CHARLES SARGENT 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WILLIAM STOCK 5
PERCY AMOS 3	DONALD L. COCKINGS Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

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

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID WHITING Treble	ARTHUR COOK 4
WALTER ELSEY 2	CHARLES V. ORVES 5
FREDERICK ROPER 3	ERIC G. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by E. G. BENNETT.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven callings.

Tenor 8 cwt.

* JOHN PENNELL Treble	* MISS DAISY M. ANDREWS 4
URBAN W. WILDNEY 2	CHARLES A. ANDREWS 5
NOEL FOAKES 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal.

DUNHOLME, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, October 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF SPICED MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) Double Oxford, London Bob, Thelwall and Lytham; (2) St. Clement's, Colledge, Childwall and Waver-tree; (3) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Reverse Bob, Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (4) Single Oxford and Single Court; (5) Chapel and Sandal Treble Bob; (6) London Scholars Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; (7) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD MARCON Treble	JACK BRAY 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	GEORGE E. FEIRN Tenor

Conducted by G. E. FEIRN.

First peal in 21 methods by all the band. There were 136 changes of method.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' COMMEMORATION PEALS.

To celebrate the tercentenary of the College Youths, a peal in four Spliced Surprise methods was rung at Watford on October 26th.

A tercentenary commemoration peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths at Portsmouth on Saturday. Would not London have been more appropriate?

A peal of Stedman Triples at Edgbaston on Saturday was rung by Birmingham and district members of the Ancient Society.

A Lancashire band of College Youths were unfortunate to lose a peal of Stedman Triples at Bolton on Friday, after an hour and a half's splendid ringing.

A peal of Stedman Caters at Haslemere on October 30th was a congratulatory peal to the Ladies' Guild on their silver jubilee, and to the College Youths on their tercentenary.

The ladies added another event to the celebration of the silver jubilee of their Guild, when, on Saturday, they rang a peal of Double Norwich Major at Harlow Common, on a ring of bells with tenor of 12 cwt. Our readers will note that the names in the 'official' record appear without any 'prefix,' but for the information of those who do not otherwise know we may say that the married outnumber the unmarried by three to one.

A report of a peal at Benfieldside, Co. Durham, has been sent without the name of the conductor.

A belated 'Coronation' peal was rung at Southport, Lancashire, on October 26th. The band met short on the eve of Coronation Day and had not since been able to make the attempt. Mr. J. Ridyard was in the original company, but was unfortunately prevented by indisposition from taking part last week in the peal of Stedman Triples that was rung. The thanks of the band are tendered to Mr. William Dickenson for his generous hospitality after the peal.

The first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells of Aberdare, Glamorganshire, was rung on October 28th as a birthday peal to Mrs. John Phillips, of Cardiff. Mr. Phillips was unfortunately unable to take part in the peal.

Another band in Lincolnshire seems to be building up its multi-method performances. On October 29th, at Dunholme, they went on to 21 Minor methods in a peal of seven 720's. It involved 136 changes of method.

Mr. Ernest Stone, of Nunenton, rang his one hundredth peal for the Warwickshire Guild on October 30th.

The first peal of London Surprise on the bells at Ufford, Suffolk, on October 30th was a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Wightman, Mr. Leslie C. Wightman's mother.

Five members of the local band took part in a peal at Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorks, on October 23rd; two of them, including one lady, rang their first peal and two others their first peal of Bob Major, including the conductor.

Six ringers at East Markham, Notts, rang their first peal of Double Norwich Major at the first attempt on October 23rd.

Mr. John Pennell, standing in at a moment's notice at Holbrook, Suffolk, on October 25th, rang his first peal, which consisted of seven 720's of Bob Minor.

Messrs. Edward Davey and Urban Wildney rang their 25th peal together when they took part in a peal of Bob Major at Great Holland, Essex, on October 23rd. It was Mr. Wildney's first peal of Major as conductor.

A peal in seven different Minor methods at Butterwick, Lincs, on October 23rd, Mr. Albert E. Flatters rang his first peal of Minor as conductor and his first 720's of five of the methods.

Mr. Joseph Wren, of East Grinstead, Sussex, has completed 50 years of ringing at the Parish Church, and celebrated the jubilee by taking part in his first peal of Stedman Triples on October 23rd and at the same time 'completing the circle' on the bells.

FIRST FOR FORTY YEARS.

The first quarter-peal of Major for 40 years on the heavy ring of eight at St. Lawrence Jewry, London, was rung by the St. Lawrence Jewry Guild on October 31st, for evening service, in 50½ minutes: G. A. Parsons 1, G. W. Fogden 2, F. Corney 3, F. C. Shorter (first as conductor) 4, R. Allen (first quarter of Bob Major) 5, G. F. D. Pratt 6, E. Murrell (first quarter of Bob Major) 7, A. A. Hughes 8.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

VISIT TO EAST ARDSLEY.

The October meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at East Ardsley on Saturday last. Ringing took place from 3.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. except for the breaks for tea and the business meeting, which was held in the tower. The president was chairman and members were present from Armley, Batley, Birstall, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Drighlington, Holbeck, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Rothwell, Sherburn, Shipley and the local company, also Mr. J. Rothwell, of Rotherham, and the Rev. Andrews, of Leeds.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company, and the date and place of the next meeting were fixed for November 27th at Birstall.

FOR BEGINNERS.

A SIMPLE LESSON IN CHANGE RINGING.

When you begin change ringing the fewer bells you use at the start, the easier, obviously, will it be to observe and understand what you are doing. For that reason some instructors prefer to start their young ringers on four bells only and others on five.

For the sake of the public it is often best to confine the four-bell practice to handbells, if they are available, for the necessarily slow ringing which changes on four bells involves is not always appreciated. Nevertheless, changes on four bells only are a valuable means of starting a beginner, because, unless he is very dense, an explanation with paper and pencil, coupled with the practical demonstration, should quickly enable him to grasp what is required of him and to see something of the principles of change ringing.

In the previous article of this series (page 698), dealing with progress from call changes to half-pull ringing, we showed how plain hunting was effected; namely, how, with six bells, by changing first all three pairs and then the two middle pairs successively, a 'course' of twelve changes was produced, which brought the bells back to rounds.

On any number of bells this method of procedure will produce twice as many changes as there are bells employed. So that if you reduce your change ringing at the start to practice on four bells, your 'course' will be eight changes. But having thus rung a 'course', until you can definitely see your way up and down—starting from the lead, first over one, then over two and next over three bells until you are 'behind,' and then over three bells, over two bells and over one bell respectively until it is again your turn to lead—you will quickly want to go on to ring the rest of the 24 changes of which four bells are capable.

To do this, each time the treble leads, the bell which led before it, and then immediately strikes over the treble, has another blow in 2nd's, making a 'whole pull' over the treble and then leads again. That is called making 2nd's place and it causes the other two bells to make a 'dodge'; that is, instead of continuing their course, after passing one another, they step back a place before going on.

If, for instance, at the end of the hunting course no 2nd's place is made you will have the bells striking in order in each change as shown in A, but if 2nd's place is made you get a new succession of rows as shown in B:—

A.	B.
3 4 1 2	3 4 1 2
3 1 4 2	3 1 4 2
1 3 2 4	1 3 2 4
1 2 3 4	1 3 4 2
2 1 4 3	3 1 2 4
2 4 1 3	3 2 1 4

In B, the 2nd is said to dodge in 4-3 (sometimes described as 3-4 down) and the 4th in 3-4 (otherwise 3-4 up). The one is *after* a whole pull behind, the other *before* the whole pull behind.

This work does not interfere with the 'plain hunting' of the treble, and it is cyclical for the other three bells. Each makes 2nd's, and dodges in 4-3 and 3-4 in turn, but they begin the cycle at different places. It comes in this order after leading:—

	2nd bell	4th bell	3rd bell
First lead	dodge 4-3	dodge 3-4	2nd's place
Second lead	dodge 3-4	2nd's place	dodge 4-3
Third lead	2nd's place	dodge 4-3	dodge 3-4

Remember when dodging over another bell you must 'hold up' a little, and when dodging under you must cut down just a little. Unless you do, you will break the rhythm. Your ears can tell you whether you are too close or too wide. Use them.

TEACHING BEGINNERS.

A letter from Mr. F. E. Dawe in reply to Mr. Stephen Wood is unavoidably held over until next week.

ANOTHER OCTAVE FOR LANCASHIRE

TREBLES DEDICATED AT POULTON.

Two new treble bells have been added to the six at Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, and they were dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn as they stood in the chancel on Sunday. Ever since 1911 there have been two pits provided for them, and the bells have now been given by an anonymous donor.

They weigh 3½ cwt. and 3¾ cwt. respectively and are inscribed:—
'Peace. To commemorate the reign of King George V. and Queen Mary.'

'Goodwill. To commemorate the Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth.'

The old six came from the foundry of Abel Rudhall in 1741 and were restored and hung in a frame for eight in 1911. The new bells have been cast at the Whitechapel Foundry.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

KILBURN, LONDON.—At St. Augustine's Church on Thursday, October 7th, 1,264 Bob Major: A. Bone 1, Mrs. R. Pacey 2, Miss B. Hart 3, S. Pacey 4, Rev. H. G. Benson 5, Rev. B. F. Sheppard 6, C. D. Nichols 7, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 8. First quarter-peat of Major by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for the dedication festival of the church.

HALESOWEN'S INTERESTING BELLS.

* WORK OF AN OLD EDGBASTON FOUNDER.

A successful meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Halesowen, when over 50 ringers and friends were present.

Halesowen Parish Church is dedicated to St. John the Baptist and constructed in successive styles of architecture, the tower being commenced about 1390 and completed in 1440. The bells are particularly interesting, and F. W. Hackwood, a local historian, gives the following details in his book, 'Oldbury and round about.'

The bells of Halesowen are a musical set of eight in the key of E justly admired for their clearness of tone. Six of these were placed in the steeple in the year 1707 and not improbably the old bells were recast at the same time. Some half-century after this a gentleman named Skittleton on a visit from London, while admiring the sweetness of the tone in the bells, at the same time lamented that they were not a perfect octave and generously offered to rectify the fault by presenting the first and second bells. The offer was accepted and on the arrival of the new bells they were welcomed by a public demonstration. At first they were fixed in a frame over the other bells, but this arrangement being found inconvenient, they were afterwards fixed in a range, which was ingeniously effected by raising the carriages of the two largest bells.

The trebles were cast by Lester and Pack, of London, in 1753, and the others by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston, in 1707. Joseph Smith lived opposite the Swan Inn, at Edgbaston, and his name appears on many bells in the Midlands which were cast in the early 18th century, some of them, however, being no credit to his memory. The sixth was subsequently recast by Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, in 1778, and thereby hangs a tale.

It was an old custom on Shrove Tuesday immediately the hour of eleven in the morning had struck for the ringers to strike the bells with hammers as well as ringing them. On one occasion the 6th was cracked and remained so until a woman named Susannah Box indicted the churchwardens for having a cracked bell. They had it recast with their own names upon it in 1778.

The tenor is in the region of 16-17 cwt., and has a number of William III. coins cast on it. It is inscribed as follows:—

'When the sound of bells doth pierce the ear,
Come to church God's word to hear.
My mournful voice doth warning give,
That here men cannot always live.'

The 5th is inscribed:—

'Be it known to all that doth me see,
That Joseph Smith in Edgbaston made all we.'

There were evidently bells in Halesowen as early as 1518, since the accounts for that year record the payment of 5 marks to a bell founder of Nottingham.

At the gathering of the Worcestershire Association the Rector (the Rev. J. T. Davies) conducted a service and gave a very helpful address. Afterwards the association was entertained to tea by the local ringers, and a collection taken for the Belfry Repairs Fund which realised 17s. 2d.

A business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector, supported by Mr. William Short (Association Ringing Master), Mr. Thomas Hemming (Branch Ringing Master) and Mr. J. S. Mason (branch secretary).

The next meeting was arranged to take place in January at Stourbridge, and the arrangements for the quarterly peal, to be attempted at Halesowen, were left in the hands of the Ringing Master.

The Branch Ringing Master expressed a wish to retire, and Mr. John Lloyd, of Brierley Hill, was elected in his place.

The branch secretary, Mr. J. S. Mason, and the Central Committee representative, Mr. John Bass, were re-elected for another year.

The secretary read a letter from Mr. Hector Bird, an honorary member, resigning from the association, he having left the county. His resignation left a vacancy for an honorary member on the Central Committee, and to overcome this Mr. W. B. Cartwright, of Selly Oak, was elected an honorary member, his name being recommended by the branch to fill the vacancy caused.

The Rector of Halesowen was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. C. Tintern, of Wollaston, J. Knott and C. Skipton, of Wordsley, as performing members. The belfry elections of Mr. W. J. Davidson, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and Mr. F. J. Hinton, of Claverley, were duly ratified.

A vote of thanks to the chairman and the local ringers was carried with applause, and Mr. W. H. Webb, replying, invited the association to come to Halesowen a little more often to ring peals.

Upon returning to the tower the ringing ranged from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

LANCASHIRE VETERAN'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Joseph Wood, of Friezland, Greenfield, near Oldham, who passed away on October 25th. He had reached the advanced age of eighty and had been a ringer for 64 years. He rang in a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob on his birthday, and only a fortnight before his death walked two miles and rang a 504 for morning service.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**JOINT MEETING WITH LADIES AT ALDERSHOT.**

The Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was joined by the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild at a meeting at Aldershot on Saturday, October 30th. There was a large gathering of ringers and friends from various parts of the Guild, including Bagshot, Yorktown, Worplesdon, Guildford, Portsea, Clandon, Chertsey, Ash, Old Woking, Farnham, Egham, Bentley, Hawley and the local tower. During the afternoon and again in the evening the bells were rung to touches in the standard methods, with rounds for learners.

A fully choral service was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Rowsell (Vicar of Aldershot), who gave an inspiring address on the work of the ringers for the church and how the bells play an important part in the life of our country.

A splendid tea had been prepared in the Parish Hall by lady ringers of the Aldershot tower, and between 80 and 90 persons enjoyed the meal.

Mr. E. Gower expressed a welcome to the Vicar to the Guild meetings, it being the first meeting at Aldershot since Mr. Rowsell's induction as Vicar. Mr. Gower also thanked the Vicar for conducting the service. A suitable reply was made by Mr. Rowsell, who apologised for having to leave to take another service.

Mr. W. A. Dollimore (an honorary member) was in the chair for the business.

The retiring officers were renominated for 1938, viz., Mr. R. Hasted (Ringing Master), Mr. C. W. Denyer (hon. secretary), Mr. P. Eldridge (auditor), Mr. W. A. Dollimore (hon. representative), and Messrs. T. Upshall and F. Nye (ringing representatives on the Executive Committee).

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of an hon. member (Mr. E. J. Hickox, Mus.Bac., of Bagshot), who had passed away since the last meeting. The action of the secretary in sending a wreath for the funeral was confirmed.

Mr. G. L. Grover (Guildford District secretary) congratulated the Farnham band on their ringing broadcast. It was gratifying to know that the only tower in the Guildford Guild to have had their bells broadcast had not let the Guild down, said Mr. Grover.

It was announced by the secretary that all tower captains had not yet replied regarding the number of ringers able to attend Wednesday afternoon meetings, so no decision could yet be reached.

Hearty thanks were extended to the organist and choir, and a special vote of thanks accorded the lady caterers.

The Ladies' Guild then held their business meeting, at which Mrs. Bruce (vice-president) presided and 16 ladies were present. Miss E. Pascoe, of Aldershot, was elected a member, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting, if possible, at Shalford, in February, 1938.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**ARCHDEACON'S APPEAL TO CLERGY.**

A special meeting of the association was held at the Parish Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, October 23rd, on the invitation of the Vicar and Rural Dean (Canon A. B. Parry-Evans). Only 22 were present, but an enjoyable time was spent by all.

Following the afternoon's ringing, a service was conducted by the Vicar, and an adjournment made for tea. The president (Mr. M. D. Oubridge, of Gosforth) thanked the Vicar for his hospitality, and Canon Parry-Evans, in his reply, welcomed the association to his tower. He regretted the apparent lack of ringers, and suggested that the associations and existing bands of ringers appeal through 'The Ringing World' and even the daily Press for members to come forward and attend conscientiously to Sunday service ringing. In touching upon the present-day opportunities for Sunday excursions, etc., the Canon said that he did not condemn these, realising their value in broadening the mind and giving a means of escape from the daily task. He did, however, appeal for church work to come first. God's purpose, he said, was for people to have liberty, but He did ask them to put Him first, and it was here that the ringers could help in their devotion to duty.

The tower was again visited, and after introductory remarks, the Canon called upon the Archdeacon of Auckland (the Ven. Leslie Owen) to unveil a peal board, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung to commemorate the Coronation. After the unveiling, the Archdeacon expressed his pleasure at being once more amongst ringers, and, addressing the clergy present, hoped they would support the ringers in their efforts. The country, he said, had passed through a difficult time and he hoped all would pray for the success of the present reign.

Mr. Oubridge thanked the Archdeacon for his remarks and assured him of the co-operation of ringers, and Mr. R. L. Patterson cited, as an instance, that during the week a mission had been held in Sunderland and the ringers in that town had combined to have the bells rung for service each evening during the week.

Two courses of Stedman Triples were rung for the benefit of the Archdeacon, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to further ringing, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major being accomplished.

Two new members were elected at the meeting, and the following towers were represented: Gosforth, Darlington (Holy Trinity and St. Cuthbert's), Shildon, Staindrop, Sunderland (St. Ignatius'), Newcastle Cathedral, Durham Cathedral, Heighington, Kirkby Stephen and the local band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Now is the time to read Mr. J. A. Trollope's interesting new book, 'The College Youths.' The tercentenary of the society makes its appearance extremely opportune, and ringers who would like to know all about the history of this venerable ringing fraternity should not fail to read it.

Canon G. F. Coleridge, Vicar of Crowthorne, Berks, and Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, will be 80 years of age next Wednesday. Ringers everywhere will unite in congratulations and good wishes to the most popular man in the Exercise.

A change of venue for the jubilee dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild on November 20th has been made. The dinner will be served at Clemences', Market Place, Chester.

After nine years as secretary of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association, Mr. S. J. T. Shellock has retired, and Mr. G. H. Spice has been elected to the office. A further report of the meeting held last Saturday at Rochester will appear in our next issue.

The unveiling of a peal board memorial to the late Mr. J. D. Drewett, formerly Master of the Surrey Association, is to take place at Mitcham Parish Church on November 27th on the occasion of a meeting of the North-Western District.

We are glad to say that Mr. Jim Bennett is making rapid recovery from the operation performed on him in St. Bartholomew's Hospital and hopes to be out at the end of this week. He thanks the many friends who have written to him.

The ring of eight bells recently installed at Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, by John Taylor and Co., were rung in thanksgiving on Friday, October 29th, when shortly after 10 p.m. the first blast furnace of Richard Thomas and Co.'s new plant was 'blown in.'

As the many processes to put the giant into commission proceeded, the bells sounded through the valley to rounds and 'Queen's,' the newly-formed band not yet being able to do any actual change ringing. The event was a momentous one in the history of the town.

FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your leading article on the above you use the following phrases: (1) 'One wonders how many false peals really have been rung and have passed unnoticed'; and (2) 'The whole spirit of peal ringing . . . has been based upon the strict truth of what is rung.'

Could one ever come across two more contradictory and yet, under present conditions, perfectly true statements.

At present *peals need not be true*; the conductor only has to think they are—and the majority of conductors to-day have no real knowledge of proving a peal.

Nothing could better illustrate the haphazard consistently inconsistency of the Central Council than its present attitude to peals and their compositions: They must be true, and yet anyone can string together the necessary bobs, or bobs and singles, to produce the required length, and, provided there is no visible repetition, it may be rung and rerung and counted as a peal.

There would appear to be two solutions: (1) The publication of the figures of all peals. (2) The formation of a peal proving committee to whom figures should be submitted for proof before being allowed.

Both these would entail a certain amount of expense—(1) for printing, and (2) for 'search' fees; but composers should be willing to pay this in order to avoid subsequent disappointment by having peals withdrawn when someone finds the error.

I had intended raising this matter at the last Central Council meeting at Canterbury—as I stated in a former letter to you—but was unavoidably absent. The matter will be raised at Leeds by myself if no one else puts forward a motion, but I hope that this important matter will not be left to an unknown member of the Council. It would be better if someone whose name is a 'belfry' word in ringing circles would make the move.

J. K. ARMSTRONG.

WESTBURY TOWER REDEDICATED.

35,000 NEW SHINGLES ON SPIRE.

On Sunday last, October 31st, the 13th century tower and spire of the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Westbury-on-Severn, was reopened and dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Gloucester (the Right Rev. Dr. A. C. Headlam). The spire has been completely restored. The old shingles have been stripped off and new shingles to the number of 35,000 have been placed on it. The entire scheme of repair has cost £1,000 and the money has been raised apart from about £30.

After a shortened form of evensong, the choir, followed by the Vicar (the Rev. B. V. Borrowghs, M.A.), led the Lord Bishop out of the church to the detached bell tower.

In the course of the impressive ceremony at the tower the churchwardens presented the key of the tower to the Lord Bishop, and his lordship, after throwing open the doors, dedicated afresh the bells and spire to the glory of God and for the calling of the faithful to worship.

After prayers the ringers rang 120 Grandsire Doubles to inform the worshippers inside the church (it was pouring with rain at the time) that the dedication had taken place.

The ringers were Aubrey Vernal 1, A. Burlingham 2, Maurice Watkins 3, E. Gleed 4, A. Gibson (conductor) 5, Victor Gibson 6.

GRESFORD BELLS REOPENED.

ONE OF THE 'SEVEN WONDERS' OF WALES.

Gresford bells have the reputation of being 'one of the seven wonders of Wales,' and have been under restoration. They were reopened on Saturday, October 23rd. The weather, being rather unkind, prevented many ringers from attending, but a good muster, including ringers from Cheshire, Staffordshire and North Wales, took the opportunity of having a pull on the bells. The towers represented were Wrexham, Ruabon, Mold, Chester, Frodsham, Handbridge, Wallasey, Wistaston and Crewe.



GRESFORD PARISH CHURCH.

Ringings commenced at 2.30, and at a service in church, at which the Rev. Bowen officiated, an address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Edwyn Jones), who expressed great pleasure in seeing so many ringers present.

Tea was provided in the Church House, presided over by the Vicar, who was thanked by Mr. Bibby on behalf of the visitors for inviting them to come and try the bells. It was, he said, always a pleasure to come to Gresford. During the evening the bells were again in great demand for both call changes and method ringing.

Congratulations by all present were showered on Gresford bellringers on the good 'job' that had been done, and it was regretted that Mr. Jack Reeves, of Messrs. Meurs and Stainbank, was not there to hear how delighted all were with the excellent 'go' of the bells. Ringing ended about 8.30. Time fled too quickly, and everyone voted that even if the weather was wet, a most enjoyable time had been spent.

ANSTON BAND'S RECORD.

RINGERS' LONG SERVICE TO THE CHURCH.

A remarkable record of service to the Church is provided by the ringers of Anston, near Sheffield. Of seven men who formed the six-bell band 30 years ago, six are living and five are still ringing. They are: Henry Stenton, 50 years; Francis Stenton, his son, 35 years; William Platts, 43 years; Charles Fowler, 60 years; Samuel Smith, 50 years; Herbert Turner, 45 years; Robert Smith, 50 years.

Their total length of service is 333 years. Mr. Samuel Smith, the oldest member of the party, died last Easter Day at the age of 85, and Mr. Robert Smith, 69 years old, gave up ringing about eight years ago for physical reasons. The other five are still ringers at the church. Mr. Charles Fowler, who is aged 77, is the conductor.

Four members of the party are also old members of the choir. They are Mr. Henry Stenton (aged 79), 50 years a chorister; Mr. Robert Smith (aged 69), 45 years; Mr. Herbert Turner (aged 60), 50 years; and Mr. Francis Stenton (aged 48), 40 years; a total of 185 years for the four men.

The ringers are members of the North Notts Association, the Yorkshire Association and the Sheffield and District Society.

LONG SERVICE AT SEDBERGH.

At Sedburgh, on October 31st, a quarter-peal of Superalive Surprise Major (1,280 changes): R. Atkinson 1, Miss N. Harrison 2, E. Pennington 3, J. Smith 4, T. Sisson 5, J. W. Pennington 6, H. Haresnap 7, G. P. Woodhouse (conductor) 8. Rung to celebrate the completion of 40 years' service on the part of the ringers of 1, 3, 5 and 8. Total service of the band 273 years and average age 57½ years.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' TERCENTENARY.

TO-MORROW'S CELEBRATION IN LONDON.

Laurel Wreaths in Memory of Famous Men.

Three hundred years ago to-day the Society of College Youths was founded in London, and Lord Brereton was elected the first Master. To-morrow the College Youths of 1937 will celebrate the tercentenary.

Ringers from all parts of the country are coming to London for the festival, the chief features of which, in addition to the dinner at the Cannon Street Hotel, will be the service at St. Paul's Cathedral, preceded by the unveiling of the restored memorial, at St. Dionys' Church, to Sir Henry Tulse, Lord Mayor of London and Master of the College Youths in 1684.

This latter ceremony is to take place at 3 o'clock, and the service at St. Paul's at 4 p.m. This will be the usual evensong, but a special hymn and anthem are to be sung, a course of Stedman Triples will be rung on handbells, and an address given by the Ven. Archdeacon of London. Seats will be reserved under the Dome for members and friends, and the collection will be for the society's Benevolent Fund and St. Paul's Cathedral.

The ringing for this service will begin at 3.30 and be carried out by the St. Paul's Cathedral band. St. Paul's belfry will not be open for visitors before the service.

The Master (Mr. E. H. Lewis) will receive the members and guests at Cannon Street Hotel at 5.15 p.m., and dinner, at which a company of nearly 420 is expected, will be served at six o'clock.

In view of the large number to be received, members are asked to be at the Cannon Street Hotel in good time.

Between 12.30 and 3 p.m. the bells of various city churches will be open for ringing.

To-day laurel wreaths are being placed by the society in Brereton Church, Cheshire, in memory of Lord Brereton, who is buried there; in St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in memory of Benjamin Annable, whose grave is near the tower; and in St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, in memory of Fabian Stedman.

The inscriptions on the wreaths were as follows:—

From the Ancient Society of College Youths, in grateful memory of William, Lord Brereton, who founded the Society on 5th November, 1637, and was the first Master.

From the Ancient Society of College Youths, founded 5th November, 1637, in grateful memory of Fabian Stedman, who was Master of the Society in 1682.

From the Ancient Society of College Youths, founded 5th November, 1637, in grateful memory of Benjamin Annable, who was a member of the Society from 1722 to 1756 and Master in 1746.

On each inscription is the date 5th November, 1937.

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad if Past Masters who have not received a personal invitation to be included in a photographic group will kindly be present at St. Dionys' Church at 2.40 p.m. on Saturday.

On Sunday morning there will be ringing at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, at 10 o'clock, and at St. Clement Danes, Strand, at 10.30. Afterwards members and their friends are invited to meet the Master at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street.

Next week's issue of 'The Ringing World' will be a special 'Tercenary' number, and will contain a full report of Saturday's proceedings.

In connection with the coming tercentenary celebrations, eight members of the society resident in the Bromley, Kent, district met at SS. Peter and Paul's, Bromley, on October 28th, and rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Groombridge, sen. 1, A. Purdom 2, W. J. Rawlings 3, M. F. Oakshott 4, J. Lyddiard 5, S. J. Humphrey 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, E. A. Young 8.

After the ringing Mr. Young kindly entertained the band, and the toast, 'The Ancient Society,' proposed by him, was duly honoured. Thanks to Mr. Young for his hospitality were expressed by Mr. Purdom.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Alton and Petersfield District was held at Bramshott on Saturday, October 30th. Those present included the Rev. E. A. Berrisford (Rector of Bramshott), the Rev. F. G. Eyres (district chairman), the Rev. C. Minton-Senhouse (district vice-chairman) and ringing members from Bramshott, Blackmoor, Petersfield and Steep, with two unattached members, a total of 20. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening from rounds to Bob Minor.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Rector of Bramshott. Tea was provided in the Church Room, the catering being carried out by Mrs. Berrisford and lady helpers.

A short business meeting followed, at which two new ringing members were elected, viz., Mr. L. Marsh and Mr. A. Huley, both of Petersfield.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded, and the chairman specially thanked the Rector of Bramshott, himself a keen ringer, for all his preparation and the warm welcome he gave the meeting.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL DINNER.

BIG GATHERING AT BLACKPOOL.

Presentation to Retiring Ringing Secretary.

The popularity of the annual dinner organised by the Lancashire Association was again demonstrated on Saturday. The event has been moved from place to place in the county, and this year the venue chosen was Blackpool, which, despite the fact that the 'season' was over and the 'illuminations' at an end, drew one of the largest gatherings of the series, which now extends to half a dozen. Members and friends came by train, car and coach from every branch of the association, Liverpool Branch contributing 55, Bolton Branch 48 and others in lesser numbers. Owing to the event clashing with the Blackpool Musical Festival, which took place at the Winter Garden near St. John's Parish Church, only one ring of bells was available in the afternoon, namely, that at the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, and they were well utilised by numerous bands.

Dinner was served at the Imperial Hydro Hotel to a company numbering 250, genially presided over by the Rev. A. Scott, who last year succeeded the late Canon H. J. Elsee as president. Among those who attended were the Mayor of Blackpool, the Vicar of St. John's, Blackpool (the Rev. W. Yates), the Rev. W. S. Mellor (Rural Dean and Vicar of Poulton), Canon C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. C. Sharples (vice-president of the Lancashire Association) and Mrs. Sharples, Mr. W. H. Shuker (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Shuker, Mr. C. I. Davies (hon. treasurer), Mrs. and Miss Davies, Councillor W. Dickinson (Bolton), Mr. and Mrs. P. Crook (Bolton), Mr. and Mrs. S. Palmer (Sheffield), Mr. and Mrs. M. Wilson (Sheffield), Mrs. Cotterell and Mr. P. J. Johnson (Leeds), Mr. T. Maude (Pudsey), Mr. J. Hardcastle (Bradford), Mr. W. Holding (Crewe), Mr. S. Briggs (Rotherham), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary, Guildford Diocesan Guild), etc.

After dinner the company honoured the loyal toast, given by the president to 'His Majesty the King—Duke of Lancaster.'

MAYOR'S WELCOME.

The Mayor of Blackpool gave the association a cordial welcome to the town. It was the first time they had held the annual dinner there, he said, and he hoped it was the first of many such visits. His Worship had some amusing stories to tell, and concluded by expressing the hope that from that gathering they would gain inspiration to carry on the good work they were doing.

The President thanked the Mayor for his welcome and said they were honoured to have his Worship among them.

The President said they had with them that night an old friend, who had for long years served the association well and truly as a member and later, for 14 years, had held one of the important offices; he referred to Mr. Arthur Tomlinson. Some time ago Mr. Tomlinson wrote to him offering his resignation from the post of ringing secretary. He was taking over a newsagent's business in Blackpool, which he knew would occupy most of his time, and he felt, after very much consideration, bound to offer his resignation. Although he (the president) would have liked to ask Mr. Tomlinson to reconsider his decision, he knew he would find his time fully occupied by his new business. Therefore, he (the president) felt that in fairness to Mr. Tomlinson he could not ask him to alter his decision, and he felt compelled, with deep and sincere regret, to accept the resignation. He (the speaker) knew he was voicing the opinion of everyone present who had any connection with the association that it would not be fitting to allow such a good friend to leave office, although they were not losing him from the association, without some tangible expression of their respect for him. They had, therefore, subscribed for a very handsome gold watch, which he was going to ask Mr. Tomlinson to receive as a token of their affection and their appreciation. The watch was inscribed: 'Presented to Arthur Tomlinson by the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers as a token of affection and appreciation of his loyal and unselfish services as ringing secretary.'

Mr. Tomlinson received the gift amid loud applause. He expressed his deep thanks and said he did not expect anything for the services he had rendered. The time during which he had been doing the work for the association had been the happiest 14 years of his life (applause).

A SUCCESSFUL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith submitted the toast of 'Prosperity to the Lancashire Association,' and congratulated them upon the magnificent gathering assembled that night. He reminded the members that theirs was one of the oldest of the territorial associations and that the ringing organisations of the South looked up to and admired the success which they had achieved. Since the days when the association was founded and when they felt it necessary to mention in their objects that the association was founded because the ranks of ringers 'have been sometimes of necessity filled up by those who have brought scandal upon the profession,' times had changed very considerably. The work of the association and of men like their late president, Canon Elsee, had altered all that. The Lancashire Association had had the loyalty and support of some splendid stalwarts, and he had discovered that their list of members included at least 50 who joined the association over 45 years ago. Such a record of experience was bound to be of great help to their new president, who, he hoped, had a long period of useful and successful work before him. He also hoped that there was no lack of youth coming on to take the place of the old hands, when, as it inevitably must, the time came for them to

pass on. He hoped they would give the association every support and reminded them that they could expect to get nothing out of it unless they themselves first put something into it. In conclusion, Mr. Goldsmith referred to the splendid work done for the association by Mr. Shuker, Mr. Tomlinson, Mr. Sharples and the other officers, and wished the association every success in the future.

The Rev. W. S. Mellor, who replied, said the association was engaged in a great work for God and the Church, a service which took up much of their time, in addition to the time they had spent in attaining proficiency in an art which required a great amount of skill and stamina. He thanked the ringers for their services, in the name of the Church. He also thanked Mr. Goldsmith, not only for his speech, but for the very valuable services which he rendered to change ringers through 'The Ringing World.' The speaker went on to refer to the ceremony which was to take place in his own church at Poulton on the following day, when two new bells were to be dedicated by the Bishop of Blackburn. There had been a frame for them ever since 1911, and now the bells had been given by an anonymous donor, one to commemorate the reign of King George V. and Queen Mary and the other the Coronation of King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth. It was a splendid thing, he said, that they had good Christian men who would come and help the Church in this way.

The Lancashire Association, he added, appreciated the kind words and good wishes that had been expressed. There was a great amount of work to be done in the belfries, and he knew the association would do its best to see it completed (applause).

VALUE OF SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

Mr. G. R. Newton submitted the toast of 'Our Guests,' and in doing so spoke of the value of the social side of such meetings. Before the war, he said, there were only two gatherings of that kind, one in London and the other in Birmingham. Now there were quite a number held in various parts of the country. The increase, he thought, was due to the great fraternal spirit that pervaded the Exercise. He had been a ringer long enough to know that there was a far more friendly spirit prevailing among ringers and between the various societies now than there was thirty or forty years ago. That was all to the good and dinners such as that were helping towards that end. He hoped there would be more of them, for they did a great deal of good, and the development of the social side was often as important as the work in the belfry. Mr. Newton went on to welcome the visitors, especially the president of the Yorkshire Association (Canon Marshall), whom he congratulated upon having the opportunity next Whitsuntide of welcoming the Central Council to Leeds.

The Rev. W. Yates first replied and said how delighted he was to know that the association had honoured Mr. Charles Sharples by electing him vice-president. Mr. Sharples was captain of the belfry at his (the speaker's) church and he had known him all his life. The honour conferred on him was very well deserved (applause).

Mr. Yates went on to say that he knew very little about bellringing except the fact that bells in Blackpool were very unpopular (laughter), especially when the Musical Festival was being held, as it was that week (laughter). It was a singular thing, he continued, that they should have bells at the coming in of life and at the going out, and he wondered what life would be without them. He thought the world would be a duller place. In conclusion Mr. Yates expressed appreciation of the splendid work ringers were doing.

Canon Marshall, who was cordially received, also responded. He said he had long wanted to attend the Lancashire Association dinner, first because of his great affection for their late president, Canon Elsee, and secondly because he felt he had certain connections with Lancashire. But it was as president of the sister association that he was there that night to offer them fraternal greetings and to express the hope that the very cordial relationship which had always existed between the two associations might continue under their new president as they did under the old president (applause). It had always been a great pleasure to feel that these two great county associations could work side by side for the advancement of the great art which they practised, and he hoped the same cordial feeling would long continue. He congratulated the Lancashire Association on that wonderful gathering, for it put their Yorkshire dinner in the shade in regard to numbers. He emphasised what the proposer had said with regard to the value of such gatherings. The friendship among ringers was an extraordinarily fine thing. A ringer, whether he was a good ringer or a bad ringer, would find a welcome in any belfry and there existed among ringers a friendship which he did not think they would find in any other class or community. He had been struck with it in his own county and was glad of it. Ringing also took one to all parts of the country, and he had learned far more about it than he would otherwise have done. It had helped to convince him that Yorkshire was the best county in England (laughter and applause). But in pursuit of ringing it was also an education to go to all the beautiful churches. There was nothing beside ringing which took them about in that way and it was one of the things they should be thankful for (applause).

Mr. P. Crook proposed 'The Ringing Press' and spoke of the services rendered to the Exercise by 'The Ringing World.' He asked all those present to go back to their towers and endeavour to increase the circulation. He was very proud to say that he had taken the paper from the very first number, and he was very pleased last year, when the list was published, to see how many others had done likewise.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith acknowledged the toast, and remarked that the future of the paper depended upon the ringers themselves.

NO LACK OF YOUNG MEN.

Councillor Dickinson, in commendatory terms, proposed the health of the Chairman, who, in his reply, mentioned that among those who had sent apologies were the Bishop of Blackburn, the Bishop of Lancaster and the Provost of Blackburn. Mention had been made, he said, of the fact that that association was among the first of the territorial societies formed and that they had still many stalwarts left in their ranks. He would like to tell them that one of the original founders of the association in 1876, Mr. W. G. Mann, of Liverpool, was still alive, although he was in considerable ill-health. They could be sure his heart was with them that night and they were glad to remember him on that occasion (applause). Another old friend of the Lancashire Association was Archdeacon Howson, of Liverpool, who was now living in retirement at Putney. In their name he had sent him a telegram of good wishes. He was an old and valued friend of the association (applause).

Continuing, the President said that going about among the towers of Lancashire and attending the meetings he felt there would be no serious lack of young men to follow in the steps of the older ones when they passed on. As far as he could see, those young men were keen and interested in ringing and in the work of the association, and that, he felt, was what they wanted to foster and encourage as much as they could. He knew that when he learned to ring he must have caused endless anxiety and trouble to those responsible for teaching him. Let them remember, when they felt impatient, that they had all had to learn at some time, and, therefore, they must be patient with the young ringers of to-day. Much of the future of that association and of ringing depended on the care, education and patience of the older people with the generation that is coming on.

The President referred with pleasure to the presence of Mr. Goldsmith and said they were proud of the valuable work he was doing. They were also delighted to have Canon Marshall with them. Proceeding, he said he felt a considerable amount of responsibility was thrust upon him when they elected him president of that association. It was no light task to endeavour to follow in the steps of Canon Elsee, who, for over 40 years, served them loyally and well and who had the affairs of the association at his finger tips. He had found it difficult to pick up the threads of the work his predecessor had done during that long period and he could assure them the office was no sinecure. He was proud and pleased to take on to the full all the work involved and he devoted considerable time to it, but the association could never prosper as it did without the loyal and enthusiastic work of the other officers. To Mr. Tomlinson they had expressed from their hearts what they felt with regard to his services. He had read in 'The Ringing World' that Mr. Shuker had just rung a peal in commemoration of his 50 years' ringing and it was his 150th peal. They congratulated Mr. Shuker on that record and wished him many more happy years of ringing and service to the association (applause). To their vice-president, Mr. Sharples, they owed a very special debt of gratitude for the able way in which he had arranged that dinner. He congratulated Mr. Sharples and offered him their sincere thanks. The President added that he wanted to thank all the members for the collaboration and help which they had given to each other and to him in furthering the work of ringing in Lancashire. He wanted them to know that he was at the service of the association, and anything in which he could serve ringers and further ringing in Lancashire he would be most pleased to do (applause).

During the evening handbell selections were given by Mr. J. Booth and Miss Booth, of Wigan, whose skilful rendering of various pieces greatly delighted the audience. Vocal items were contributed by the talented Meistersingers (Miss Peggy Thompson, Miss Gladys Bury, Mr. Tom Brown and Mr. J. B. Tomlinson), who, in addition to some popular quartets, individually rendered songs which were much enjoyed. Mr. J. S. Warburton was at the piano, and at the close the artistes were thanked by the president.

The large party spent a very enjoyable evening, and Mr. C. Sharples, who was solely responsible for the arrangements, is heartily to be congratulated upon the success attained.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I owe my humble apologies to Mrs. Hairs for having in my speech at the dinner of the Ladies' Guild attributed to Mrs. Fletcher the perfect ringing of a course of Bob Royal at the Westminster Palace Hotel in 1912.

Miss E. L. Bennett was the lady who received the well-merited tribute from Sir Arthur Heywood.

My memory was at fault and I am sure that Mrs. Hairs would be ready to admit that the result might have been much the same if Miss Parker had been ringing 1-2.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

In also pointing out this error, Mr. F. I. Hairs says: Apart from personal congratulations from Sir Arthur on the evening referred to, Miss Bennett also received a letter from Sir Arthur (dated Nov. 16th, 1912), from which I quote: '... I take my hat off to you and your performances, while I also recall the neat handling of your bells and your excellent striking at our Central Council evening.'

A JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Fifty Years of Good Work.

The jubilee of the East Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Association was celebrated at Alfreton on Saturday, October 23rd. Ringing took place on the eight bells at the Parish Church, and a well-attended service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. H. De Cas), the address being given by the Rev. R. E. Birtwistle, a former ringing member of the association. He spoke of the significance of bells and said that a ringer should be a good type of Christian. He outlined many lessons to be derived from ringing, such as regularity, perseverance, patience, hearty service, kindness and forbearance. Team work was necessary for successful ringing.

A substantial meal was afterwards served in the Church Hall. Mr. Wilson Dobb (president) occupied the chair, supported by the Revs. L. H. De Cas, R. E. Birtwistle, J. C. T. Taggart and officers of the association.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to members and visitors, and especially the Rev. R. E. Birtwistle, who joined the association as a ringing member of Tibshelf tower in 1908. He also welcomed Mr. H. Draycott, the oldest member present, who joined in 1889. He had 'held the ropes' for 48 years and had a truly creditable record. The Chairman remarked that the association was a happy family of church-workers, and concluded by advising young ringers to always follow the advice and instructions of their leader.

The Rev. R. E. Birtwistle, in an interesting speech, referred to the honour conferred upon him by being asked to preach, and mentioned several rules concerning ringers and ringing of 100 years ago. He congratulated the association on the attainment of its jubilee.

The Rev. L. H. De Cas welcomed the association to Alfreton. He had been told that bellringing was on the wane, and that there was not the same interest taken in it as was the case many years ago. That, if true, was a great pity, and it was up to this association and all churchgoers to stimulate interest in bellringing.

A REVIEW OF FIFTY YEARS.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. England) gave an interesting resumé of the records of the association, with a list of officers since its formation. The association was formed at a meeting held at Clay Cross on October 29th, 1887, and was confined to towers of not more than six bells. The annual meeting had to be held on Easter Monday each year at Clay Cross. The name of the association was then the East Derbyshire Association, and it consisted of 45 members from six towers. It was interesting to record that eight members of the Hill family, of South Normanton, and four members of the Beardow family, of Ashover, joined the association. The Rev. Canon Massey was the first president and held the office for eight years, being succeeded by the Rev. J. B. Nodder, who is still Rector of Ashover. The rules were later amended to include eight-bell towers, and in 1901 it was decided to change the venue of the annual meeting. Later on, there was an unsuccessful attempt to change the name to the Derby Diocesan Association. In 1927 came affiliation to the Central Council, and in 1928 the alteration in name to its present designation. The secretary observed, with reference to the remarks of the Rev. L. H. De Cas, that he could assure him that bellringing, instead of being on the wane, was improving by leaps and bounds, and with the co-operation of those present, and particularly the young ringers, would continue to do so in that district. He also mentioned the sterling qualities and work accomplished by old officers and members, particularly the late Mr. T. Allibone, who was for 25 years secretary and five years president, Mr. J. W. Scott, Mr. T. Stimpson (17 years treasurer), Mr. C. J. Partridge and Mr. G. Taylor, who had now passed away, and others who had done noble work in the district, among them being Mr. T. Bettison, of Mansfield, the Butler brothers, of North Wingfield, Mr. J. A. Scott, of North Shields, Mr. F. Watkinson, now of Hands-worth, whose names came readily to mind, and their example had been an inspiration to the present officials to carry on the good work and 'keep the flag flying.'

Mr. T. Clarke, Ringing Master, in the course of an interesting speech, referred to the value of 'The Ringing World,' and appealed to all ringers to give it their support and increase the circulation so that we could have a better and cheaper journal.

During the evening vocal items were rendered by Mr. J. Wright (who sang the song, 'Drinking,' with such effect that several members suddenly disappeared for a time), Mr. F. Cooke, Mr. A. Elliott, Mr. H. Fradgley and Mr. J. W. England. Mr. A. Lane accompanied the singing, and courses of Bob Major were rung on handbells by the young members of the Kirkby-in-Ashfield band.

A vote of thanks to the artistes, caterers and accompanists was moved by Mr. C. M. Heathcote (treasurer) and seconded by Mr. C. Carr, of Mansfield.

Mr. R. Walker and Mr. T. H. Marriott expressed the thanks of the non-ringing visitors, and wished the association every success. Over 60 members and friends were present, including Mr. J. Pagett (Derby), Mr. Ferguson (Repton) and Miss I. B. Thompson (Nottingham), and the gathering was a huge success.

TAUNTON.—At the Church of St. James for the evening harvest thanksgiving service on October 3rd, 1,248 of Bob Major: H. Floyd 1, H. Walker (first quarter-peal of Major) 2, A. Walker 2, J. Hunt 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Bungay 6, J. Roy 7, W. Gigg (conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Wendon on Saturday, November 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Bocking on Saturday, November 6th. 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.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A special meeting of this district will be held at Bedford on Saturday, November 6th. The bells of St. Paul's Church (10), will be available from 2.30. Short service at 4.15. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ormskirk, on Saturday, November 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, November 6th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Mr. G. Wright, sen., will arrange tea for anyone sending him a card addressed Enderby Road, Thurlaston.—W. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come, as you will help to make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the Lincoln District will be held on Saturday, November 6th, at Timberland (6 bells, subject to the tower being available).—K. W. Mayer, Dis. Sec., 31, Vine Street, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—A practice meeting will be held at Cartmel Priory on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, November 6th. Short service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. All are welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Lugwardine on Saturday, November 6th. Bells (8) available 3 to 9 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—R. H. Stickley, Dis. Sec., The Green, Fownhope, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Staveley Parish Church on Saturday, November 6th. For tea, please notify Mr. A. E. Parsons, 42, Circular Road, Staveley, near Chesterfield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

BISHAMPTON, NEAR PERSHORE, WORCS.—The bells will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Worcester on Sunday, November 7th, at 6.30 p.m.—a ring of six, tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

IVER, NEAR SLOUGH, BUCKS.—Ringers are invited to attend a reopening of the ring of eight which will take place on Sunday, November 7th, at the 11 o'clock service. Bells rehung in a new steel frame by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Meetings for November: Service ringing Nov. 7th, St. Clement Danes', Strand, W.C., at 10 a.m.; practices at St. Clement Danes', November 8th and 22nd, at 7.30 p.m.; also St. Mary's, Lambeth, November 30th, at 8 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th (election night); St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 23rd; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society will be held at St. George's Church, Mossley, near Manchester, on November 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present advise me not later than Wednesday, November 10th, certain?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in the Church Hall at 9d. per head, to all who notify me by Tuesday, November 9th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

LANCASHIRE.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Walsden on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends to come along and support us.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, November 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All are welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Bi-quarterly meeting at Northfield, near Birmingham, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea 5.15. Further ringing from 6 to 7.30 p.m. Look up Duffield.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells from 3.15. Service 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members are asked to make special efforts to attend this meeting, and all ringers and friends will be welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—What have you done for the Guild this year? If the answer is 'Nothing' or 'Not much,' make amends by attending the district meeting at Shalford on Saturday, November 13th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m. Don't trouble to send your name for tea. I am in form at guessing. (If you see the joke, let me know by November 9th).—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Longparish on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Room. Business meeting follows. All welcome. All requiring tea please notify F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Champion, 9, Shrewsbury Road, Penistone, by Wednesday, November 10th. A hearty welcome to all.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Burslem on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. H. Box, 19, Brindley Street, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than November 10th?—Annual committee meeting after tea.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Stow Bardolph, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., St. Neots, Hunts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meldreth bells available during the evening. Will members of the branch committee meet after tea to arrange programme of meetings.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Sandiacre on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) 3.30. As there has not been a meeting of the district this year, please come and see what happens. Tea can be obtained near the church.—Tom Clarke, Dis. President.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will all who require tea please notify by the 10th? Every body welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridge-wood, Uckfield, Sussex.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Turvey on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hertford on November 13th, when the All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Regal Cafe, Fore Street, after. All ringing friends, members or not, will be heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Sileby (6 bells) on Saturday, November 13th. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify Mr. E. Talbot, Normanhurst, Seagrave Road, Sileby, by Thursday, the 11th inst. Please roll up and make this a successful meeting.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Institute at 5.45 p.m. For tea please inform Mr. T. Hesketh, 1, Mason Street, Woolton, Liverpool.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Stratton St. Margaret (8 bells) on Saturday, November 13th. Usual arrangements.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The meeting is at Worksop (8 bells) on Saturday, November 13th. Rounds to London Surprise. For tea please send postcard to Mr. A. Johnson, 3, South View, Cheapside, Worksop, before November 11th.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Selby Abbey on Saturday, November 13th. The peal of ten, tenor 25 cwt., available at 2.30 p.m. Will those intending to come please let me know?—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lincoln on November 13th. Bells available: St. Peter at Gowt's (6) from 2.30 p.m., and St. Botolph's (6) from 6 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15, with tea afterwards. Tea will be provided to those who apply to Mrs. McGuiness, 56, Moorland Avenue, Lincoln, not later than Wednesday, November 9th.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Peterborough and Oundle Branches will be held at Alwalton (5 bells) on Saturday, November 13th. Usual arrangements. Please notify either of the branch secretaries for tea.—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough; Rev. L. S. Clarke, Polebrooke Rectory, Oundle, Peterborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, November 13th, at 3 p.m. Please advise me by the 11th if requiring tea.—John E. Ashcroft, P.O., Grappenhall.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The jubilee dinner and concert will be held at Clemences', Market Place, Chester (and not at Stafford Hotel, City Road), on Saturday, November 20th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Application for tickets (enclosing remittance) to H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire, or the branch secretaries, before November 13th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business following. Nominations for district officers for 1938 at this meeting. If you intend to be present, a postcard by Thursday, the 18th, will assure you of a good tea.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Putney on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (8) available 3 to 5 p.m. Tea will be arranged nearby, with meeting to follow. Fulham bells (10) from 7 to 8 p.m. Let's have a good attendance, and please don't forget that postcard by Thursday, the 18th inst.—A. P. Cannon, 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers will be made welcome, but please let me know by Wednesday, November 17th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5.30, at Angel Hotel, 1s. per head. Half-rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Gorton Unitarian Church on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 1s. each. Meeting in the Schoolroom to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Kelly, 3, Broadway, Fairfield, Droylsden, not later than November 17th.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 at Express Dairy on London Bridge Station approach. Business meeting in vestry after tea. All names for tea by the 16th, please.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A united meeting of the Calne and Swindon branches will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, November 20th, when it is also hoped to have the co-operation of the Devizes and Chippenham branches. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Usual arrangements for service at 4.30, and tea in the Schoolroom for all. A card would be welcomed so as to provide sufficient to meet all requirements. The date coincides with L. A. Wilson's 40 years as towerkeeper.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Calne Branch, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will take place at St. Anne's Parish Church on Saturday, November 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Bring food, tea in Institute at 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6, rehung in new steel frame) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow immediately after. All those requiring tea *must* let me know by November 17th.—A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Bruce Castle Bakery, near the church, at 5.30, at 1s. each. Please advise me by November 17th. Special method, Edmonton Bob Major. A practice will take place at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells), on Wednesday, November 17th, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

DEATH.

EVANS.—On October 28th, Alex, the beloved husband of Dora Evans, 32, Powlett Road, Bath, Somerset, after much suffering very bravely borne.

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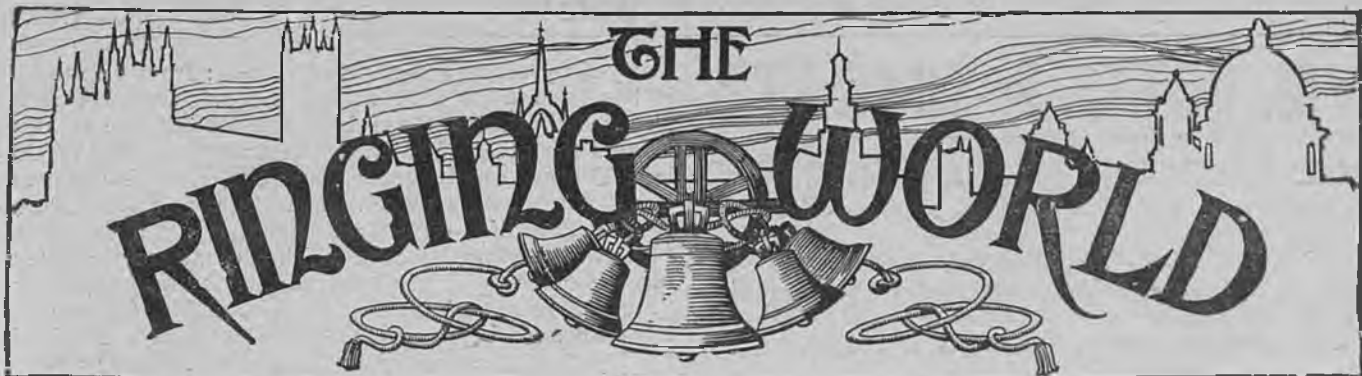
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Three hundred years of ringing history was celebrated in London on Saturday, and celebrated in a manner unparalleled in the whole story of the Exercise. The Ancient Society of College Youths was honoured, by its members and friends alike, in a manner befitting a great occasion and in a spirit characteristic of the freemasonry which underlies our craft. Not only was the celebration a bellringers' festival, the greatest of its kind ever staged, but it was a tribute to the respect in which the venerable society is held throughout the length and breadth of the land wherever change ringing is practised. The Ancient Society of College Youths is regarded as the parent of change ringing, and to its support in its early days is probably due, in no small measure, the preservation and development of the art, which has become recognised, the world over, as so peculiarly English.

And Saturday's proceedings were also peculiarly English, marked as they were by a service of thanksgiving and a feast. Few who were present under the great dome of St. Paul's Cathedral will forget the impressive service, departing very little from the customary daily evensong, yet sufficiently distinguished in detail to strike the appropriate note. And then the great gathering later on round the festive board, honoured by a distinguished company of guests and shared by ringers from nearly every corner of England, as well as Wales and Scotland. Never before has such a representative company of ringers dined together, and this in itself was a tribute to the Society. The presence of the Lord Mayor of London was a significant gesture, for, apart from the legendary association of the College Youths with Whittington, the society throughout its history has had a connection with the life of London, for its members have been responsible through the centuries for ringing many of the bells of the city on the great civic and royal occasions. And the link was strengthened on Saturday by the little ceremony in the courtyard of St. Dionis' Hall, where was unveiled the renovated tomb of Sir Henry Tulse, the only man who has been Master of the Society while filling the office of Lord Mayor.

For everyone who was present at the tercentenary celebration, the occasion was a great event; but many also felt it to be a parting of the ways. By his own desire, the Ancient Society is 'dropping the pilot.' On Tuesday Mr. William T. Cockerill relinquished the office of hon. secretary after having served it for forty-six years, in the course of which he has earned not only the respect and esteem of the members, but has won the affection of those by whom he has been surrounded in the affairs of the society.

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Forty-six years is a lifetime of service; from first to last it has been filled with ability and efficiency. William Cockerill has been throughout the ringing life of most ringers the personification of the Ancient Society of College Youths; small wonder, therefore, that his departure is a matter of deep regret. The gift which was made to him on Saturday, on his retirement, is but a very small token of the appreciation in which his long service is held, but the cheers which were given and the lustiness of the 'musical honours' must have assured Mr. Cockerill, if any assurance were needed, of the place which he holds in the hearts of the members. Time is inexorable; another will follow Mr. Cockerill; the College Youths will gain a new inspiration from the tercentenary, and will, we hope, for yet further centuries, continue to be one of the pillars of the Exercise and the art of change ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5169 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRANK WEST Treble	EDWARD MARKEHAM 7
FRED HAYS 2	*GEORGE F. HINTON 8
RALPH COLES 3	LEONARD STILWELL 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	CECIL A. SMITH 10
V. DONALD BOREHAM 5	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 11
EDWARD R. COLES 6	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRED HAYS.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the dedication of the bells after restoration and augmentation. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except ringer of the 4th. First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY HARRISON Treble	FRED SALTER 6
COLIN HARRISON 2	*CHARLES ALISON 7
*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 3	*LESLIE W. ST. VENS 8
JOHN SADDINGTON 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH 9
JOHN GRUNDY 5	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY HARRISON Treble	*HOWARD HOWELL 6
G. RONALD EDWARDS 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 7
J. FREDERICK MILNER 3	HAROLD SMITH 8
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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)On Wednesday, October 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN C. PERKINS	Treble	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5
ARTHUR J. TAYLOR	2	FRANK SADLER	6
JOHN HALL	3	GEORGE A. KING	7
J. WILLIAM HEATH	4	GEORGE MOISEY	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Rung, at the request of the relatives, with open clappers as an 'in memoriam' peal, on the 24th birthday of the late Mr. Douglas J. Pethard, B.Sc., ringer, chorister and Sunday School teacher.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

WILLIAM J. ROOT	Treble	JOSEPH UPTON	5
ALBERT CHAMBERLAIN	2	KENNETH A. ROE	6
WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE	3	DENNIS DARBY	7
WALTER BREWIN	4	EDWIN LLOYD	Tenor

Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.

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

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK	2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	6
MARIE R. CROSS	3	GORDON CAUDWELL	7
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 4th bell.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BASS	Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	ROBERT MATTHEWS	6
WILLIAM SHORT	3	JOHN LLOYD	7
THOMAS HEMMING	4	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Witness—Bernard Lawton.

This peal was rung 'silent,' and is the first peal of 'silent' Surprise for the association.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

NORMAN F. GRINHAM	Treble	HERBERT DEVENISH	5
GEORGE GREEN	2	HARRY WAIN	6
PERCY GREEN	3	RONALD SUCKLING	7
HARRY CARTER	4	ARTHUR H. EVERETT	Tenor

Composed by E. H. LEWIS.

Conducted by PERCY GREEN.

* First peal. First peal in the method by all the band and in the county of Essex. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., late Master of the Essex Association.

HEANOR, DERRYSHIRE.—At St. Lawrence's Church on Sunday evening, October 3rd, for harvest festival, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Stirland 1, J. E. Hobbs 2, W. P. Stirland 3, A. Elliott 4, J. Murrell 5, A. Wathall 6, R. D. St. J. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Cox 8.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

*RONALD W. STEWARD	Treble	†JAMES W. JENNINGS	5
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER	2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	6
†JOHN ARBON	3	GEORGE A. FLEMING	7
ALAN R. ANDREWS	4	URBAN W. WILDNEY	Tenor

Composed by H. HOWLETT.

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First attempt for a peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Major.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING	Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON	5
CHARLES W. LOOME	2	*FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	RUSSELL RICHES	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	FREDERICK ROOPE	Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. FLETCHER	Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURY	5
LESTER GRAY	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	3	FRANK VARTY	7
JAMES SWINDLEY	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.

LONGTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HAROLD ROSE	Treble	*EDWARD STEELE	5
EDMUND ATKINSON	2	ALAN D. STEEL	6
*WILLIAM H. BLOOR	3	*WILLIAM CARNWELL	7
*NEVEL R. HOLLAND	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE.

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

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

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINNESS	Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
GEORGE E. FEIRN	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
JACK BRAY	3	FREDERICK W. STOKES	7
JOHN FREEMAN	4	JOHN A. FREEMAN	Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

J. Bray has now 'circled' the tower.

PRESTBURY, CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, November 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND	Treble	WILLIAM DYER	5
WALTER YEEND	2	CHARLES W. MARTIN	6
HAROLD HALFORD	3	JOHN F. BALLINGER	7
GEORGE H. WALTERS	4	THOMAS BOREHAM	Tenor

Conducted by J. F. BALLINGER.

Rung for the tercentenary commemoration of the society.

STANDISH, WIGAN, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 3, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY FLINT Treble	*GEORGE T. JENES 3
*SYDNEY FORSEBAY 2	JAMES S. HORRIDGE 6
JAMES W. GROUNDS 3	JAMES W. MELDRUM 7
JOHN BOOTH 4	JOHN BROWN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

* First peal of Major.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 4, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S No. 32.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*ALFRED BUCKLEY Treble	GEORGE E. OLIVER 5
*HARRY T. HIGGINS 2	THOMAS J. ELTON 6
HOWARD HOWELL 3	†JAMES S. EASTWOOD 7
BARNABAS G. KEY 4	*WILLIAM WALKER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. EASTWOOD.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples and first of Triples as conductor. Rung for the patronal festival and for the 50th anniversary of the bells.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, November 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5
HENRY HODGETTS 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	EDWIN JENNINGS 7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 4	HAROLD G. CASHMORE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

Rung to celebrate the tercentenary of the society.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

PHILIP HODGKIN Treble	LUTHER J. HONESS 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	THOMAS E. SONE 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 3	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
TOM SAUNDERS 4	PHILIP A. COREY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

Composition No. 190 is rung for the first time.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*FREDERICK C. NICHOLS Treble	JOHN FORD 5
WILLIAM A. WOODS 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 6
A. STANLEY WOODARD 3	FRANK L. FISHER 7
*GEORGE R. FINCH 4	ALDERMAN LING Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by F. L. FISHER.

* First peal of Bob Major. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Waters, of Bredfield, on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb

HERBERT KNIGHT Treble	THOMAS J. ELTON 3
GEORGE E. OLIVER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
DENIS J. HOLDEN 4	FREDERICK HOLDEN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung for the festival of All Saints. First peal in the method on the recast bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE W. HOWLETT Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON 5
STANLEY W. COPLING 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS 6
FREDERICK ROOPE 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	CHARLES W. LOOME Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Rung on the sixtieth anniversary of the first peal by the Norwich Diocesan Association, 5,152 Superlative Surprise Major at this church.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*BERT MAY Treble	CHARLEY BELSEY 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	VICTOR A. JARRETT 6
FRANK BELSEY 3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR 7
WILFRED L. RAYNER 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by G. A. NAYLOR.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, 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.

GEOFFREY HARRISON Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
J. FREDERICK MILNER 2	BARNABAS G. KEY 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS 7
*HOWARD HOWELL 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(St. Peter's Society.)

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

*MARTIN A. BLAMEY Treble	*JOHN E. TAYLOR 5
*PETER A. BLAMEY 2	GORDON W. LIMMER 6
†CYRIL A. BURGESS 3	GEORGE H. LIMMER 7
*BRYAN O'NEILL 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. First peal on the bells by a local band and first peal of Major for the St. Peter's Society. A compliment to the Ancient Society of College Youths.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN ANDERSON Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 5
WILLIAM ARMOUR 2	REV. JOHN P. PELLOE ... 6
REGINALD H. HEWITT ... 3	ROBERT S. ANDERSON ... 7
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. J. DAVIDSON.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. R. L. Patterson on the eve of her birthday. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CLAVERING, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 27, 1937, in Two Hours & Forty Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS Treble	BARNARD PAYMORE ... 4
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 2	ERNEST J. OVERALL ... 5
ALBERT LAWRENCE 3	SIDNEY CARTER Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

First peal upon the bells.

OAKLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with eight callings.

JOHN HILSON Treble	DONALD L. COCKINGS ... 3
C. HENRY HARDING 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 4

REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Harlow on the 52nd anniversary of their wedding. It was the first peal in the method by the band and in the county.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 28, 1937, in One Hour and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

GEOFFREY HARRISON Treble	JOHN GRUNDY 4
COLIN HARRISON 2	LESLIE STEVENS 5
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently, being two each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JACK TORLEY Treble	NORMAN CHADDOCK ... 4
LIONEL PARKIN 2	REGINALD PAYNE ... 5
JOHN J. L. GILBERT ... 3	CHARLES POULTNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES POULTNEY.

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RISELEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*EDWARD PENTLOW Treble	J. HAROLD SWEPSTON ... 3
GEORGE SETH 2	R. S. LITCHFIELD ... 4

DONALD L. COCKINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COCKINGS.

* First peal. Rung on the vigil of All Saints.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and one each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

KENNETH J. CARLTON Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH ... 4
RAYMOND G. CARLTON ... 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD ... 5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ... 3	EDWARD S. RUCK ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mrs. E. Cornes, an enthusiastic churchworker for upwards of 50 years.

SWYNNERTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, with ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CHARLES JACKSON Treble	KENNETH THACKER ... 4
SIDNEY THOMPSON 2	ANDREW THOMPSON ... 5
†G. ERNEST KETTLE ... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by ANDREW THOMPSON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

CHEDDLETON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York and Norwich Surprise, Wragby, Kingston, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES WALLEY Treble	JOHN G. CARTLIDGE ... 4
HENRY CARNWELL 2	THOMAS HURD ... 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 3	ARTHUR W. HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... Treble	ALEC M. GENERY ... 4
*HARRY CARTER 2	THOMAS BIRD ... 5
ALBERT L. DIXEY 3	RALPH BIRD ... Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. C. Lyon, a member of the local band.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

(1) Primrose; (2) Beverley; (3) Netherseale; (4) York; (5) Durham; (6) London; (7) Cambridge. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANCIS TOMPKINS Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 2	*FRANCIS KIRK ... 5
HORACE L. WAITE 3	WALTER AYRE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods. Rung in honour of All Saints' Day.

CLIFTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ... Treble	ARTHUR DILLEY 4
JOHN CRONCH 2	HERBERT SHERMAN 5
* LAURIE WILTON 3	PERCY TOMPKINS Tenor

Conducted by P. TOMPKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

BRASTED, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, November 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Double Bob; (2) Oxford Treble Bob; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob; (5) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

HERBERT J. FORD Treble	* JOHN O. WELLER 4
ROBERT COLLINS 2	CHRISTOPHER BARKER 5
FREDERICK W. BUDGEN ... 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

* 50th peal. Rung on the 300th anniversary of the foundation of the society. First peal in nine methods by all except the conductor.

PEAL NOTES.

A peal of Bob Major by Annable was rung at Longton, Staffs, on October 30th, when six of the ringers rang their first peal in the method. It was also the first in the method and the quickest peal on the bells, the time being 2 hours 50 minutes. It was Mr. William Carnwell's fortieth peal.

As a birthday compliment to Messrs. E. V. Rodenburt (Hodnet), A. Lea, sen. (Wrexham) and W. J. Chesters (Market Drayton), a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Tarporley, Cheshire, on October 30th.

A peal of St. Clement's College Bob at Widford, Essex, on October 30th, was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., formerly Master of the Essex Association.

It was the first peal in the method by all the band and in the county and was rung without any previous practice. Moreover, it was Mr. Harry Carter's first attempt for a peal of any kind.

With a peal of London Surprise at Harmston, Lincs, on October 30th, Mr. Jack Bray completed the 'circle' of the tower.

A 'silent' peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by members of the Worcestershire Association at Brierley Hill, Staffs, on October 30th. It was the first silent Surprise peal by the association. As none of the band recollect a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major being rung 'silent,' they would like to know if there has been one rung before this.

Seven out of the eight members of the band at Drayton, Berks, on October 30th, rang their first peal of Bristol Surprise. The one 'unstarred' member of the band was the Rev. C. E. Wigg.

Mr. J. Walley rang his sixtieth peal on October 30th when he took part in seven 720's of Surprise and Treble Bob Minor at Cheddleton, Staffordshire.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques at High Wycombe was rung on Sunday, October 31st, to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the dedication of the bells after their restoration and augmentation. It was the first peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the ringers except Mr. W. H. Fussell, who last had this distinction in far off Melbourne.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor at Clifton, Beds, on November 1st, was rung to congratulate Arthur Dilley (the ringer of the fourth) on the birth of a son.

Without having previously struck a blow in five of the methods, Francis Kirk rang his first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods at Apsley End, Herts, on November 1st.

Forty-two six-scores of St. Simon's Doubles were rung in a peal at Oakley, Beds, on October 28th, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Haylow, on the 52nd anniversary of their wedding. The method was chosen because it was SS. Simon and Jude's Day, and the performance is claimed as the first peal in the method in the county. We doubt if another peal consisting exclusively of this method has been rung anywhere before.

Mr. Douglas J. Pethard, B.Sc., a ringer, chorister and Sunday School teacher at Badsey, Worcestershire, recently lost his life while bathing in Austria. On October 27th, the 24th anniversary of his birth, a peal of Grandsire Triples 'in memoriam' was rung at Badsey. The bells were rung open, at the request of the relatives.

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PEAL NOTES.

(Continued from previous column.)

Geoffrey Harrison, of Loughborough, the young son of Mr. Colin Harrison, has rung a peal of Minor and his first peal of Treble Bob Royal within a week. Both were on the Bell Foundry bells, and it says much for his skill in 'handling' that he piloted the treble through both. The Minor was rung on the front bells. Even the tenor of this six weighs only a little over 2½ cwt.

Following on this performance Geoffrey rang two peals in one day last Saturday. Five hours and a quarter's ringing for a boy of 14 is a good proof of stamina.

A peal which the band believe to be the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by all 'local' members of the Ancient Society of College Youths was rung at Prestbury, Gloucestershire, on November 3rd. Perhaps someone can tell us if the claim is correct?

Mr. Sydney Flint, who now lives in Yorkshire, took part in a peal at Standish, Lancs, which was specially arranged for him, on November 3rd. His last previous peal in Lancashire was rung 41 years ago.

Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, Kent, now in his 75th year, rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on November 6th, arranged as a compliment to Mr. C. H. Sene for his 70th birthday.

A local band of Royal Cumberlands at Burnham, Bucks, rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major as a compliment to their 'compunological rivals,' the Ancient Society of College Youths, on Saturday. It was the first peal on the bells by a local band and the first peal of Major by St. Peter's (Burnham) Society.

As a birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Cheal and a farewell to Mr. W. N. Rayner, who is leaving the district to go to Maidstone, a peal of Bob Major was rung at Rainham, Kent, on November 6th.

On November 6th an interesting anniversary was celebrated at Redenhall, Norfolk. On that day in 1877 the first peal by the Norwich Diocesan Association, a peal of 5,152 Superlative Surprise Major, was rung. The same composition was rung last Saturday, conducted by Ernest Whiting, whose father took part in the first peal.

It is an unusual thing to find ringers completing the series in a method from Doubles to Cinques, with Triples, but Messrs. Alfred Buckley, who rang his first peal of Triples, and J. S. Eastwood did this on November 4th at Bloxwich. They had previously rung peals of Stedman Doubles, Caters and Cinques.

The peal was rung for the patronal festival of the church, the 50th anniversary of the bells and on the eve of the 45th anniversary of Mr. T. J. Elton's first peal in the tower.

The ringer of the treble in the Ladies' Guild peal of Double Norwich at Harlow Common on October 30th was Ellen E. Davis.

THE TERCENTENARY OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS. HISTORIC CELEBRATIONS IN LONDON.

Ringers from all England Honour The Ancient Society.

With a series of events of outstanding interest to ringers in every part of the world, the Ancient Society of College Youths, founded on November 5th, 1637, has celebrated its tercentenary.

On Friday, the 300th anniversary, wreaths of laurel were deposited in the appropriate churches in memory of Lord Brereton, a founder and first Master of the Society; Fabian Stedman, of Cambridge, Master in 1682, and Benjamin Annable, of London, Master in 1746.

On Saturday hundreds of ringers flocked to the Metropolis for the principal celebrations. Following ringing at many of the City Churches, the restored memorial to Sir Henry Tulse (Lord Mayor and Master in 1684) was unveiled in what remains of the churchyard of St. Dionis Backchurch.

Afterwards a congregation of nearly two thousand joined in a service of thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral, while, later on, a company of over four hundred, including some distinguished guests, dined together at the Cannon Street Hotel. Many interesting speeches were made, and in the course of the proceedings there was a presentation to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the retiring honorary secretary, who has given forty-six years' service to the Society.

Ringers came from all parts of the country to take part in the festivities, and many spent the hours between noon and three o'clock in a round of famous London towers to take part in ringing. St. Mary-le-Bow and St. Giles', Cripplegate, of the twelve-bell towers; St. Magnus', London Bridge, and St. Clement Danes (ten bells), and St. Lawrence Jewry and St. Andrew's, Holborn (eight bells) were open, each in charge of a member of the society.

A DISTINGUISHED MASTER.

MEMORIAL TO SIR HENRY TULSE.

In a little courtyard opening off Lime Street, a narrow thoroughfare between Fenchurch and Leadenhall Streets, is the tombstone of one of the members of the College Youths who in the troublous days of the Stuarts was Lord Mayor of London and at the same time held the office of Master of the Society. This little Courtyard, this backwater of the busy city, is all that remains of the churchyard of St. Dionis Backchurch, a church rebuilt after the great fire of 1666, but demolished about 70 years ago. When this demolition took place, most of the memorial stones were removed, but that of Sir Henry Tulse, a benefactor of the church where his remains rested for 170 years, was left, and there it has remained, all but forgotten ever since. To Mr. E. Alex Young, himself a Past Master of the society, is due the 'rediscovery' of the stone, and it was a fitting act on the part of the College Youths to restore the inscription.

Cut in a large and straggling lettering, the original memorial reads as follows:—

In a Vault under-neath
this Stone Lyes Buryed the Body
of Sir HENRY TULSE who Departed
this Life the 31st day of
August 1689

The society has now added a bronze plate bearing the following inscription:—

'Sir Henry Tulse was a Benefactor of the Church of St. Dionis Backchurch (formerly adjoining). He was also Grocer, Alderman and Lord Mayor of this City.

'In his memory this tombstone was restored November, 1937, by the Ancient Society of College Youths (during the 300th year of the Society's foundation). He was Master of the Society during his Mayoralty in 1684.'

A gathering, which almost filled the Courtyard and included the Master and many Past Masters of the society, assembled for the unveiling ceremony at three o'clock.

Laurels and flowers stood at the head of the tomb and on it was laid a simple bunch of violets bearing a card which said: 'An affectionate tribute from a present Past Master to one who has gone before. 1637-1684-1937.'

The Rector of the parish of St. Edmund the King, Lombard Street, with which the parish of St. Dionis is now united, conducted the service, which was also attended by the Rev. W. H. Stewart Dumphreys, Vicar of the daughter church of St. Dionis, Parsons Green. The ceremony opened with a course of Stedman Caters and three whole pulls in slow time rung on handbells round the stone by Birmingham district members of the society: Messrs. F. E. Haynes, F. E. Pervin, A. Walker, G. F. Swann and A. Paddon Smith.

The Rector then offered suitable prayers, and Mr. E. A. Young read the lesson from Ecclesiasticus xlv., 1-15, beginning 'Let us now praise famous men.'

The Master, before unveiling the memorial, said they owed to Mr. Young's researches their knowledge of the stone. The inscription was almost indecipherable, but luckily it was known what was written

thereon. The society had, therefore, been able to have the original inscription restored and to add a small tablet to the stone. He wished to say how pleased they were that the Rector and wardens of St. Dionis had met them in the matter and allowed them to pay that small tribute to one of their former Masters. They were sorry that the Master of the Grocers' Company, of which Sir Henry Tulse was a member, was not able to be present through illness.

Mr. Lewis then withdrew the sheet which had veiled the memorial.

The Rector, in an address, said those who had studied the subject would have noticed that there was a marked difference between public

THE TOMB OF SIR HENRY TULSE.



[Photo: Topical Press.]

The Rev. Canon Tissington Tatlow giving his address on Sir Henry Tulse, after the unveiling of the restored memorial. Beneath the ancient inscription is the tablet added by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

life in this country and in all the European countries. It had been his lot to see something of public life in the great cities of Europe from Paris to Constantinople, and he had noticed two things. One was that it was not the custom for men prominent in the life of those countries to render public service freely in those great cities, and the second thing he had noticed was that they did not give freely of their substance to objects which, in this country, called forth generous support—hospitals, education, recreation of the people and charitable help of all kinds. Our traditions were different, and in consequence our public life was of a finer quality than anywhere else in the world. This idea of giving both service, and money if they were able, had had a profound influence upon our national life. For centuries the City of London had given and still gave an example of public service which the more intimately they of the city came to know it the more deeply they respected it, and they held in high honour all those who had helped to make or uphold their traditions of public life.

Such a one was Sir Henry Tulse, in whose memory they had gathered that afternoon and whom they desired to honour.

About Sir Henry's private life they knew very little, not even the exact date of his birth. That was believed to have been in the year 1625. He was the son of William Tulse, described as 'gentleman of Avon, Hampshire.'

Tulse was born in a very difficult period of English history, as difficult as that in which we were living at the present time. The speaker gave a brief historical review of those troublous days in which Tulse lived and said that Sir Henry was both a spectator and an actor and he played his part well. He had to react to the intrigue and subtle crossplay of Charles II., and then to the impatient bigotry of his successor, James. It was more than interesting to observe that he was 'King's Friend' when nominated as a Royalist Mayor to a disturbed city only just dispossessed of its ancient Charter by Charles II.; and, again, that later Tulse was to pose as the Church's friend when James II. removed him from the Aldermanic Court for obstruction. But the final act was when William and Mary restored with honour Tulse and all those Aldermen who had been ejected, of whatever party, in 1688.

In civic life, Tulse was recorded to have entered the Worshipful Company of Grocers. He was admitted to the Freedom in 1643, was Warden in 1673 and served as Master in 1681. In 1673 he was elected Alderman of Bread Street Ward, having probably already served several years on the Court of Common Council. In the same year he was elected Sheriff and served in the office of Mayor in 1683-84.

He had joined 'The Company of College Youths' in 1659, was steward in 1674 and Master during his Mayoralty in 1684. The College Youths were Royalists almost to a man, and this was probably one of the links which made Tulse a 'King's man.' He was also a member of the committee of the Honourable East India Company and president of Bethlem and Bridewell Hospitals. He died in 1689 and was buried in the Church of St. Dionis-Backchurch, then newly-rebuilt after the Great Fire.

The interesting ceremony concluded with further prayer and the Benediction.

IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

A MEMORABLE THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

At half-past three the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, manned by the Cathedral company, began to ring for the service in which the members were to join. Large numbers of ringers listened to the splendidly struck Stedman Cinques on this noble peal of bells, a fitting prelude to the memorable service which was to follow. Ringers and their friends to the number of nearly two thousand had assembled under the great dome when the choir and clergy, with the Bishop of London, entered.

The service followed the ordinary form of evensong, but there were specially selected Psalms, cxlv., 'I will magnify Thee, O God, my King,' and cl., so often associated with ringers' meetings, 'O praise God in His holiness.'

The first lesson was from Ecclesiastics xlv., 1-15, and the second lesson from St. Luke xiv., 15-24. The Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis were sung to Stanford in B flat. Purcell's anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway,' was rendered and then for the first time in history hand-bells were heard in the great Cathedral. Standing in the choir, Messrs. W. Roughton, A. B. Peck, H. Langdon and W. Williams rang a course of Stedman Triples.

The preacher was the Ven. Archdeacon of London, who took for his text the words, 'With good will do service as unto the Lord and not unto men,' Ephesians vi., 7. 'We welcome at our evensong this afternoon,' he said, 'the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, an honourable institution, keeping their three hundredth anniversary; a body of men who, one after the other for 300 years, have given continuous service to our Church. We rejoice with you all on this happy occasion, and we join with you in your service of thanksgiving. The Lord Bishop of this diocese, the Dean and the Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral bid you Godspeed in your work. It is very fitting that you should come together here this afternoon, for bellringing has been connected with the subject of worship from the earliest times.

'Your work is a service not always as much recognised and appreciated as it should be. I admire the team spirit amongst you. You cannot do without one another; it is a service of united and kindred spirits giving forth a message to all who hear your music. Sometimes it is the music of joy and happiness; sometimes it is in muffled tones, speaking of sorrow and passing, but more often Sunday by Sunday your music is a call to worship. "O come let us worship," ring out the bells, "come, for all things are now ready."

The treatment of the message, continued the Archdeacon, might be as it was when our Lord spoke in His parables of 'some who began to make excuses,' but their message was clear, that the House of God was there, its gates open to welcome them, and the opportunity of worship awaiting them. If they would draw nigh to Him, He promised to draw nigh to them.

'You,' proceeded the Archdeacon, 'give the message; those who hear have the responsibility of accepting or rejecting it. And the giving of the message is a real service. Your message is heard not only in the cities and towns and country villages in our own land, but now, by means of the wireless, those bells which you heard ringing

SIR HENRY TULSE.

LORD MAYOR AND MASTER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Four members of the Society of College Youths have been Lord Mayors of London, but three of them held that office after they had long since ceased to be actively connected with the society. Sir Henry Tulse was Master of the College Youths in the same year that he was Lord Mayor.

He owed his importance and his position to the political struggles of the reign of Charles II.—the same struggles which (as I have pointed out in my book) brought another College Youth, Sir Francis Withens, to the fore. The popular party, or the Whigs as they were afterwards called, were strong in London, and one of the main endeavours of the Government was to crush them and to get the control of the city into the hands of the Tories, or the Court party. Tulse was a strong Tory, and when he and Robert Geoffrey were elected Sheriffs in 1673, Sir John Robison wrote to Joseph Williamson, the Secretary of State, that they were 'good' men. A little later he wrote, 'We have settled a Lord Mayor, Sir William Hooker, who, I hope, will prove a good one, with two Sheriffs, Alderman Tulse and Deputy Jefferies, honest men.' 'Good' and 'honest,' of course, meant that they would do what the Government wanted.

In 1681 the City drew up a petition to the King praying for the calling of a Parliament, and appointed a number of leading citizens to present it. Tulse was one, but he refused to serve, and, when the deputation went to Windsor, he was not among them.

In the next year he was one of four candidates for the office of Lord Mayor, two being Whigs and two Tories. The two Whigs received 2,289 and 2,258 votes respectively. Pritchard, one of the Tories, received 2,233, but Tulse only 236. This was by arrangement so as not to split the Tory vote, and in the end, after a scrutiny, Pritchard was declared elected.

The Government had now secured control of London, and, to make the control certain, they served a writ, quo warranto, calling on the City to show cause why its Charter should not be annulled on account of alleged irregularities. The result was that the City lost its rights and privileges, which were not restored until the last year of the reign of James II., so when Tulse was made Lord Mayor in 1683 it was not by a free vote of the citizens, but on the nomination of the Crown.

Some of Tulse's opponents brought a legal action against him, alleging that he and his fellow Sheriff had illegally sold the post of Under Sheriff; but, after a petition to the King, a warrant was issued to the Attorney General to quash the proceedings.

Sir Henry Tulse was a benefactor of the parish of St. Dionis, Backchurch. When the church was rebuilt, after the fire of 1666, he gave a marble font and marble steps leading to it; and, when he died in 1689, he was buried inside the church in his own vault. When the church was pulled down the font was removed to St. Dionis', Parsons Green, and the stone slab which had covered the grave was transformed to the courtyard which marks the site of the old churchyard, and there it is now. It is this stone which has been renovated by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

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just now, are heard ringing in distant parts of the Empire, and they bring to many lonely and isolated ones far away the thought of the old home, of the parish church and the old faiths; thoughts of God; thoughts of eternity.

'You, my brothers, must see to it that the life of the messenger rings true with his message and that the message is not spoiled by the one who gives it. So my brief message to you on this historical occasion is just this: With goodwill, and I know that there is much of that amongst you all, with goodwill do your service, ring your bells, give forth the message, renew the invitation far and wide, draw thoughts and aspirations towards those things which are unseen and eternal and let it all be unto the Lord. Get from Him, in this Cathedral Church on the 300th anniversary of the founding of your college, fresh inspiration, fresh courage, fresh vision of your work; lift it high unto the Lord and lose not His blessing upon your work by any sin or inconsistency in your own lives; go forth with fresh determination to ring forth the message of God's love and of His salvation, not only to the parishes of this land, but unto the far distant places of our Empire and the world, and whether they hear or whether they heed, with goodwill do your service as unto the Lord and not unto men.'

The hymn, 'A festal chime,' was sung after the address and was heartily joined in by the congregation. The words are by Clifford Bax and the refrain runs:—

In town and in village our church-bells to-day
Cry 'Come, you good people, and put care away,
For He who made blossom and sunlight and May,
Be certain rejoices in hearts that are gay.'

Sung to 'St. Denio,' it goes with a swing that seemed, in the words of the hymn itself, to put care away. And then, as the last notes passed in space, in the great hush of the Cathedral came the benediction of the Bishop of London, a blessing upon the people and upon the work of the ringers.

This service in St. Paul's will be remembered when many other things connected with the twocentenary celebrations are forgotten.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The celebration, on Saturday, of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was one of the most historic events in all the centuries of church bellringing. This issue of 'The Ringing World,' enlarged for the purpose, is a 'Tercentenary Number,' and our readers, who will peruse with interest our full report of the various ceremonies, will also, we feel sure, pardon us for holding over other contributions which have been sent for publication this week.

It is customary for the stewards of the College Youths' dinner to wear a distinguishing badge, identified in some way with the Master for the year. The badge on this occasion consisted of an ingeniously contrived Portland cement button, with a rosette in the Cambridge University Guild colours of light blue and 'bell metal.'

The three lady members of the society attended the dinner and sat together at the top table. They are Mrs. E. Wilkins, Mrs. F. I. Hairs and Mrs. Cann.

About 50 members of the Central Council, including the president, hon. secretary and hon. librarian, were present.

Among the oldest members at dinner was Mr. Robert Maynard, of Walthamstow, who joined in 1877, while the member who had travelled the greatest distance was Mr. B. H. Swinson, who had come from Egypt!

Nearly every association and guild in the country was represented at the dinner, directly or indirectly.

The Australian societies were well represented. Seven members of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne, and of the Holy Trinity Association, Hobart, were present at the celebration.

Another 'overseas' ringer, who was present at Victoria, British Columbia, when the bells at the Cathedral there were opened last year, was among the company. He was Mr. A. E. Trotman, who made the journey from Belfast to attend Saturday's celebrations.

Many ringers who were unable to attend the dinner travelled long distances to be present at the service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

The College Youths' huge 'birthday' cake, which occupied a conspicuous position in the reception room at the Cannon Street Hotel and was afterwards cut up and consumed by the company, was made by Miss A. T. Lewis (daughter of the Master), who holds the 'Cordon Bleu' of the National School of Cookery.

The design of the cake was striking. It was in three tiers, each appropriately decorated with panels and bells, and surmounted with an excellently modelled bell in sugar, complete with stock, wheel of correct design, and stay. The bell had actually been shaped with a miniature 'strickle board.'

The cake was a most artistic production, not only in appearance, but in its manufacture, and Miss Lewis, in her neat cookery 'uniform' and cap, carried in the top tier to the dining hall and handed it to the Master. Afterwards she assisted in serving the cake.

The statement in official notices that the reception room at Cannon Street Hotel would be 'suitably furnished' must have excited the curiosity of many people. The explanation was forthcoming after the guests had shaken hands with the Master. The furnishings were dispensed in glasses.

Among the many messages of congratulation received during the dinner there was special interest in these three—all from ladies:—

'The Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers send heartiest congratulations on your tercentenary and best wishes for successful evening.—Fletcher, Honorary Secretary.'

'Hearty congratulations and good wishes from Mrs. C. D. P. Davies, in happy memory of C. D. P. D.'

'Good hunting to you, and may you never change but for the better. Hearty congratulations.—Dorothy L. Sayers.'

The senior member of the College Youths is Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Master of St. Martin's Guild, who was elected in 1874. The oldest surviving Past Master, Mr. J. Martin Routh, now living at Tilehurst, who was elected in 1885, is 93 years of age.

Some of the visitors to London, like Mr. Charles Sharples, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, had travelled all Friday night to reach London, and spent Saturday night (or rather the early hours of Sunday morning) travelling home again.

Mr. G. R. Newton, of Liverpool, brought with him the dinner ticket and menu card of 1901, which was the last he had attended until this year. The dinner on that occasion was held at the Bridge Hotel, Southwark, and Mr. F. E. Dawe was Master.

After a vain attempt, lasting nearly an hour, to find his hat and coat in the cloakroom and elsewhere after the dinner, Mr. C. Sharples had almost given up hopes of discovering his property when the missing articles were brought from the other end of the hotel, and Mr. Sharples was left with just time to catch his return train at 12.30 a.m. to Blackpool. Mr. Sharples asks us to say that he was so relieved at the recovery of his belongings that he forgot to thank the finder sufficiently at the time, and desires now to do so.

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THE THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY DINNER.

DISTINGUISHED GATHERING ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

Presentation to Mr. W. T. Cockerill.

The customary anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths—an event which goes back, in an unbroken series, into the misty past—was held at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Saturday evening.

The Master (Mr. E. H. Lewis) received members and guests to the number of over four hundred. In the reception room the historic peal and name books of the society were on view, and a huge birthday cake, on which was a fine model of a bell in sugar, was displayed.

Michael's, Cornhill), the Rev. R. French (Stepney), the Rev. Chancellor Ponsonby (Bow), Mr. E. Denison Taylor (president, Midland Counties Association), the Rev. E. C. Turner (Cripplegate), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master, Guildford Diocesan Guild), Major F. A. Yorke, Capt. H. J. Cann, Capt. Howard Freeborn, Mr. L. Porter (senior steward), Mr. J. Waugh (junior steward), etc.

The vice-chairman was Mr. E. P. Duffield (the Immediate Past Master), and among the officials of other societies present were the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Messrs. C. Sharples (vice-president, Lancashire Association); R. Richardson

SOME OF THE PAST MASTERS WHO ATTENDED THE TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION.



This picture was taken specially for 'The Ringing World.' Standing, left to right: E. A. Young (elected Master 1933), F. M. Mitchell (1932), W. H. Pasmore (1901), E. P. Duffield (1934-35), H. R. Newton (1898 and 1925), T. Groombridge, sen. (1926), A. A. Hughes (1914-17), R. T. Hibbert (1923), P. E. Clark (1924 and 1930), T. H. Taffender (1911).

Seated: J. S. Hawkins (1927 and 1931), C. S. Burden (1909), F. E. Dawe (1888-90 and 1892-93), E. H. Lewis (Master), W. D. Smith (1891 and 1903-4), C. F. Winney (trustee), J. W. Golding (1902).

The other surviving Past Masters, prevented by various reasons from being included in the picture, are J. Martin Routh (1885), A. B. Peck (1910), C. H. Horton (1918-19), and J. Bullock (1928).

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Dinner was served in the great Banqueting Hall, and the proceedings during the evening were extremely interesting and marked by great enthusiasm. Many old friends met again for the first time after long years, others enjoyed what, to them, has been an annual reunion. The arrangements had been excellently planned by the Dinner Committee, and the evening was a culminating triumph to a great commemoration.

Supporting the Master, who presided and wore the new badge of office, were the Lord Mayor of London (Sir George Broadbridge), who was wearing his jewelled badge, the Duke of Argyll, the Lord Bishop of London, the Earl of Cranbrook, the Bishop of Kensington, the Archdeacon of London, the Dean of St. Paul's (Dr. Matthews), Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the society), Mr. A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), the Rev. Canon Mosley (St. Paul's Cathedral), the Rev. Dr. Perkins (Westminster Abbey), the Rev. Canon Coleridge (Master, Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Very Rev. Provost Haldane (Southwark Cathedral), the Rev. Canon Douglas (St. Michael's, College Hill), the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford (St. Clement Danes), the Rev. E. C. Bedford (late Rector, St. Andrew's, Holborn), the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton (St. Magnus), the Rev. Prebendary Ellison (St.

(Master, Lincoln Diocesan Guild), S. E. Romans (Master, Gloucester and Bristol Association), F. E. Haynes (Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), G. W. Fletcher (hon. secretary, Central Council), W. H. J. Hooton (hon. librarian), W. Hibbert (hon. secretary) and A. D. Barker (hon. treasurer, Oxford Diocesan Guild), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), E. Guise (hon. secretary, Bristol United Guilds), S. E. Armstrong (hon. secretary, Sussex Association), L. J. Clark (hon. secretary, Essex Association), G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary, Hertfordshire Association), G. H. Cross (Master) and G. W. Steere (hon. treasurer, Royal Cumberland Youths), J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), F. M. Mitchell (hon. secretary, Kent Association), S. F. Palmer (hon. treasurer, Yorkshire Association), T. H. Reeves (hon. secretary, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary, Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), W. H. Shaker (hon. secretary, Lancashire Association), A. Thompson (hon. secretary, North Staffordshire Association), etc., and ringers from almost every association and guild in the Kingdom.

During the dinner, Mr. F. E. Dawe, as the senior Past Master present, was invited to 'take wine with the Master.' He was glad to

THE WHITTINGTON LEGEND.

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say there was another living who was senior to him, Mr. John Martin Routh, who had been elected to that office two years before he (Mr. Dawe) was. He had recently visited the old gentleman at his home at Tilehurst and found him in excellent health and spirits. Although pressed to attend this dinner, however, Mr. Routh had declared he was not quite equal to such an undertaking. He, however, wished to be very kindly remembered to all his old friends of 50 and 60 years ago, and wished them all a very enjoyable evening. Mr. Dawe went on to say that in talking over 'old times,' Mr. Routh wished him to announce to that gathering that it was his intention to bequeath his valuable 'ringing library' to the Ancient Society of College Youths! Mr. Dawe also stated that as Mr. Routh would in a very short time celebrate his 91st birthday, he was sure all present would heartily join him in wishing his old friend 'many happy returns of the day.'

The Master also 'took wine' with those who had been members of the society for more than 50 years, and it was gratifying to see that there were more than a dozen present.

The Master, before proposing the toast of 'The King,' pointed out that never had ringers shown their loyalty in such a practical form as they did this year at the time of the Coronation of their Majesties. More than 240 complete peals were rung on that occasion, a number which had never been approached for any other event, as far as was known (applause).

After 'The King,' the company, on the call of the Master, drank to the toast of 'The Queen, Queen Mary and the Royal Family.'

THE SOCIETY'S CONNECTION WITH THE CITY.

The Master, in submitting the toast of 'The Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and the Corporation of the City of London,' said he would like to say a little about the connection of that society with the civic authorities of London. This went back to their original connection with a famous Lord Mayor, Sir Richard Whittington. Mr. Trollope, in his very excellent history of the society, had rather discounted the theory that the society took its name from the College on College Hill, but he (the Master) thought it was rather nice to stick to that and thus get that indirect and possibly rather legendary connection with Dick Whittington. But Dick Whittington had another connection with bells, but not, he thought, with the change which they knew as the Whittington change, because if Whittington did sit on Highgate Hill and if he did hear Bow bells, he could not have heard eight bells, because there were not eight bells in Bow steeple at that time. What he heard was probably what we know as 'Queen's,' on six, which went quite well to the words 'Turn again, Whittington, thrice Lord Mayor of London.'

There had been, continued Mr. Lewis, several Lord Mayors who had been members of the society, at least four. In the case of one of them they had had a little ceremony that afternoon, but the society had probably rung for Lord Mayors on November 9th far longer than it had rung for the services of the Church. At the time the society was founded, the Church would not have much to do with ringing, as far as its services were concerned, and such ringing as took place was nearly all on secular or semi-secular occasions, including the election of the Lord Mayor on November 9th.

'We are quite sure,' added the Master, 'that the whole world to-day admires the stable civic government of London (applause) just as it admires the financial stability of London, and I think you will agree with me if I say we feel the present Lord Mayor has filled that office in a remarkable way during a very remarkable year (applause). He has nearly come to the end of his "touch." He has, I believe, only one and a half more official days after to-night, and, as the Dean of St. Paul's just now remarked, it is as if we are ringing him out of his office' (applause).

LINK BETWEEN MANSION HOUSE AND BELLRINGERS.

The Lord Mayor was given a very warm reception on rising to reply, and began his speech by remarking, 'I am very pleased to be present at this tercentenary banquet of this Ancient Society of College Youths and to see them wearing their old school ties,' a comment which brought forth loud laughter. That gathering, he continued, was most interesting to him because of the fact that a Lord Mayor of London in 1684, in the reign of Charles II., was Master of that society, and they had been honouring the tomb of that Lord Mayor, by unveiling a tablet upon it that day. He was glad, therefore, by being present that night, to continue the link between the Mansion House and the bellringing fraternity (applause).

'I have heard some most beautiful and melodious music from peals of bells,' continued the Lord Mayor, 'and I have also heard some bells that have almost made one feel like being driven to crime (laughter). We, in the city, are fortunate in possessing what I may call the best known peal of bells in the world, those of Bow Church, which in the past, as already indicated by the Master, called back Richard Whittington to be Lord Mayor of London three times and which can now reach all parts of the world wherever the marvels of wireless are known.'

Oxford, said the Lord Mayor, had been called the city of dreaming spires. London was in far greater degree a city of spires, both actual and symbolic, but they could not be called dreaming ones; they were vital, they were alert, pointing the way spiritually and to material success and prosperity. Those who came into London were workers and not dreamers, and yet that deep religious feeling, which was

inherent in the hearts of all English people, found expression in so many of the city's ancient ceremonies and customs. It was no mere formality that, each Michaelmas Day, the Corporation of London attended divine worship and asked the blessing of Almighty God upon their choice of the new Lord Mayor; rather was it a tangible proof that the city's motto, 'Domine Dirige Nos,' applied to every phase of civic life. The city was proud of the fact that, whereas the Kings of England went to Westminster to be crowned, it was to the city they came to return thanks (applause).

As he was just going out of office, the Lord Mayor said he thought it might interest them to know one or two of the things he had accomplished or had gone through during his year. He had entertained at the Mansion House 36,000 people; he had attended 34 church services of traditional and ancient custom, he had been connected at the Mansion House with 92 charitable meetings, and had attended 55 functions connected with the Army, Navy and Police. He had broadcast seven times, he had had 40 Corporation meetings to attend, he had been present at 15 Coronation functions, 41 opening ceremonies of conferences, congresses and new buildings, he had attended 38 speech days, 14 royal functions and 97 luncheons and 177 dinners (laughter). In addition he had made 1,000 speeches, had visited 27 other towns and sat 152 times in the Mansion House Justice Room. That was a summary of what every Lord Mayor had, more or less, to go through, but when he told them that that represented only about 50 per cent. of his duties, it would give them a good idea of the strenuous time the Lord Mayor had during his term of office.

The dinner of the College Youths, he concluded, was the last dinner he would attend officially as Lord Mayor, and, therefore, in greeting them all, he had at the same time to take a farewell. He hoped the society would continue to add to its age and would continue to be prosperous and successful and that it would still give enjoyment to all those who loved to hear such beautiful bells (applause).

CAMPANOLOGICAL 'LORD MAYOR.'

The Master next proposed the traditional toast to 'The Church,' but said he would first like to say how much they admired the list of engagements which the Lord Mayor had fulfilled (applause). Wearing his decoration (the Master's badge) he felt sometimes almost like a Lord Mayor himself (laughter). In fact, his predecessor, who had much better opportunity for its display than he (Mr. Lewis) had, was once actually taken for the Lord Mayor in a provincial town (laughter). He (the speaker) had a sort of feeling that being Master of the College Youths was, in a purely campanological sense, rather like being Lord Mayor of London, although he must apologise to the Master of the Cumberlands if he should take anything out of that remark more than there should be in it. The Lord Mayor of London, however, had this advantage over him, that he was not expected to hold office also as Speaker of the House of Commons at the same time (a reference to Mr. Lewis' office of president of the Central Council).

Coming to the toast, Mr. Lewis said it was not often that a layman had a chance of preaching to so many of the clergy as were present that night, and he supposed a sermon ought to have a text. His text came from Edmund Spenser's poem and was this:—

Ring ye the bells, ye young men of the towne,

And leave your wonted labors for this day:

This day is holy; doe ye write it downe,

That ye for ever it remember may.

That, said the Master, was one of his favourite ringing quotations, because it was written about 42 years before their society was founded and showed that ringing was an organised thing even at that time. When the society was founded ringing was almost entirely divorced from the Church, as far as the services were concerned, owing to Puritan influence, but the inborn love of bells kept ringing alive in a secular or semi-secular way, and when ringing took place it was on public occasions, for weddings and so on, and not, as a rule, for the services of the Church. So when the society was founded the members were generally young men of London, recruited largely from the Inns of Court and some of the young nobility, who rang as an exercise and to some extent as a sport. But in the middle of last century the Church began to recover from the Puritan influence and allowed things of beauty once again to be associated with its services, and beginning about the middle of the last century ringing for service first became general. To-day by far the greatest amount of ringing was done for the services of the Church (applause). Therefore, it was quite appropriate that one of their principal toasts should be the toast of 'The Church.'

AN APPEAL TO THE CLERGY.

Describing the clergy as the 'commissioned officers' of the Church, the Master thanked them for the way in which they placed their towers at the service of the society in the City of London for their practices. They tried to reciprocate by ringing at those churches for services as far as they could, but it was rather difficult. Owing to the difficulties of transport and to the fact that so many ringers, owing to the decentralisation of London, lived at considerable distances from the city, and it was very difficult for members of the society to get up except on special occasions—he did not include in this those who rang regularly at St. Paul's Cathedral.

There was one thing he would like to say to the commissioned officers of the Church. In the Army and Navy officers took special courses in specialised subjects, and he would like to make an appeal that night that more of the clergy should take a special course in campanology

COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE CHURCH.

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(applause). That, to his mind, was particularly necessary in these days, because in the last 15 or 20 years they seemed to have lost many of their prominent clerical ringers, most of them excellent ringers who had had the opportunity of learning to ring and learning to strike before they had the disadvantage, from the point of view of learning to ring, of wearing a 'dog collar' (laughter). They had one of the greatest of them with them that night, Canon Coleridge (applause). On one occasion there was a band touring in the west country and the local ringers said afterwards that there were three parsons among them, 'a very nice young gentleman, a terrible long gentleman, and a gentleman who took off all his clothes' (laughter). They referred to Cyril Jenkyn, Canon Coleridge and 'Father' Robinson (laughter). They had lost two of those and a great many others in recent years, among them Canon Baker, Canon Elsec, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. Law James, the Rev. Tyrwhitt-Drake and a whole lot more, and he did not at the moment see many young clerical ringers coming on to take their places. It would be a great advantage if the higher clerical authorities could persuade some of their younger clergy to specialise in this art of ringing. If they could judge the work that was done by Mr. Jenkyn in the Oxford Guild, a man who looked upon the ringers of the diocese as his parish, they would probably find he did a greater work than many priests who stuck more closely to a single parish (hear, hear). In conclusion, the Master coupled with the toast the name of 'the highest commissioned officer in the diocese of London,' the Lord Bishop.

REFORMS STARTED BY THE CHURCH.

The Bishop of London, who was received with loud applause, said in one sense he was the worst person in the world to speak at that dinner because he never rang a bell in his life—except a door bell—and if he tried he would be ascended to Heaven much quicker than he desired (laughter). In other respects he was very much fitted to speak, because he had never been, in all his clerical life, very far away from a good peal of bells. When he first went to Bethnal Green, at the request of Bishop Temple, as he then was, he found Mr. Matthew Wood (applause), who was the chief ringer and one of the best in England (applause). 'I have here his book,' said the Bishop, holding up a fairly large volume, 'and in it is written in a perfectly clear hand his 350 peals, one of them of 9 hours and 12 minutes. I am very glad I was not preparing my sermon that day (laughter). Matthew Wood was a very old friend of mine and kept his eye upon me, from the Protestant point of view. Then I went up to the Coffee Pot, or very near it (laughter). I imagined when I heard that that was your headquarters that you were all teetotallers, until I looked at this evening's programme and then I saw "Draught beer; 9d. a pint" (laughter). That is a fair give-away (laughter). But although I am a life-long teetotaller, I am sure you deserve that glass of beer (applause). After Bethnal Green I was under the benign influence of the bells of St. Paul's for seven and a half years as Canon, and I could not go to sleep when the bells were ringing (laughter). Then I went down, to my great surprise, to Fulham Palace, and there I found the bells of Fulham were pretty good. I don't quarrel with them, except when I am doing a sermon and they are going on and on. I love to hear the bells ringing, especially at Christmas, peace on earth, goodwill to men.'

'I have great pleasure in returning thanks for the Church,' continued the Bishop, 'because, say what you will, the Church and the College Youths are bound together by many ties,' although he was quite aware that when the society started, at the time of the Reformation—a little too much reformation—bells were thought to be rather Popish. But the Church of England began long before the Reformation; there had been Bishops of London living at Fulham for over 1,200 years. 'The Church of England had been at the bottom of nearly every great reform in England; it started the hospitals, it started the schools; for 150 years the Church paid for the education of the poor, and indirectly it started the College Youths, for they could not have wedding bells without a wedding. Bellingring was one of the finest parts of church work and most of it was done voluntarily.'

'I hope to goodness,' concluded the Bishop, 'that during the next 300 years the Church and the College Youths will be more firmly united than ever' (applause).

A brilliant exhibition of change ringing on handbells was at this stage given by the Hertfordshire band, Messrs. H. Hodgetts, C. W. Woolley, H. G. Cashmore and F. W. Brinklow (all members of the society), who rang a touch of Spliced Surprise Major in five methods—London, Superlative, Bristol, Ealing and Cambridge—in faultless style. The ringing was listened to by the large audience in breathless silence, and the cheers that broke out when the touch concluded expressed the appreciation and delight of the company.

DEAN'S TRIBUTE TO MR. TROLLOPE'S BOOK.

In the absence of the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Dean of St. Paul's proposed the principal toast of the evening, 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' with which, he said, he coupled the honoured name of Mr. Cockerill, who, as they well knew, had been for over 45 years the hon. secretary of the society.

'I have been looking,' said the Dean, 'at that admirable history of your society written by Mr. Trollope (applause). He bears a name famous already in literature which, if he will allow me to say so, he worthily supports (applause). This is one of the very few books I

have read which seem to me might with advantage have been considerably longer, for it is evident Mr. Trollope has in his mind a great deal of information which he could give and which I hope he will give in some more extended work around the interesting story of your ancient society (applause). The very first sentence of that history points out that your art of bellingring arose from two rather different interests, that of religion and athletics. It has already been mentioned this evening, and I think we can discern the influence of those two interests in the story of your society, for I notice that it was not very long after your beginning that you began to be rent by schisms and that you had your own nonconformists (laughter). I believe that, happily, this schism ended and now only remains a matter of historical interest. I observe too that as athletes you have an interest in the preservation of records and have evolved a most recondite set of technical terms in which to make them (laughter). Reading some of the great pages of your history I confess these terms are as unintelligible to me as an account of a baseball match in the columns of the "New York Herald-Tribune," but I bow with reverence before those who know what Stedman Cinques mean and Treble Bob Majors and other things of like kind (laughter). It is an interesting example of the way in which athletes seem to like records, records which no one but themselves can understand' (laughter).

BELLRINGING AND BEAR BAITING.

The Dean went on to refer to his experiences of bells in other countries, and said that the art of ringing bells in this country—an art which the Ancient Society so admirably cultivated—was a peculiarly happy expression of English temperament. Englishmen seemed to have a peculiar delight in the sound of bells. The Puritans had come in for a good deal of unfavourable comment that evening and he was loth to add to it, but it seemed to be an undoubted fact that they did object to bellingring, along with bear baiting—they seemed to have classed the two things together (laughter). They might recall that Lord Macaulay said, on the subject of bear baiting, that the Puritans objected to this form of sport, not so much because it gave pain to the bear as because it gave pleasure to the spectators, and he suspected that they objected to bellingring, not so much because it gave pain to the hearer as because it gave pleasure to the ringers (laughter). 'To be candid,' said the Dean, 'there have been moments when I have had a certain amount of sympathy with the Puritans' (laughter).

He could remember one day in Exeter, he said, when he was trying to write a learned article on a philosophical subject and the bells of the Cathedral were rung for hours, it seemed to him all day, on end with rhythmical and melodious sound. Somehow it did not help him with his research, 'but, after all,' said the Dean, 'what is a philosopher compared with a ringer of bells' (laughter).

It was worthy of note, said the speaker, how the sound of bells stayed in people's memories. Some time ago he met a man in a distant clime, a man who was born and lived in Exeter, but had not seen it for a long period. He asked this man what he chiefly remembered about his native city, and he replied, 'Well, strangely enough, it is the sound of the bells as they came sometimes at evening with that curious sound, which I think was due to the fact that there were only eleven bells when one expected twelve.' 'It is true,' said the Dean, 'that the sound of bells lingers in people's minds and awakens associations which seem to have been deeply buried. I wish I could follow the exhortation of the Master,' he added, 'and take up bellingring. I believe I am right in saying that the admirable birthday cake we have just had was made by the Master's daughter, and if I were a younger man than I am I should feel strongly tempted to take up bellingring and to join this Ancient Society, and, like the industrious apprentice, aspire to the hand of the Master's daughter (loud laughter and applause).

'Harmony,' concluded the Dean, 'is an expression of something which is deep down in the English soul. We live in a wonderful age, but an age which is very far from being harmonious. May the city bells which express the English spirit never become city bells jangled, harsh and out of tune, and may your art, expressing that desire for harmony which is so deeply set in the human soul, always be a true expression of the real constitution of England and the English spirit.'

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CONGRATULATIONS.

At this point the Master read a message from the Central Council of Church Bellingrings, in the following terms: To the Ancient Society of College Youths. At the 45th annual meeting of the Council, held in the Chapter House, Canterbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, the 18th day of May, 1937, it was proposed by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, of the Ladies' Guild, seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, honorary member, and resolved: That a message of congratulation and good wishes be conveyed to you on the occasion of your tercentenary celebrations and to place on record the great services rendered to the Exercise by the promotion of the art and science of change ringing during your long history. Signed this 6th day of November, 1937.

The message was received with applause, and a touch of two courses of Stedman Cinques was then rung on handbells by Messrs. W. Roughton, A. Walker, W. Williams, H. Langdon, C. W. Roberts and E. P. Duffield.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill, who replied to the toast, thanked the company for the enthusiastic reception they had given it. He said letters of regret at absence and of good wishes had been received from the Lord

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HON. SECRETARY'S LONG SERVICE.

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Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Bishop of Southwark, Lord Baldwin of Bewdley, Lord Hugh Cecil, the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Rev. Canon Alexander, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Rev. J. P. Pelloe, Mr. A. Prince and Mr. J. Ridyard. Congratulatory messages had been received from the Guildford Diocesan Guild, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Yorkshire Association, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, Essex Association, the Ladies' Guild, Over Society, Cambs., Mrs. C. D. P. Davies, Miss Dorothy L. Sayers, Mr. Turner, of Copenhagen, and Mr. Malcolm Melville (Warwickshire Guild).

During the year, continued the Hon. Secretary, they had lost by death 13 members, viz.: Ernest D. Lillywhite, Harry R. Pasmore, Frank Boreham, Joseph Hands, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, E. V. Selby, Albert E. Wrecks, Charles Kennedy, Frederick W. Thornton, Frederick Edwards, Col. Parkinson and Harry Folkard.

The company stood in silence whilst these names were read out.

Proceeding, Mr. Cockerill said during the year 62 new members had been elected and there had been held in the various towers in the city 70 meetings for practice. Twenty-nine peals had been rung: Doubles, 1 (at Brereton, Cheshire); Minor in nine methods, 1 (at Brasted the previous evening); Bob Major, 2; Bob Royal, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Stedman Triples, 5; Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Cinques, 5; Bristol Surprise Major, 2; Spliced Surprise in four methods, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 2; Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 1. Peals in commemoration of the tercentenary had been rung at Brereton, Milton-next-Gravesend, Watford, Portsmouth, Edgbaston, Gallewood, Prestbury and Brasted. In conclusion, Mr. Cockerill thanked the company most sincerely for the honour they had done to the toast.

PRESENTATION TO THE HONORARY SECRETARY.

A 'surprise item' for the hon. secretary followed. The Master said: 'Most of you, I think, know that on Tuesday night next we drop the pilot. The skipper who has looked after us for 46 years has refused to accept re-election on election night, and we cannot let such an occasion pass without, in some way, showing our feelings of respect towards him (applause). Mr. Cockerill has aptly been described as a 'prince of secretaries.' We could not possibly have been served better than we have been through these 46 years. Mr. Cockerill gave a hint some time ago that this might happen at the end of the year, but we hoped that he would reconsider his decision. When that decision was final the time was rather short and it was difficult to let you all know that we wanted to do something to-night to show our appreciation. However, we got into touch with a number of members, and I am going to ask Mr. Cockerill to accept this gift as a cheque on account (applause). We shall keep the fund open to the end of the year and I hope those who have not yet communicated with me will do so. I could go on for half an hour, or even more, speaking of the virtues of Mr. Cockerill, and the love which he inspires in us as a friend, but I must not do so, but I will ask him to accept, with our very best wishes, this cheque for £50 (cheers).

The company rose and accorded Mr. Cockerill 'musical honours' and enthusiastic cheers, and when they had subsided, Mr. Cockerill said: 'This wonderful show of affection towards me has taken me by great surprise. I knew nothing at all about this and I did not wish for it. Whatever I have done for the society has been a labour of love. I have enjoyed it, I have enjoyed the ringing, I have made many friends; God bless you all. I cannot say more, except thank you very much indeed' (loud applause).

Only bells appeared in the musical programme, and Mrs. A. A. Hughes here contributed handbell solos, once again to the delight of the audience. This music, so skilfully rendered, is a never-ending source of pleasure to ringers, and having played, by request, 'Solveig's Song' (Grieg) and 'Humoreske' (Dvorak), Mrs. Hughes responded to an irresistible encore with the old favourite, 'Land of hope and glory,' in which the company joined lustily at the repetition of the chorus.

At the conclusion of her short programme, Mrs. Hughes was presented by the Master with a handsome bouquet of roses, carnations and chrysanthemums.

In handing her the flowers, the Master said he thought they would agree that as an artiste with handbells Mrs. Hughes 'takes the cake,' 'and so,' he added, 'I am going to propose that she takes it.'

And with this, amid cheers, Mr. Lewis handed to her the top tier of the birthday cake.

Mrs. Hughes, in a graceful little speech, thanked the society for the lovely flowers and said that with her father, husband and son, all members of the society, she felt justly proud to be asked to entertain such a distinguished assembly. She wished the society a happy continuation throughout the generations to come.

SOCIETY NOT 'EXCLUSIVE.'

Mr. W. Roughton proposed 'The Visitors' and gave them a hearty welcome. It had been said, he remarked, that their society was rather exclusive. It was not true that they were exclusive about their ringing or their friends. They welcomed everybody. There was only one thing which was exclusive, and that was the traditional ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral for the services. Unless a man was specially good as a twelve-bell ringer he was never asked to ring at St. Paul's on Sun-

days. Mr. Roughton told the story of a country visitor, who went to St. Paul's one Sunday and felt aggrieved because he was not asked to ring. When later he voiced his sense of injury to another member of the society, his friend replied, 'There can be only two reasons, as far as I know, why you were not asked to ring. Either they did not know you, or else it was because they do' (laughter). Proceeding, Mr. Roughton said: 'We have with us to-night lords civic, lords spiritual and lords temporal, who are upholding the great traditions of this dear country of ours, and I would like to say just a word or two to the younger generation who are here in the midst of this great assembly: When you take over the control of this dear old society from the present generation, will you remember that you will be badgered by the Press, you will be bullied by factions, and worried by groups, who will want to alter the rules and regulations and traditions set up, after much thought, by older members. And when these questions arise, as arise they will, I beg of you to study them very carefully, weigh and consider them for a long time, and not lightly throw away and destroy these rules and traditions of the past (applause).

The Duke of Argyll, who replied, admitted that he knew little of the art of ringing, but what he was interested in was in the bells themselves. He had a library which included all the county histories, and when his friends wanted to make him a little gift they sent him most extraordinary little books, like algebra to him, dealing with the art in which those present that night were specially skilled. What he was interested in was the archaeology of the bells, which took them back beyond the Christian era. The Duke referred particularly to some interesting Irish bells of great age with which he was acquainted, from one of which Irish kings had been christened. He also referred to the peal of bells which he had secured for the church at Inveraray, his Scottish seat. Seven of these bells he gave himself and the others he induced his friends to provide. He hoped at some time the College Youths would come up and ring them (applause). He told an amusing story of how the bells reached Inveraray. On account of the difficulties of transport, they had to be left one night by the roadside, and one cottager, asked by another what they were, said they were his Grace's new beehives (laughter).

'THE SKIPPER'



MR. WILLIAM T. COCKERILL,
Hon. Secretary of the Society for
46 years.

The Master said on behalf of the society he would at once like to clinch the offer of the Duke and suggest that some time next summer they should make up a band in London to go up and ring a peal on his bells (applause).

SOCIETY'S OLD TRADITIONS.

Mr. E. P. Duffield proposed 'Kindred Societies' and referred to the good fellowship which was engendered and fostered by such gatherings as that. That was an assembly representing all walks of life and they were all there with the same love of bells. While they could not claim, perhaps, that ringing stood alone as an example of real brotherhood, at least there was nothing that could surpass it. It was in that spirit that he asked them to receive the toast. He asked them to pay no heed to some of the things they heard said about that old society. Old societies clung to old traditions, and he hoped that, even if some of those traditions might be obsolete in their manner and purpose, they would not take that as a reason for scrapping them forthwith. They had, for instance, the rule that a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was by virtue of that membership disqualified from membership of the College Youths, and the Cumberlands had a corresponding rule. Whatever may have been the position in the past, there was no bitter feeling between these two old London societies to-day (applause). Their society did not claim to be a territorial society and he hoped no attempt would ever be made to pose it as such. There was a function for such societies as theirs, particularly in the centre of the Metropolis. A society which could bring together such a gathering as that could not be said to be entirely territorial. On the other hand, they did appreciate very much the good feeling which existed between the territorial societies and their own. As one whose privilege it had been, more than many (Continued on next page.)

A TRIBUTE OF YOUTH.

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perhaps, to travel and meet ringers in all parts of the country and to be given membership of a number of societies, it was a great privilege to give them the toast of kindred societies. They had present that night a whole host of representatives of those societies. Among them was Councillor Paddon Smith, of Birmingham, representing St. Martin's Guild, a man who accepted life's responsibilities, which was borne out by the fact that he was a member of the Corporation of the great city of Birmingham. It might well be that he got some of his inspiration from that other great figure in the municipal life of Birmingham, who was, he supposed, the senior member of the College Youths, Alderman Pritchett. He felt they could not do better than ask Mr. Smith to convey to this gentleman, who had now become somewhat infirm under the burden of years, the very cordial greetings of the company assembled that night (applause). He had to couple with the toast, also, the name of one of the brilliant younger members of the Exercise, Mr. Stephen Wood, who had been recognised by the

THE BIRTHDAY CAKE.



Miss Lewis, daughter of the Master, cutting the tercentenary birthday cake which she made.

Central Council, who had put him to work on some of the mathematical problems which many of them took so seriously. If some of Mr. Wood's theories had not been generally accepted yet, and they had had some evidence of that lately (laughter), he did not think Mr. Wood need take any discouragement from that fact. He had never yet heard of anyone whose theories had been accepted by everybody (applause).

THE ESSENCE OF RINGING.

Mr. Paddon Smith, who first responded, undertook to convey the kind regards of the gathering to the Master of St. Martin's Guild, who, he understood, was the oldest living member of the College Youths. Continuing, Mr. Smith said that was one of the largest and certainly the most historic gatherings of ringers that had ever taken place, and it could not have been held anywhere outside London—for many reasons, one of them being, of course, that there was no other society actively pursuing the art of ringing that had been in existence for 300 years. The one he had the honour to represent was, in comparison, but an infant in arms, only 182 years old. But they all looked up to the College Youths. He was glad to hear one of the speakers refer to their tradition, and he would like to emphasise the

fact that most of those who spent their time outside London looked up to the society, not for the number of methods they rang, nor for the record peals they went for, and sometimes got (hear, hear), but because throughout their long existence they had made good striking the real object of their existence (applause). In his opinion, and he was sure in the opinion of all competent ringers, striking was the most important thing concerned with their art, and he for one would very much prefer to hear a peal of Grandsire or Stedman Triples well struck than a peal of London Surprise successfully achieved when the ringers said, 'We got it after all' (laughter and applause). Striking was the very essence of bellringing. In conclusion Mr. Smith thanked the society for providing members of kindred societies with a very enjoyable time.

Mr. Stephen Wood, who also replied, said although he had been reminded very forcibly in recent issues of 'The Ringing World' of his extreme youth, he drew strength from the fact that that society, ancient though it be, by its very name was a society of youths. He used that word in its bellringing sense to include ringers of all ages from nine to ninety. Mr. Wood added that he would like to add the tribute of the younger generation to the work of Mr. Cockerill, who had always seemed to him, by the skilful way in which he combined the wisdom and experience of years with the energy and enthusiasm of youth, to embody in himself all that was best in the spirit and tradition of the College Youths (applause).

Mr. Wood added that he brought greetings to the society from the only kindred society of greater antiquity. There was an older society, St. Stephen's Guild of Ringers, in Bristol, to which he had recently been elected, was founded in or before the year 1620, but unfortunately it had long ceased to have any active connection with practical ringing. He believed he was the first member, for over 150 years, who could claim ever to have rung at St. Stephen's, but he was glad that there were a number of people there that evening who did ring regularly at St. Stephen's and who really had more claim than he had to call themselves St. Stephen's ringers, although they were not members of that ancient Guild. Mr. Wood said he would like to endorse what Mr. Smith had said that the provincial ringers looked up to the College Youths with gratitude for the example which they set in the high standard of ringing, especially that for the Sunday services at St. Paul's Cathedral. He was sure that most of those present felt it a privilege to stand outside St. Paul's that afternoon and listen to Stedman Cinques rung as it should be rung (applause).

Mr. J. T. Dyke proposed the remaining toast of 'The Press,' and referred to the services which the Press had rendered to the society. In the last few days, he said, they had had more press notices than ever before. Such articles as had appeared recently in the great dailies would create an interest among the public such as had never existed before, and that was all to the good. Mr. Dyke went on to pay a tribute to the service rendered to ringing by 'The Ringing World' and of the important place which the paper occupied in the Exercise.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World') replied, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem.

On Sunday morning, after the customary service ringing at the various London churches, there was an informal social gathering at Anderton's Hotel, and a considerable number of London and visiting ringers were present. Refreshments were served and handbell ringing took place.

Mr. T. H. Reeves, hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, thanked the College Youths for their hospitality, and this was acknowledged by the Master.

SOME IMPRESSIONS.

Saturday's proceedings left lasting impressions on many people. Here are some which remain with J. F. S.:

The large audience listening to the three courses of Stedman Cinques—the majestic cadence of the bells—the large congregation of ringers under the Dome—the beautiful music of the service—the clearness of the handbells in Stedman Triples: the wrong striking of the trebles in the first rounds (1-2 were reversed)—the preacher's reference to the 'College of Youths'—the eager greetings of old friends at the hotel—the skilful and ingenious placing of the guests, a triumph of organisation—the splendour of the Master's badge—the benign expression of the Bishop of London—the absence of the Lord Mayor's 'Corporation,' in spite of hundreds of official dinners and luncheons—the Dean's graceful compliment to the Master's daughter—the marvellous exposition of Spliced Surprise handbell ringing: the good food: the difficulty of replenishing one's tankard—the delightful handbell solos by Mrs. Hughes, and the neat little speech she made afterwards—an altogether wonderful evening—and, lastly, of a part of the Birmingham contingent who missed their train!

A BROADCAST.

In the B.B.C. 'news' on Sunday evening reference was made to the previous day's celebration, and there was a reproduction of St. Paul's Cathedral bells, recorded while the three courses of Stedman Cinques were rung, and of the handbells in the Cathedral.

The Master gave a short talk on the society and its foundation in 1637, with a reference to Sir Henry Tulse and the ceremony at St. Dionis.

The whole recording came over well, except the handbells, to which, apparently, the microphone was too close.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, Middlesex, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in the Church Hall. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

BERKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Walsden on Sat., Nov. 13th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends to come along and support us.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Millnrow, Rochdale.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, November 13th. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All are welcome.—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Twickenham, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells from 3.15. Service 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Members are asked to make special efforts to attend this meeting, and all ringers and friends will be welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—What have you done for the Guild this year? If the answer is 'Nothing' or 'Not much,' make amends by attending the district meeting at Shalford on Saturday, November 13th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 p.m.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Longparish on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Parish Room. Business meeting follows. All welcome. All requiring tea please notify F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Stow Bardolph, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Please try to be present.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington St. John, Wisbech.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, November 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., St. Neots, Hunts.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Melbourn on Saturday, November 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meldreth bells available during the evening. Will members of the branch committee meet after tea to arrange programme of meetings.—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Sandiacre on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (6) 3.30. As there has not been a meeting of the district this year, please come and see what happens. Tea can be obtained near the church.—Tom Clarke, Dis. President.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Turvey on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hertford on November 13th, when the All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at the Regal Cafe, Fore Street, after. All ringing friends, members or not, will be heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The last meeting of the year will be held at Sileby (6 bells) on Saturday, November 13th. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please roll up and make this a successful meeting.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Woolton, on Saturday, November 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Institute at 5.45 p.m. For tea please inform Mr. T. Hesketh, 1, Mason Street, Woolton, Liverpool.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The meeting is at Worksop (8 bells) on Saturday, November 13th. Rounds to London Surprise. For tea please send postcard to Mr. A. Johnson, 3, South View, Cheapside, Worksop.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Selby Abbey on Saturday, November 13th. The peal of ten, tenor 25 cwt., available at 2.30 p.m. Will those intending to come please let me know?—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lincoln on November 13th. Bells available: St. Peter at Gowt's (6) from 2.30 p.m., and St. Botolph's (8) from 6 to 9 p.m. Service 4.15, with tea afterwards.—A. Richardson, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Sunday, November 14th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The jubilee dinner and concert will be held at Clemences', Market Place, Chester (and not at Stafford Hotel, City Road), on Saturday, November 20th. Dinner at 6 p.m. prompt. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Application for tickets (enclosing remittance) to H. Parker, 3, London Road, Davenham, Cheshire, or the branch secretaries, before November 13th.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business following. Nominations for district officers for 1938 at this meeting. If you intend to be present, a postcard by Thursday, the 18th, will assure you of a good tea.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Putney on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (8) available 3 to 5 p.m. Tea will be arranged nearby, with meeting to follow. Fulham bells (10) from 7 to 8 p.m. Let's have a good attendance, and please don't forget that postcard by Thursday, the 18th inst.—A. P. Cannon, 118, Sarsfeld Road, Balham, S.W.12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers will be made welcome, but please let me know by Wednesday, November 17th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5.30, at Angel Hotel, 1s. per head. Half-rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Gorton Unitarian Church on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 1s. each. Meeting in the Schoolroom to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Kelly, 3, Broadway, Fairfield, Droylsden, not later than November 17th.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will take place at St. Anne's Parish Church on Saturday, November 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Bring food, tea in Institute at 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—A united meeting of the Calne and Swindon branches will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, November 20th, when it is also hoped to have the co-operation of the Devizes and Chippenham branches. Bells (8) from 2 o'clock. Usual arrangements for service at 4.30, and tea in the Schoolroom for all. A card would be welcomed so as to provide sufficient to meet all requirements. The date coincides with L. A. Wilson's 40 years as towerkeeper.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., Calne Branch, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6, rehung in new steel frame) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow immediately after. All those requiring tea *must* let me know by November 17th.—A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Bruce Castle Bakery, near the church, at 5.30, at 1s. each. Please advise me by November 17th. Special method, Edmonton Bob Major. A practice will take place at St. Giles', Cripplegate (12 bells), on Wednesday, November 17th, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45, at Express Dairy on London Bridge Station approach. Business meeting in vestry after tea. All names for tea by the 16th, please.—H. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—St. Peter's Church. The peal of eight bells, recast and hung in modern fittings by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, will be rededicated and new sacring bell dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Winchester on Saturday, November 20th, at 3.30 p.m. Service fully choral. Address by the Bishop. Ringing from 6.15 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Tea (6d.) at G.F.S. Club, St. Peter's Road, 5.15 p.m. Please notify me.—Arthur V. Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Corsham (six bells) on Saturday, November 20th, at 3. Service at 3.30. Tea 5 p.m. Will visitors please notify early?—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 20th, at St. Matthew's, Cotham. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at Parish Hall 5.15, followed by meeting, after which the annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds will be held. Notify for tea, W. H. Thomas, 45, Clyde Road, Bristol 6, by the 18th.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Polesworth on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea (1s.) at the Coffee House at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The last meeting of 1937 will be held at Kegworth on November 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. For tea, please send postcard to Mr. F. Sutton, Market Place, Kegworth, by the 18th.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—Two special meetings will be held as follows: Dodford (6), Saturday, November 20th; and Braunston (6), Saturday, December 18th. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northampton District.—A meeting will be held at Desborough on Saturday, November 20th. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next meeting for practice will be held at Barrow Gurney on Saturday, November 20th, where the peal of eight bells will be available from 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, November 20th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, November 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by November 16th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CHADLE, CHESHIRE.—Near Stockport.—The bells will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield on Sunday, November 21st, at 10.45 a.m. A ring of eight tuned and rehung in new framework by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 23rd; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service

4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, November 24th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available from 6 p.m. A meeting to be held in the tower during the evening. All welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Please send your names for tea to reach me not later than Wednesday, November 24th. Plenty of ringing.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Ightham, on Saturday, November 27th. Peal of six bells available from 2.30. Service at 5. Tea is by kind invitation. Please send a postcard if you are coming.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting, Mitcham Parish Church, Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, in Parish Room, by kind invitation of the Mitcham band, 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Memorial to the late Master of the Association, James Douglas Drewett, Esq., J.P., will be unveiled at 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. C. Potheary, 73, Fernlea Road, Mitcham, not later than Thursday, November 25th. All ringers welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The last meeting for 1937 of the North Norfolk Branch will be held at Hethersett on November 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Let us have a good attendance, and please don't forget that postcard by Thursday, November 25th.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector, Archdeacon R. W. Sears, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by the 1st?—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Milfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

THE DAY—Saturday. THE DATE, December 18th. CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Shirley Burton is now 78, Edward Avenue, Braunstone, near Leicester.

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GEORGE.—On November 3rd, Emilia Frances, wife of James George, aged 79 years.

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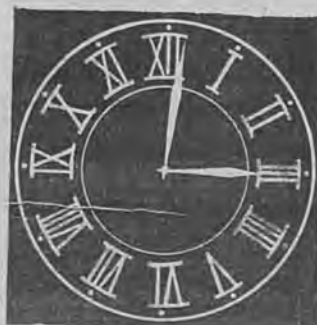
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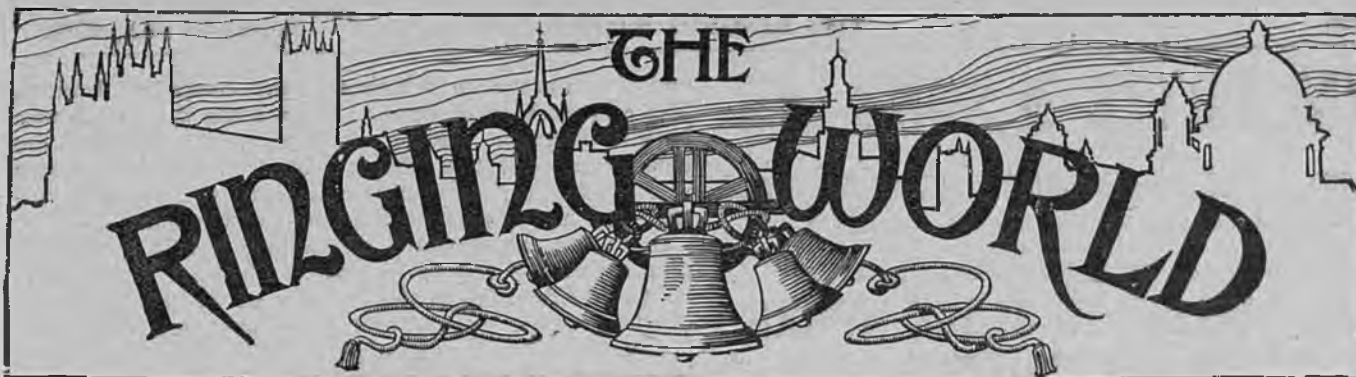
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The secretarial reports presented to two district meetings in Kent contain some outspoken remarks which, while written with local application, represent conditions which exist in not a few places outside that county. The secretary of the Tonbridge District not only regrets a falling membership but a lack of progress in method ringing, and a tendency to allow practices to drop, with a result that Sunday service ringing is suffering. All these things point to a falling-off in interest, which seems to occur in most areas from time to time. It is a phase which is difficult to guard against, and one which only collective effort can overcome. The dropping of practices is often the outcome of loss of membership, for where a band loses strength it frequently loses interest, and, in the end, practices are abandoned.

Nothing, we think, leads quicker to decay in the quality of ringing than absence of regular practice. Efficiency in all things can only be obtained by practice, and ringing is no exception to the rule. If a band is so depleted that practice offers no prospect of progress, surely it is time that efforts were made to strengthen the company by bringing in and instructing new members. But often this lapse of practice is due first to the apathy of two or three members of a tower, and the rest, who may be moderately keen, have their interest blunted through the indifference and irregularity of the others. Too often, we are afraid, there are ringers who study their own convenience first at the sacrifice of the convenience of others. The success of any band can only be assured when everyone 'pulls his weight' and realises that he owes a duty to the rest.

The Rochester District secretary, who has found, to his regret, indifferent striking in service ringing, puts some of it down to poor leadership. This is another cause that is almost bound to lead to a deterioration in a company. The leader of a band, unless he is the right man, can be a bugbear, not only to his own company, but to an association, and a formidable stumbling block to any advancement. He can stultify ringing in his own tower, and, by his influence, deflect the activities of other members of his band into ambitionless channels. The unfortunate part about most men of this type is that they generally dig themselves into their office, and win their way into the confidence of their incumbents, so that they are almost immovable and a constant drag on the wheels of progress for years. The Rochester secretary tells his members that in the cases of which he complains the state of things is likely to continue until there is sufficient general interest in the welfare of the local bands

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and the courage to substitute more competent leaders. There is work to be done in other areas than Rochester in this direction. Most associations throughout the country can point to 'black spots.' They form a very real problem not easy of solution, and yet, when the inefficiency and sometimes the stubborn obstinacy of these men lowers the standard of ringing, it is a great pity that something cannot be done. The root of the difficulty, we think, lies in the fact that so few parsons know anything about ringing and belfry management, and it is in this, as much as in anything, that we need a wider interest on the part of the clergy.

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* EDWARD D. SMITH 2	P. SGT. WIMLINGTON 6
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JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
HARRY HOSKINS 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	THOMAS MORTIMER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.)

On Thursday, November 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 36 cwt.

GEORGE E. FOSTER Treble	TOM CLARKE 5
FREDERICK A. SALTER 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
FRANK BRADLEY 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 7
RALPH NARBOROUGH 4	WALTER NICHOLS Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung to celebrate Armistice Day.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WALTER FARLEY Treble	* FREDERICK V. NICHOLLS 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	THOMAS HEMMING 7
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 4	ALFRED REYNOLDS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples and rung at first attempt. Rung on the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

* DENNIS E. CATTALL Treble	JOHN E. ROOTES 5
† FREDERICK W. HAZELL 2	FREDERICK W. ALLWAY 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	CHARLES T. COLES 7
CHARLES DYKE 4	GEORGE A. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal. † First peal on a bob bell. Rung half-muffled on Armistice Day.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. EBBE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.	
GEORGE HORWOOD 7	Treble	VICTOR J. F. BENNETT 5	
*GEORGE AYRES 2		FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 6	
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 3		†CHARLES EUSTACE 7	
*BERNARD S. NICHOLS 4		*KENNETH E. WHITE Tenor	

Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Bishop Shaw, a former Archdeacon of Oxford, who died on November 7th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
DEREK M. SHARP Treble	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4	ERNEST H. OKENHAM Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. ADDSLEY.

BITTON, GLOS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
KENNETH FORD Treble	JOHN G. JEFFERIES 5
EDWIN J. RIDLER 2	HARRY J. SANGER 6
FRANK SKIDMORE 3	RONALD G. BECK 7
EDWIN H. NASH 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by S. H. WOOD.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	MISS MARY WHITE 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	KENNETH SIMPSON 6
SAM LONGBOTTOM 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
FREDERICK SEAGER 4	ERNEST H. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

Mr. J. Broadley's 400th peal for the Yorkshire Association. Rung to celebrate the 11th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

ADDERBURY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb.	
WILLIAM WATSON Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 2	HERBERT IMPEY 6
*GEORGE T. ROGERS 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
*WILLIAM C. PORTER 4	RICHARD A. POST Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Triples.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY LANCH.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
*THOMAS W. JEANES Treble	RONALD W. HAYWARD 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 2	HENRY BUNGAY 6
*H. HERBERT WALKER 3	JACK ROY 7
JAMES HUNT 4	WILLIAM G. GIGG Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. HAYWOOD. Conducted by W. G. GIGG.

* First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate Remembrance Day.

WELFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*DENNIS ALLSOPP Treble	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ... 5
*GEORGE H. HANCOCK 2	*FREDERICK W. HANCOCK ... 6
MRS. POWELL 3	†LAWRENCE GREENHOW ... 7
*ARTHUR MILLWARD 4	†GEORGE A. HOLICK Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Armistice.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
ALFRED J. BATTIN Treble	WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE 5
*ALBERT WORSFOLD 2	BERNARD V. COLLISON 6
ERNEST J. LADD 3	†FREDERICK W. HOODSDEN ... 7
*MRS. F. W. HOODSDEN 4	ALBC E. RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALEC E. RICHARDSON.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. This peal contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 at course ends with only two singles. Rung with half-muffled clappers in memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BRAMFORD, IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, called differently.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
RONALD W. STEWARD Treble	ALAN R. ANDREWS 4	JAMES W. JENNINGS 2	KEITH W. WHITTELL 5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor		

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

First peal in four methods as conductor.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Cambridge, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
SYDNEY FLINT Treble	WILFRED CORE 4	THOMAS PRESCOTT 2	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY 5
JAMES LONGTON 3	HENRY SERJENT Tenor		

Conducted by A. MAWDSLEY.

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HUTTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 840 each of New Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

*CHARLES E. HILL 1	Treble	LESLIE H. THIRTY 3
HARRY TURNER 2		ROBERT E. HEAZEL 4
ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor		

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. William Hill, grandfather of the treble ringer, on the completion of 60 years' service as a ringer at this church.

KIRKTHORPE, NEAR WAKEFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sandal, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Norbury, Killamarch and Kingston.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH THACKRAY 1	Treble	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAYS 4
HAROLD CHANT 2		DANIEL SMITH 5
ARNOLD COLE 3		GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

First peal on the bells for the association. Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer and the conductor, whose birthdays are on November 8th.

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

On Monday, November 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's: (1) Double Court; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Double Oxford; (4) St. Clement's; (5) Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Kent Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST B. ITTAIN 1	Treble	*FRED JEFFERY 4
HAROLD JOOD 2		JACK BRAY 5
*PHILIP BARNES 3		WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven methods.

OMBERSLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, ten callings.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*JOHN A. MOORE 1	Treble	ALBERT H. CHESHIRE 4
ARTHUR J. WHEATLEY 2		GEORGE E. LARGE 5
†FREDERICK FLOCK 3		*GEORGE R. BRIGHTON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All are members of the local band excepting the conductor. Rung half-muffled on the 19th anniversary of Armistice Day.

NEWTON-NOTTAGE, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 extents and four 240's by Pitman and two by Morris (16 callings).

Tenor 8½ cwt.

EDWARD CARPENTER 1	Treble	TREVOR M. RODERICK 4
DAVID THOMAS 2		ALFRED E. WILLIAMS 5
CHARLES M. DAVIES 3		ALBERT BACON Tenor

Conducted by T. M. RODERICK.

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LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, November 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one of Woodbine, two of Oxford and two of Kent Treble Bob.

*ROBERT ANDREWS 1	Treble	ALBERT E. EVEREST 4
LEONARD A. TIDY 2		JAMES W. KNIGHT 5
EDWARD E. TIDY 3		JOHN O. WELLER Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal away from tenor behind. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War.

ELSTOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

THOMAS HARPIN 1	Treble	REGINALD J. HOUGHTON 4
C. HENRY HARDING 2		WILLIAM STAPLETON 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES 3		SYDNEY FOSKETT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

C. H. Harding's 25th peal.

SEEND, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. W. C. WEST 1	Treble	PERCY HARDING 4
*HAROLD SMITH 2		HARRY PROUT 5
SIDNEY HILLIER 3		WILLIAM C. WEST Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. WEST.

* First peal 'inside.' Arranged and rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. E. T. Phillips, who was inducted Vicar of Seend on November 9th.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four extents of St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MARK LANCEFIELD 1	Treble	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD 4
RAYMOND G. CARLTON 2		WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
PERCY PAGE 3		EDWARD S. ROCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. ROCK.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the 84 men of the parish who gave their lives in the Great War.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Sunday, November 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At TRENTWOOD,

A PEAL OF CAINSBOROUGH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
*GEORGE E. FEIRN 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8

Composed by J. E. CAWSE. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal in the method.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At 28 FIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE EALING AND RUTLAND 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—Edwin Jennings

The peal consisted of 1,440 London, 672 each of Cambridge and Rutland, 768 each of Ealing, Superlative and Bristol, with 135 changes of method. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal. (Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

CANON COLERIDGE'S 80th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED.

Canon G. F. Coleridge's 80th birthday was fittingly celebrated on November 10th by a peal of Double Norwich Major at Caversham. This tower was selected because Canon Coleridge was instrumental in adding two trebles to the former ring of six in 1890, during his curacy there. Mr. George Essex and Mr. Harry Smith, who took part in the peal, were members of the Caversham band at that time.

The peal was also in celebration of the tercentenary of the College Youths. It was rung under the auspices of both the Ancient Society, of which Canon Coleridge is one of the oldest members, and the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which the Canon is Master.

Mr. Tom Hibbert called the peal and, interestingly, it coincided with the 76th birthday of Mrs. Hibbert. Needless to say, the band drank with good wishes to the health of both celebrants after the peal.

Councillor Dr. Drabble, churchwarden at Bloxwich Parish Church, was elected Mayor of Walsall on November 9th, and in honour of the event a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Walsall Parish Church on the same day.

Many accomplished ringers wait a long time for a peal in one of the simple methods. Mr. Edward D. Smith, Master of the St. John's, Leytonstone, band, has been peal ringing for more years than, perhaps, he cares to remember, but it was not until last week that he rang his first peal of Bob Major, the first in the method on the bells, made eight last year as a memorial to William Pye, who in all his great career never, curiously enough, called a peal of Bob Major.

Mr. Walter Ayre must have been very satisfied with his recent week-end in Lincolnshire. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on Saturday, a handbell peal of Gainsborough Little Bob on Sunday, and a peal in seven Minor methods on Monday. Not bad work for the half-term holiday.

The Cambridge was rung in honour of the silver jubilee of the Ladies' Guild and was Mr. Jack Bray's 250th peal. Mr. George Dobbs, who rang his first peal in the method, had never previously struck a blow in it.

Two youths, Philip Barnes, aged 14, and Fred Jeffery, 16, rang their first peal in seven methods at Burton-on-Stather and both are to be heartily congratulated upon their performance.

In the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung half-muffled at Ombersley on Armistice Day, five of the local band took part, two ringing their first peal and one his first 'inside.' In a similar peal rung in September three rang their first peal and one his first 'inside.' The Ombersley band comprises nine active members and there now remain only two who have yet to score their first peal.

The Armistice Day peal at Erith was Mr. F. J. Gullum's 125th peal on the bells.

An interesting instance of ringers again taking part in a peal after a long lapse of years comes from Newton Nottage, Glamorganshire. A peal was rung half-muffled on Armistice Day, the first peal at this church by a local service band since 1910. One of the ringers, Alfred E. Williams, had not taken part in an attempt since he rang the same bell in the last 'local' peal 27 years ago, and David Thomas rang his first peal for 25 years.

With reference to the question raised in our last issue as to whether the peal at Prestbury was the first 'local' peal rung as a College Youths' peal, Mr. R. T. Hibbert points out that if this means a Sunday service band, the Caversham band in 1900-1905 rang about 35 peals under the auspices of the College Youths. If it means just a College Youths' band in the neighbourhood, it has been done, he says, many times. One was rung by Reading members a few months ago.

Mr. Hibbert does not make it clear whether any of these peals were Stedman Triples, which is the point at issue.

Mr. Joseph Broadley, the Bradford veteran, rang his 400th peal for the Yorkshire Association on November 13th at Shipley. But Mr. Broadley's services to the association cannot be measured by the number of peals (great as it is) that he has rung. He joined the association in 1879, has held various offices, and has been one of the association's 'stalwarts.'

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Treble Bob Minor at Butterwick on October 23rd was Henry Johnson, not Henry John, as printed. Henry Johnson is a great name to possess in ringing.

Mr. Arthur Knights' peal of Grandsire Caters, No. 155, with the 5th and 6th the full extent behind the 9th, in 5,309 changes, was rung for the first time on November 13th at Worsley, Lancs. It was an Armistice peal with the bells half-muffled.

Mr. William Hill has completed 60 years' service as a ringer at All Saints' Church, Hutton, Essex. As a compliment to him a peal of Doubles was rung on November 6th, and his grandson, Charles E. Hill, rang the treble to his first peal. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. W. Hill extended their hospitality to the ringers.

A peal of Minor in four methods was rung at Eastwood, Rotherham, on October 30th, after the band had met short for Major.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 31st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. M. Mitchell (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, G. R. Ambrose 2, H. Argent 3, F. A. Mitchell 4, J. Burles 5, R. A. Muir 6, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 7, G. Morrad 8. Rung on the 17th anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 3rd. All are local Sunday service ringers.

FOR BEGINNERS.

EXTENDING CHANGES FROM FOUR TO FIVE BELLS.

A good deal has been written recently in the columns of 'The Ringing World' as to the relative advantages of teaching beginners on an odd and an even number of bells. In the last article of this series we showed how changes were produced on an even number of bells, namely, four.

Let us now see how this four-bell ringing can be simply applied to five bells. There are two ways in which the method shown for the four bells can be adapted to five. Both have the same principle of plain hunting for all the bells between the leads of treble. But while in one case, when the treble leads, 2nd's place is retained, which causes one of the bells to lie four blows (two whole pulls) behind over the dodging bells, in the other the 'place' is pushed out to 3rd's and comes a half-pull later. This, in turn, pushes the dodging from 3-4 to 4-5, and the extra bell is absorbed, if we can use the term, by continuous plain hunting, like the treble.

The following figures show the difference in the methods which occurs when the treble leads:—

A	B	C
3 4 1 2	5 3 4 1 2	5 3 4 1 2
3 1 4 2	3 5 1 4 2	3 5 1 4 2
1 3 2 4	3 1 5 2 4	3 1 5 2 4
1 3 4 2	1 3 2 5 4	1 3 2 5 4
3 1 2 4	1 3 5 2 4	1 2 3 4 5
3 2 1 4	3 1 2 5 4	2 1 3 5 4
	3 2 1 4 5	2 3 1 4 5
	2 3 4 1 5	3 2 4 1 5

A is the method we gave in the last article, which produces the extent of changes on four bells.

B is the same method applied to five bells, with its 2nd's place, the dodging in 3-4 and the extra bell lying four blows behind. The three-bell cycle of work in A becomes a four-bell cycle in B, the four blows behind occurring between the dodge in 4-3 and the dodge in 3-4.

C is the method with 3rd's instead of 2nd's. There are two hunting bells instead of one, and, in practical ringing, when the treble is met, the other 'hunt' bell is always the next to be looked for. There are only three bells in the working cycle, which can be compared with the changes on four bells thus:—

First lead	On 4 bells	On 5 bells
Second lead	2nd's place	3rd's place
Third lead	dodge 4-3	dodge 5-4
	dodge 3-4	dodge 4-5

We would like beginners to try constructing plain courses of these methods on paper. Both on four and five bells the method with 2nd's place begins 2 1 4 3. In the method with 3rd's, however, the place falls not exactly at the treble lead, but between the two hunts, that is to say, with one blow when the treble leads and the other when the hunt bell leads. This, therefore, requires 3rd's place to be made immediately upon starting, and the bells go off, not 2 1 4 3 5, but 2 1 3 5 4.

Here are the first two or three rows of the methods:—

A	B	C
* 1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
2 1 4 3	2 1 4 3 5	2 1 3 5 4
2 4 1 3	2 4 1 5 3	2 3 1 4 5

Now write out the plain courses, following the rules of construction which require plain hunting except when the treble leads in A and B, and immediately after the treble's lead in C.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. THOMAS WISE.

A VALUED MEMBER OF PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

With much regret we record the passing of Mr. Thomas Wise, of Collingtree, Northants, which took place in the early hours of Wednesday, October 27th, at the age of 41 years.

A native of the nearby village of Wootton, deceased was instrumental in doing much good work in that parish several years ago and assisting at the practices in other parishes in the vicinity on every possible occasion. His enthusiasm was an inspiration to all.

Deceased had rung a number of peals, and, at the peak of his activities, was a most valued member of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Many were the young hands he shepherded through their first peals, in methods of Doubles, Minor and Triples. He was a safe conductor.

An engineer by trade, Mr. Wise was able to turn his hand to almost anything. He was keen on horticulture, and was exceptionally good at both making and writing peal boards. Three of his works of art can be seen in the belfries of Wootton, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton, and the Parish Church, Hanslope, Bucks, upon which his name will ever recall his memory.

It was on July 14th, 1928, that he turned in the 22 cwt. tenor at Hanslope to a peal of Minor—one of his hardest earned peals, and only on that occasion did he show any real sign of the trouble from which he died.

Deceased was at work up to the day before his death, and the announcement of his passing in the local papers came as a shock to all his old comrades with whom he was extremely popular.

He was interred on Friday, October 29th, when the bells at Collingtree and of his native Wootton were rung to muffled touches.

REMEMBRANCE.

COMMEMORATION OF ARMISTICE.

Much ringing was done with half-muffled bells to commemorate the fallen in the Great War, on the anniversary of the Armistice. Our peal columns record a number of peals.

At Ibstock, Leicestershire, a half-peal of Bob Minor (2,520 changes) was rung, with 83 calls—this being the number of men from the village who laid down their lives in the Great War. The ringers were A. R. Tonks 1, O. Verey 2, W. Goadby 3, J. W. Atkins (longest length of Minor 'inside') 4, E. J. Tovell 5, A. E. Rowley (conductor) 6. It was the longest length of Minor by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 5.

At King's Norton, Birmingham, on Remembrance Day, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was rung with the bells half-muffled: G. E. Fearn (conductor) 1, C. Webb 2, C. H. Stanley 3, N. Goodman 4, H. Williams 5, E. F. Poppy 6, W. C. Dowding 7, H. J. Turner 8, H. H. Fearn 9, J. George 10.

On Thursday evening, November 11th, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Northfleet, Kent: V. Lament (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Smith 2, G. Butcher (conductor) 3, E. Peartree 4, T. Taylor 5, R. Constant 6, G. Morrad 7, C. Hammond 8.

At Newport Pagnell on Thursday evening, November 11th, for Armistice Day, also in token of respect to the late Bishop of Buckingham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Mills 1, J. Mapley 2, R. G. Abrahams 3, H. B. Beard 4, E. G. Lathall (conductor) 5, R. Howson 6, R. A. Hall 7, D. J. Clare 8.

At Bootle, Lancs, for a special service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Minor was rung (240 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Oxford Bob and 120 Plain Bob): James McKee 1, T. Horridge (first quarter-peal of Minor 'inside') 2, J. Martin (conductor) 3, G. Lunt 4, John McKee 5, E. T. Bennett 6.

A quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung at Maidsmorton on Armistice Day, November 11th: G. Holland (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Nichols 2, H. Jones, jun. 3, H. Stopps 4, H. Jones, sen. 5, F. C. Case (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6.

On Armistice Eve at St. John's Church, Longton, Staffs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to fallen ringers of the association and relatives of the band: W. Carter 1, W. Perkins (first quarter-peal) 2, A. D. Steel (conductor) 3, H. Carter 4, W. H. Bloor 5, N. R. Holland 6, E. Steele 7, H. Bloor 8.

At St. George's, Beckenham, Kent, for evening service on Armistice Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. I. Rawlings 1, W. J. Rawlings 2, G. E. Rawlings 3, R. W. Rawlings 4, G. W. Fogden 5, C. F. Onley 6, P. A. Corby (conductor) 7, C. Austin 8.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT RIPPINGALE.

On Saturday, October 30th, a quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Rippingale, and about 40 ringers attended, the following towers being represented: Peterborough, Bourne, Market Deeping, Morton, Edenham, Witham-on-the-Hill, Surfleet, Billingham, Hough-on-the-Hill, Caythorpe, Sleaford, Dyke, Folkingham and Rippingale. The Rector (the Rev. Williams) kindly allowed the use of the bells during the afternoon and evening, and the visitors made good use of the opportunity of trying this splendid peal of six, lately restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co. A large variety of Minor methods was the order of the day, and was much enjoyed by those taking part. Choral service was conducted by the Rector, the lesson being read by Mr. S. Laxton, captain of the local band.

In the course of his address the Rector extended a very hearty welcome to the visitors, and said he was glad to see so many towers represented. The numerous ringing associations did excellent work for the church, and he paid particular tribute to his own ringers for the splendid work they did both in the belfry and the choir.

Tea, which was kindly provided by the Rippingale ringers, was served in the Parish Hall, 36 sitting down. Among those present were the Rector and Mrs. Williams, Mr. R. Richardson (Master of the Guild) and Mrs. Richardson.

At the business meeting which followed the Rector presided. It was proposed that the annual meeting be held at Grantham, an amendment was made in favour of Edenham, and, on being put to the vote, Edenham secured the majority.

An appeal was made for two restoration schemes, Hougham and Sempringham Abbey Church, but it was decided that both appeals be put on the agenda for the annual meeting.

Mr. B. H. Dalton, of Billingham, was elected a performing member of the Southern Branch.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and the service, and also to all who had taken part in the arrangements, and for the hospitality shown to the visitors.

Some afterwards took part in handbell ringing, others returned to the tower.

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At Beaconsfield, Bucks, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) with the bells half-muffled, for the Remembrance Day service at the Parish Church on November 7th: Miss M. Wingrove 1, Miss K. E. Fletcher 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher 3, the Rev. R. F. R. Routh 4, R. Smith 5, W. Fletcher 6, J. Harrison 7, H. Wingrove (conductor) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ringers of Knaresborough, Yorkshire, have resigned on account of a disagreement with the Church Council regarding new rules.

The stumbling-block is a rule which says, 'Any misconduct in the belfry shall be reported at once to the Vicar.' The ringers protest that the rule is unnecessary, as no one in his senses misconducts himself in the belfry.

Geoffrey Harrison, of Loughborough, who has just rung two peals in a day, was stated in our last issue to be 14 years old. Actually he is only 13, which makes his performance even more remarkable.

The Spliced Surprise Major rung at the College Youths' dinner on November 6th consisted of six methods, Rutland being included in addition to the five mentioned in our report. The error was due to difficulties of hearing, for in the large hall the call of 'Rutland' sounded like 'London.'

During the eight days of the jubilee celebrations of Truro Cathedral the bells were rung each evening for the special service, and for the Choral Eucharist, special's men's service and evensong on the Sunday, the Cathedral company being assisted by visiting ringers from various parishes in the diocese.

His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. J. E. Davis, of 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, is in hospital with a septic arm. He underwent an operation on Thursday of last week, and, although in considerable pain, is, we learn, fairly comfortable. Mr. Davis is in charge of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, tower, and the Monday evening practices there are temporarily suspended.

With regard to the non-conducted peal of Cambridge at Brierley Hill, Mr. E. Barnett writes: 'A non-conducted (or silent) peal of Cambridge Surprise was rung at Crayford on October 11th, 1929, and, if my memory is correct, Messrs. Pye, Bennett, Wigg and Co. rang one last year on a tour in the North of England.'

PEAL ATTEMPT AT CHESTER CATHEDRAL.

DEAN'S MOMENTARY FORGETFULNESS BRINGS UNTIMELY END.

The attempt for the first peal on the ten bells at Chester Cathedral, rung by a representative band of the Diocesan Guild, came to an untimely end on Saturday by the sudden failure of the electric light. The chamber was only in darkness for a few seconds before the light came again, but several of the band had set their bells and the ringing was abandoned. Investigation brought no satisfactory explanation, for the Cathedral was found to be locked and in darkness, as it was left before ascending the tower. After some consideration it was decided that the lateness of the hour made a further attempt for the peal undesirable, and after ringing a touch of Kent Royal and a course of Cambridge Major the bells were lowered.

The 'mystery' was solved on Sunday morning, when the Chester branch secretary received a telephone message from the Dean, who said that he was very concerned about the occurrence and more concerned to think that he was the cause of it. He had taken a party into the Cathedral after the normal closing hour, and had unwittingly shut off the belfry main switch with the others. Quickly realising the consequences he had switched on again, but it was, of course, too late. He wishes to express to the band his apologies and profound regret, and hopes that the next attempt will be marred by no such unfortunate accident.

He has given permission for the peal—Kent Royal, conducted by Mr. R. Sperring—to be made on Saturday, December 11th.

INVERARAY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Many who were at the College Youths' dinner and heard the Duke of Argyll's invitation to ring at Inveraray will be interested to know something of those bells.

In June last the ringers of St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, obtained permission to visit there, and touches of Triples and Caters were rung—it is believed that they were the first on the bells. The 'go' was excellent. A few weeks ago I was informed by the towerkeeper that the bells had not been rung up since then.

Although the tenor is about 42 cwt., there are no boxes for the ringers, and the ropes are rotted and quite unreliable. The Glasgow ringers, knowing the conditions, brought supplies of both with them. At least one of the stays is damaged. The church is very near to the water's edge and the bells are not properly protected from the wet.

R. O. STREET.

Glasgow.

AN INCIDENT AT IVER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please kindly allow me a little space wherein to warn anyone who is thinking of trying to get a ring at St. Peter's, Iver, Bucks, of having a lost journey. On Sunday week, having read the notice in 'The Ringing World' of the reopening of the bells, several ringers gathered there, but on entering the belfry (both before and after the service) were treated as intruders by the local call-change company, and were not asked to take part in the ringing, or even to try one of the bells.

G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

Iver Heath.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

MR. W. T. COCKERILL'S RETIREMENT.

Election of New Secretary.

'Election night' drew a large attendance of members of the Ancient Society of College Youths to headquarters on Tuesday of last week. The reason was not far to seek. Mr. W. T. Cockerill was retiring from the office of hon. secretary, and members desired to show their appreciation of his long service to the society and express their good wishes to him.

Mr. Cockerill was voted to the chair while the election of officers took place, and, there being only one nomination for each office, the following were declared re-elected: Master, Mr. E. H. Lewis; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. L. A. Porter; junior steward, Mr. J. A. Waugh; trustees, Messrs. C. F. Winney and H. R. Newton.

Mr. A. B. Peck was elected to succeed Mr. Cockerill, to whom many tributes were paid for his long and devoted services to the society.

The Master proposed that the best thanks of the society be accorded to Mr. Cockerill and that the resolution be entered on the minutes. This was seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes, and among others who spoke were Messrs. J. G. Prior, H. Hoskins, H. R. Newton, C. Hazelden, F. E. Dawe, J. A. Waugh and Rawlins.

Good wishes were also expressed by Mr. E. P. Duffield and others to Mr. Peck in undertaking the secretarial duties.

The customary routine business, including the adoption of the balance sheet for the year, was disposed of and two new members were elected.

Thanks were accorded to the Dinner Committee for their successful efforts in connection with the tercentenary celebrations, and a message of greeting was dispatched to Canon G. F. Coleridge on his 80th birthday.

Mr. Alfred B. Peck, who has succeeded Mr. Cockerill in the secretaryship, has had a long connection with the Ancient Society and been prominently identified with its activities. He was elected Master in 1910, after having served four years as steward.

A native of Bedford, Mr. Peck learned to handle a bell at St. Mary's Church in that town, but, coming to London in 1900, he was fortunate to make his way to St. Stephen's, Westminster, where at that time there was an accomplished band of Surprise ringers. He has taken part in many notable performances, and at St. Paul's Cathedral, where he has long been a member of the band, has turned the tenor in to Cambridge Maximus. As this performance indicates, Mr. Peck is an accomplished heavy-bell ringer, and among his feats was ringing Southwark Cathedral tenor, a bell of over 50 cwt., to the ill-fated record peal of Stedman Cinques, 12,675 changes, in 9 hours 47 minutes, on May 21st, 1923, the composition of which afterwards turned out to be false. Mr. Peck was also a member of the company which rang the record length by one set of men, the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton on April 22nd, 1922.

THE LATE MR. A. E. WREAKS. RINGERS' MEMORIAL.

At St. James' Church, Paisley, Scotland, on Sunday, after morning service, dedication of a 'ringers' memorial library' in memory of the late Mr. Albert Edward Wreaks, took place in the belfry. Mr. Wreaks was for many years the esteemed Master of the ringers.

The memorial takes the form of a bookcase with books concerning bellringing, and should become a valuable acquisition to the ringers.

The Rev. Sydney C. Still, M.A., who performed the brief ceremony, said they had assembled to dedicate the memorial in grateful remembrance of Albert Edward Wreaks, for 26 years the beloved Master of their association, whose name held an abiding place in their affections. He spoke of Mr. Wreaks' work since coming to teach the art of ringing at Paisley, and then unveiled the bookcase and dedicated it with suitable prayers.



MR. A. B. PECK,
The new Hon. Secretary
of the Society.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS.

WORK TO BEGIN ON RING OF TWELVE.

A Four-ton Tenor.

The first part of the order for the bells of the new Cathedral at Liverpool has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry.

It consists of a ring of twelve, with a tenor of 80 cwt., and a sharp second bell to provide a light octave.

The Cathedral will thus have the heaviest ringing peal in the world.

It is uncertain when the bells will be hung, for the great central tower is not yet finished, but presumably it will be at no very distant date.

Ringers will anticipate with lively interest hearing a peal of bells of these majestic proportions.

TEACHING BEGINNERS.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—I was astonished beyond measure to note the tone of Mr. Stephen Wood's letter in your issue of October 22nd, for if any of your readers will kindly refer to the letter written by me on the subject of the most suitable method on which to start a beginner, they will see that I have never alluded to his letter in any way, much less mentioned his name. Some unseen force must, therefore, have altered the points, and put Mr. Wood entirely on the wrong pair of rails! I have a far greater respect for his splendid ability, but having regard to all the correspondence on the subject, to say nothing of the numerous discussions and expressions of opinion up and down the country, I ventured to express an opinion, which I still strongly maintain and which was supported by a large number of good ringers, that the much despised Grandsire method is certainly the best for teaching a beginner first. I note that the opinions in favour of other methods mainly emanate from inexperience amongst the class known as the 'rising generation'! In my long experience I only knew of three towers where Bob Doubles and Major have been employed—and each one has proved a dismal failure!

I am very sorry to note that Mr. Wood appears to speak slightly of old times, as past instructors certainly turned out some good ringers, but do let me assure everyone concerned that there were some of the best achievements by those good old ringers, and I have had the honour of taking part in several where the striking was simply perfect. The peal books of the various societies can verify this. No doubt, Mr. Wood and others have succeeded in eclipsing the ringing of that period, thus putting everything already done quite in the shade, but I have unfortunately missed the reports of same in your valuable paper by some strange accident or other!

Anyhow, I am perfectly certain that the quality and accuracy of the actual ringing was better in those days than that which obtains generally at the present time—I mean before the 'craze' for new methods, more than enough to employ every name in Bradshaw's Guide with that ridiculous word 'Surprise' after it. The real surprise is how the heavily taxed ratepayers near at hand put up with the discordant 'jangles.' Nowadays a ringer's capabilities appear to be judged by and consist of the number of new methods he can jangle through without any consideration as to correct striking and careful ringing. Much has been said about encouraging young people, but really it is quite unnecessary, as they appear to be very well able to take care of and speak for themselves! I have never, from first to last, said a word against Mr. Wood's able advice, but have spoken from a collective standpoint, so as to embody the opinions of the majority. I really do hope that Mr. Wood will not misunderstand me in future. After all, when an apple cart has been upset quite unintentionally, surely it is an easy matter to set it up again all right!

F. E. DAWE.

A COUNTRYMAN'S VIEW.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I be from the country and it weren't so long since I larnt to ring neither, but I've taught a good few boy-chaps since then. I bain't much of a scholar but it do seem to I as some of they chaps as is writing about larners be getting a bit muddled. I reckon some be talking about how to teach boys to plain hunt, and t'others be on about how to larn 'em to ring a method.

Once you've larnt 'em to hunt and to strike good while they be a'doin' on it, and to see where they be a-going on four bells and then on five or six, my boys say as it's just as easy to make seconds as to make thirds, or to dodge up along in 3-4 as it be in 4-5. It don't seem to make no difference to they 'cos they knows where 'em be. If they couldn't find their way about proper in hunting, they'd make as big a mess o' Grandsire as they 'ould o' Plain Bob. Keep 'em hunting till they can see what's what, and after a bit it don't matter whether the old tenor's a-drumming behind or whether she's coming in along o' the rest. My boys be only 11 or 12 years old, but it don't take 'em long to pick up hunting on 3 or 4 and then up.

And I'll tell 'ee summat else. They boys don't think much o' the nasty letters just lately. They reckon it's a poor job if people can't see more nor their own point o' view, and remember as us all learns a different way, more like as not.

Oxfordshire.

'YOKEL.'

BAD LEADERSHIP AND BAD RINGING.

RETIRING SECRETARY'S OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM.

Pointed remarks on striking and service ringing in the Rochester District of the Kent County Association were made by the retiring hon. secretary, Mr. Stanley Shellock, in his annual report presented to the members on October 30th, when the annual meeting of the district was held at Rochester Cathedral, through the kindness of the Dean. The attendance was quite up to the standard, approximately 80 being present from the following towers: Gravesend, Northfleet, Milton-next-Gravesend, Frindsbury, Rochester, Chatham, Gillingham, Rainham, Sittingbourne, Bobbing, Tunstall, Maidstone, Dartford, Beckenham, Hawkhurst and Woodford.

The bells were available from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., at which time evensong was sung in the Cathedral, which the majority of the ringers took the opportunity to attend.

Tea was provided by the association at the City Cafe, and Mr. F. M. Mitchell, general secretary of the association, was voted to the chair at the business meeting which followed. The balance sheet was read and adopted, and the secretary's report was also received, although, as the chairman remarked, it contained a few biting references.

MORE COMPETENT LEADERS NEEDED.

In his report the hon. secretary said: 'I make no excuse for again bringing to your notice our main duty as churchworkers, which is to use our skill for ringing the bells for Sunday services. May I reiterate those words "our skill," because I have listened and, at times, regretfully I must admit, even been compelled to be one of the company responsible for terrible striking, which is a travesty of change ringing; such exposition of our art is to be regretted. It is mainly due to bad leadership and most certainly is likely to continue until we have sufficient general interest in the well-being of our local bands and also the courage to substitute these irresponsible persons by more competent leaders.

'To the incumbents, their assistants and lay officers of our churches I also again appeal to interest themselves in the ringers and ringing and to make up their minds that during the coming year the actual ringing chambers, whilst the ringers are performing both on Sundays and on practice nights, will more often be visited. I do not suggest, however, that such visits should be made out of idle curiosity, but with a view to improvement in the ringing, and would suggest inquiry on such visits, whether the physical effort to obtain regular spacing between the blows of each bell is greater than that which is necessary when the rhythm is disjointed. This show of real interest will, I am certain, be worth much more than we can imagine, and will, if persevered in, raise the standard of change ringing in our district to a desirably higher level.'

The report went on to say that the honorary members of the branch had declined by one, to 19, and the practising members by 11, to 157. It was hoped that an effort would be made to make up the leeway during the succeeding twelve months. The secession of Milton Regis had reduced the total of towers in union to 19. Meetings at Milton-next-Gravesend, Queenborough and Tunstall had all been highly successful and well attended, and thanks were recorded to Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell: the ringers and their friends at Queenborough; and the Rector of Tunstall for entertaining the members to tea.

A HIT BELOW THE BELT.

The hon. secretary added that owing to a family bereavement he was debarred from attending the meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend, his only absence during the whole term he had occupied office. He regretted that his absence should have been chosen suitable for a complaint regarding lack of reports in 'The Ringing World' of their meetings. He resented this 'hit below the belt,' particularly as he had been most careful on the special occasions, and he was sure the Editor of 'The Ringing World' had given the Rochester District a very square deal in these matters.

The Hon. Secretary said he had summarised the attendances at district meetings over the last 20 years. It showed that 3,852 persons had attended 62 meetings, an average of 47 for each meeting. During the last nine years the average attendance had been 54, so that they had more than maintained their interest in a very vital branch of the association's work.

Twenty-two peals had been rung in the last year in seven towers in the district, with six conductors.

The secretary went on to ask for some organised effort to improve service ringing, for which, he thought, there was room. Many peals of bells were silent either for morning or evening service, and specially arranged quarter-peals was one way of tackling this problem. He asked the members to think this over very seriously and determine to make amends. He heartily congratulated Mr. Frank Cheal, of Rainham, who had, during the past year, put in 106 attendances for Sunday ringing—undoubtedly a very creditable performance.

SATISFACTORY FINANCE.

The financial position of the district was very satisfactory, and it was hoped that a sum of approximately £18 10s. would be available to turn over to the general account. The total contribution of the district to the Benevolent Fund for the year was £3 16s. 7d.

The hon. secretary expressed sympathy with the Newington ringers at the enforced silence, generally, of their bells, due to want of structural repairs, and he commended their loyalty in retaining their membership through such a period of trial.

The death of Lawrence Hales, of Hoo St. Werberg, and Edward Friend, of Gillingham, was sympathetically referred to, and, in conclusion, the hon. secretary expressed his thanks to the members for the trust they had reposed in him during his term of office, and, in regretting he could no longer carry on the duties, appealed for all the help the members could give to his successor.

The election of the district officers resulted in both the retiring district representatives, Messrs. Spice and Allen, being re-elected, and Mr. G. H. Spice was elected as district secretary, the retiring secretary, through domestic circumstances, being unable to continue.

The Chairman proposed that a very hearty vote of thanks should be accorded Mr. Shellock for his services as district secretary during the last nine years, and this was unanimously carried. The retiring secretary thanked the company for their kind expressions and informed them of his great regret in having to give up the post.

During the evening the bells were rung by mixed companies, and certainly Stedman did not go very kindly. The closing touch of Bob Royal, which was a great improvement, indicated how much better results could be obtained with a little more enterprise.

RETIRING SECRETARY'S THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to take this opportunity of expressing to you my very sincere thanks for your indulgence to me in the execution of my duties during the past nine years.

STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK.

Retiring District Sec. (Rochester Dis., K.C.A.).

AFFAIRS IN THE TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

HON. SECRETARY CALLS FOR A GREATER EFFORT.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tonbridge and was attended by 60 members, representing 14 towers out of the 19 in union in the district. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening in the standard methods, and, on the whole, the striking was very good. The usual service was held, conducted by the Rev. Canon F. Child. Tea at the Carlton Cafe was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by Mr. E. H. Lewis, president of the Central Council and vice-president of the association.

The hon. secretary (Mr. A. Richardson), in presenting his report for the year, said that for many years it had been a habit to commence the report with the words, 'I have again great pleasure in presenting my report,' but the time had unfortunately come when it was anything but a pleasure. He said he did not want to be thought a pessimist, but in putting the facts before the members in an optimistic mood he trusted they would be stirred to action, and would uphold the standard that the district had enjoyed for so many years. The number of practising members had dropped to the low level of 165. This figure was the lowest since 1920. The number of subscribing honorary members had reached the low figure of eight, unparalleled since 1918. There had been lack of progress in method ringing, and the striking at some meetings had left much to be desired. In too many towers practices had been allowed to lapse, and Sunday service ringing had suffered correspondingly. He pointed out Rule No. 1 of the association: 'That this association . . . have for its object the establishment, maintenance and encouragement of service ringing in all the churches in the county.' So that it was up to everyone to take interest, not only in one's own tower, but in all the towers.

The report caused considerable stir. Mr. T. Saunders, of East Peckham, said he 'did not think much of the report,' as it did not praise the district up. Mr. Richardson said that they had praised him for his previous reports, when he had painted a good picture, and he thought it was up to them to do the same when he told the truth, as it was for the ultimate good of the district.

A RINGING MASTER ELECTED.

Mr. Lewis put the report, together with the balance sheet, to the meeting, and their adoption was carried.

Mr. A. Richardson was re-elected hon. secretary for the ensuing year. Messrs. E. Everest and T. Saunders were elected district representatives.

The Chairman pointed out the paragraph in Rule 7, which states that a ringing master may be elected.

Mr. F. W. Housden said he thought it was very necessary for the district to have a ringing master, and put forward the name of Mr. E. J. Ladd.

Mr. Edwards said that the representatives of the district had for years acted in the capacity of ringing masters, and he could not see any advantage in making any alteration.—The Hon. Secretary remarked that though this should have been so, it had nearly always been left to him to make up the ringing at meetings. He thought that a ringing master should have knowledge of other methods besides Grandsire and be able to conduct other methods.

Mr. Edwards retorted that surely it did not need a London 'gadget' to organise the ringing, as it was not necessary for a ringing master to stand in all the touches.

Mr. Housden's proposition was seconded by Mr. H. J. Ford, and Mr. E. J. Ladd was elected the Master for 1938.

Mr. C. Dailly, of Brasted, was elected a practising member, having previously rung the treble to a touch of Grandsire Triples, this being his first experience on eight bells.

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ANOTHER SPLICED SURPRISE RECORD. SIX METHODS RUNG ON HANDBELLS.

Hertfordshire Men's Great Achievement.

The Hertfordshire handbell band have created yet another record by ringing a peal of six Spliced Surprise Major methods, Rutland having now been included with London, Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol and Ealing.

One can only continue to marvel at the skill of this talented quartette, to whose all-conquering achievements there seems no end. Their performance at the Collage Youths' tercentenary gathering, when they rang these six methods in the presence of a huge audience, was a revelation of their brilliance, and everyone commented upon the speed at which the ringing was done. The whole peal last Friday was accomplished at the same great pace, only a small fraction less than 38 changes a minute.

The average mind has difficulty in grasping what this implies. Each man putting two bells in their places for two and a quarter hours, slipping with perfect smoothness 135 times from one method to another, and striking the bells at an average rate of over five per second! The more the ordinary ringer thinks of it the more staggering it appears.

Here is the composition, by the conductor, Mr. Harold Cashmore, who, let us add, is something of a wizard with figures as well as with handbells. His share in the performance is colossal, for not only had he to ring his own pair of bells, but to call 102 bobs and the 135 changes of method. One of the most brilliant ringing achievements of all time.

5,088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.

By H. G. Cashmore.

		M	W	H
23456				
42356	B	—	—	—
65324	ECE	—	—	—
36524	RCL	—	—	—
53624	RSBBE	—	3	—
56234	RSEB	—	2	—
25634	ECL	—	—	—
63254	LCL	—	—	—
54632	EBOR	2	—	—
35642	LOR	—	—	—
43652	LOR	—	—	—
28354	LCL	—	—	—
32654	LCE	—	—	—
45623	ECL	—	—	—
24653	RSL	—	—	—
52643	LBBCL	3	—	—
23645	LSLB	—	2	—

Twice repeated. B represents a lead of Bristol, E Ealing, C Cambridge, R Rutland, L London, S Superlative. The leads shown S must be rung as such. C can be rung S or G. In the peal as rung at Oxhey there were 1,440 changes of London, 672 each of Cambridge and Rutland, and 768 each of the other three methods.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.—At St. Chad's Church on October 13th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples: J. Youde 1, T. Simon, jun. 2, A. E. Richards 3, R. L. Ince 4, T. Guest 5, J. Thomas 6, J. Morgan (conductor) 7, T. Simon, sen. 8. First quarter-peal in the method for all except the conductor.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, October 3rd, for evening service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Rev. G. Harvey 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 2, H. L. Cooke 3, H. S. Parsons 4, H. C. Bond 5, A. Painter 6, F. J. Lewis, jun. 7, W. H. Hayward 8. First quarter-peal and first attempt away from the tenor by the Rev. G. Harvey (priest-in-charge at Watermoor).

CAMBERWELL.—At St. Giles' Church on Sunday evening, October 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Mills 1, Miss H. Mills 2, J. Gransbury 3, W. Grainger 4, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 5, F. Hopgood (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, E. F. King 7, H. Peters 8.

LYDIARD MILLCENT, WILTS.—On Wednesday, September 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: W. C. Chandler 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. Shalles 3, F. D. Wheeler (first quarter 'inside') 4, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 5, N. C. Wheeler 6.

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The following towers were chosen to be visited in the forthcoming year: Goudhurst in February, Hever in May, Brasted and Sundridge in July, and Toubridge in October. Mr. E. H. Lewis kindly invited the members to tea when they visited Brasted.

The members were informed that their old friend, the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, Vicar of Shipbourne, had not been enjoying very good health, and the secretary was asked to send to him the sympathy and good wishes of the members.

After the usual votes of thanks, Mr. Lewis, who had kindly brought along a portable gramophone, demonstrated the meaning of good striking by putting on the record of Spliced Surprise (Bristol, London, Cambridge, Superlative, Ealing), rung by Messrs. H. Hodgetts, C. Woolley, H. G. Cashmore and F. Brinklow.

LADY AS ESSEX DISTRICT SECRETARY.

CHANGE IN NORTHERN DIVISION OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association took place at Bocking on November 6th, 52 ringers attending from the following 21 parishes: Greenstead Green, Earls Colne, Braintree, Witham, Sawbridgeworth, Sible Hedingham, Great Baddow, St. Osyth, Saffron Walden, Dunmow, Springfield, Great Bardfield, Wickham St. Paul's, Halstead, Kelvedon, Maldon, Bocking, Felsted, Wanstead, Peering and Colne Engaine. At the service the Dean of Bocking paid a high tribute to the services of the ringers and said he was very happy to be with them once again.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 11s.

Tea was prepared at Courtaulds' Dining Room (by kind permission of Messrs. Courtaulds, Ltd.) by ladies, under the supervision of Mrs. Rogers. The Dean presided.

This was followed by the business meeting, the District Master (Mr. A. A. Saunders) presiding. The district secretary (Mr. F. Ridgwell) presented a report, in the course of which he said: 'During the past year meetings have been held at Sible Hedingham, Peering, Great Bardfield, Witham and Bocking, with an average attendance of 43. Two honorary and four ringing members have been elected. Since the last district annual meeting 30 peals have been rung in this division compared with 24 last year. They were all rung on tower bells, conducted by R. Suckling 8, L. W. Wiffen and R. Bird 7 each, H. W. Smith and A. Catterwell 2 each, W. Arnold, W. Ayre, J. Jennings and G. R. Townes 1 each. It is very gratifying to see the number of young ringers taking part in these peals, some their first peal and some the first in the method, whilst others conducted their first peal in various methods, and, with one exception, they were all conducted by members of this division.'

He thanked all those who had attended the meetings during the year and especially the correspondents of each company who had been such a great help by collecting subscriptions from all their members and sending them to him.

The report was received with enthusiasm.

SECRETARY RETIRES—BUT IS ELECTED RINGING MASTER.

The next business was the election of officers for the year. Mr. Ridgwell said he was not quite such a free man at present as when he took over the secretaryship eight years ago, and he asked for someone to be appointed in his place. There were some excellent ringers and conductors who he would like to see taking an interest in the inner working of the association, and he would like to propose that Miss H. Snowden be elected.—This was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen said a great debt of gratitude was due to Mr. Ridgwell for all the work which he had done in such a conscientious manner; they had been very fortunate to have a man like him (applause).

The Secretary, in returning thanks, said the kind words which had been spoken fully compensated him for his eight years' work.

The District Master also tendered his resignation. He said he had held the office for ten years and considered it should be passed on.

Mr. Wiffen suggested that the late secretary be asked to take over the mastership; he thought it would be much better than having two new officers.—Mr. Ridgwell said he would agree if the members thought his services would be helpful to the new secretary. This was apparently the object of the proposition and he was unanimously elected.—Mr. Saunders was thanked for his past services.

A discussion took place as to the advisability of forming a benevolent fund for the association, but by a large majority the suggestion was turned down. It was agreed to hold the first meeting in the New Year at Earls Colne.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Dean for the use of the bells, his address, and presiding at the tea, also to the ladies for preparing it, and to Messrs. Courtaulds for the use of the dining hall.

The Dean, in reply, said he thought they had made one mistake in arranging for the next meeting at Earls Colne; he thought they should all be held at Bocking (laughter).

A hearty welcome was accorded the visitors and congratulations were extended to the local company for the excellent way in which they kept their belfry.

A telegram of congratulation was sent from the meeting to the Ancient Society of College Youths, then holding their tercentenary meeting in London.

The methods rung during the day commenced with a few rounds for beginners and afterwards Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

MAULDEN RINGERS' GOOD START.

At St. Mary's Church, Maulden, Beds, on Friday, November 5th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 120 of April Day, 480 of Plain Bob and 660 of Grandsire: Samuel Daniels 1, Andrew Sinfeld 2, Ralph Stokes 3, Ronald Sharp 4, C. E. Jeffries (conductor) 5, Sidney Sharp 6. The first quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 3 and 6. The band were recently taught change ringing by the conductor, and are local Sunday service ringers.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Fenn (conductor) 1, W. Beard 2, H. Worboys 3, E. G. Cottis 4, E. Poppy (Eye, Suffolk) 5, L. E. Last 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, R. Fenn 8.

DEVON GUILD.**MID-DEVON BRANCH SECRETARY WANTS TO RETIRE.**

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild was held at Dartington on Saturday, October 30th, and was moderately attended, ringers being present from Exeter, Brampford Speke, Newton Abbot, Collaton, Paignton and Buckfastleigh.

The five peal of six bells were well utilised during the afternoon, some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob Minor being rung, two members ringing their first touch in the latter method.

A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. S. Martin), who also gave a very able address. A collection taken for the Guild Bells Restoration Fund amounted to 5s.

The party adjourned to the Commercial Hotel, Totnes, for tea, and this was followed by the usual business meeting, presided over by the Rev. W. R. D. Mills (chairman).

It was reported that the meeting had been changed from Kingskerswell to Dartington, owing to the bells at the former place being under restoration. It was resolved that the annual meeting of the branch be held at Kingskerswell on Saturday, February 12th, 1938, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The following election of members prior to starting for peals were unanimously confirmed: Miss Florrie Wyman, Crawley; Mr. H. W. Simmons, Croydon; Mr. W. Claydon, Reigate; Mr. W. R. Melville, Kingsworthy; Mr. C. E. Smith, Godalming; Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Woking; Mr. A. Paddon Smith, Birmingham; Mr. G. F. Swann, Birmingham; Mr. R. Richardson, Surfleet, all non-resident life members; also Mr. H. J. Hole, of Paignton, unattached performing member.

On the suggestion of the secretary, it was resolved to furnish each member of the branch with a copy of the secretary's and treasurer's reports for the annual meeting. Mr. A. L. Bennett also intimated that at the annual meeting he did not propose to seek re-election as secretary, treasurer and Ringing Master, but he was requested by the chairman and the general secretary to reconsider his decision.

Hearty votes of thanks accorded the Rector of Dartington for the use of his bells and for conducting the service, and to Mrs. Martin for presiding at the organ, terminated the business. Some of the members returned to the tower for further ringing, which included a well-struck 360 of Plain Bob Minor conducted by the president.

A YOUNG BAND.

At the Parish Church, Desborough, Northants, on Sunday, November 7th, for morning service, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor: Raymond H. Idle (aged 12) 1, Lewis W. Kilbourn 2, Denis Yeomans (aged 13), 3, John E. Plane (aged 15) 4, Leonard J. Brown (aged 15) 5, Arthur H. Idle (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 for ringers of 1 and 3, and first 720 'inside' for ringers of 5 and 6.

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GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business following. Nominations for district officers for 1938 at this meeting.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Putney on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (8) available 3 to 5 p.m. Tea will be arranged nearby, with meeting to follow. Fulham bells (10) from 7 to 8 p.m. Let's have a good attendance.—A. P. Cannon, 118, Sarsfield Road, Balham, S.W.12.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., at 6d. each. All ringers will be made welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Gorton Unitarian Church on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 1s. each. Meeting in the Schoolroom to follow. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will take place at St. Anne's Parish Church on Saturday, November 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Bring food, tea in Institute at 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The last meeting of 1937 will be held at Kegworth on November 20th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Surfleet on Saturday, November 20th. 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.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Polesworth on Saturday, November 20th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Tea (1s.) at the Coffee House at 5 p.m.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—All ringers invited to the rededication of the peal of eight bells at St. Peter's, recently recast by John Taylor and Co. Service 3.30 p.m., Saturday, November 20th. Ceremony and address by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Winchester. Tea 5.15 p.m. Ringing 6.15 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—Arthur V. Davis, captain of St. Peter's bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, November 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Bruce Castle Bakery, near the church, at 5.30, at 1s. each. Special method, Edmonton Bob Major. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Branch.—A meeting will be held at Twerton-on-Avon on Saturday, November 20th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Theo. Grant, Swainswick, Bath.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, November 20th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 at Express Dairy on London Bridge station approach. Business meeting in vestry after tea. Travelling facilities: Borough station on Mordon-Edgware Tube; bus services, Nos. 5, 10, 21, 35, 40, 69, 133 and 133A pass the church.—N. Summerhayes, 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—At Totternhoe (6 bells), on Saturday, November 20th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Leighton Buzzard.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The next meeting of the branch will be held at Exton on Saturday next, November 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.—S. H. Towell, Hon. Sec., 17, King's Road, Oakham.

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.—Near Stockport.—The bells will be rededicated by the Archdeacon of Macclesfield on Sunday, November 21st, at 10.45 a.m. A ring of eight tuned and rehung in new framework by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The diocesan collections will be presented at the Cathedral on Monday, November 22nd. Bells ready at 6.30 p.m. Service at 7.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 25th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 23rd; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after. Will all those intending to be present and requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, November 24th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The last meeting for 1937 of the North Norfolk Branch will be held at Hethersett on November 27th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at 1s. 3d. each. Let us have a good attendance, and please don't forget that postcard by Thursday, November 25th.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available from 6 p.m. A meeting to be held in the tower during the evening. All welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector. Please send your names for tea to reach me not later than Wednesday, November 24th. Plenty of ringing.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Ightham, on Saturday, November 27th. Peal of six bells available from 2.30. Service at 5. Tea is by kind invitation. Please send a postcard if you are coming.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting, Mitcham Parish Church, Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, in Parish Room, by kind invitation of the Mitcham band, 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Memorial to the late Master of the Association, James Douglas Drewett, Esq., J.P., will be unveiled at 4.30 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. C. Potheary, 73, Fernlea Road, Mitcham, not later than Thursday, November 25th. All ringers welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mr. J. Simister, 14, Hawke St., Stalybridge.—K. Lewis, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting is arranged at Swavesey, Cambs, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service, if arranged. There will be no excuse for not attending this meeting except illness; weddings can wait. Trains (L.N.E.R.) and buses (Eastern Counties) pass the door. A 'Taylor' six rehung in ball bearings by 'Johnston' recently. Book the date. (No, Don.) Come early.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 7 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds, 12.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Next meeting at Paulerspury on Saturday, November 27th. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Please notify for tea.—Rev. E. V. Fenn, Lois Weedon Vicarage, Towcester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Werburgh's, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells open 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Gifford House, Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—A meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held at Eastham (6 bells) on Saturday, November 27th. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, November 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea is being provided for those who notify Mr. H. Bradley, Station Gatehouse, Norton, near Doncaster, by Tuesday, November 23rd. This is being tried as an experiment by the Church workers to help clear a debt they have, so a good attendance is requested to help them in this effort.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Langley, Bucks (6 bells), on Saturday, November 27th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, not later than November 22nd. Phone Slough 1260, or write.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 27th, at St. Ebbe's Church. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify W. Collett, 45, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting, as a farewell to the Vicar, who is leaving, will be held at Broxbourne on November 27th. Service at five. Tea and business at the welcome after. All ringing friends will be heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, November 27th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at North Crawley (6 bells), on Saturday, November 27th. Ring up 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. The Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks, to whom the number for tea should be sent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, November 27th, at Lowick. Bells (6) from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—W. J. Whitmore, 80c, High Street, Raunds, Northants.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Pontesbury, November 27th. Six bells and good bus service. Bells from 3 p.m. For tea, please advise me by 24th inst.—W. A. Farmer, 6, Mayfield Terrace, Mountfields, Shrewsbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Gateshead, on Wednesday, December 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea at earliest.—M. Bertie, 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Leckhampton on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.

Tea by kind invitation of the Rector, Archdeacon R. W. Sears, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by the 1st?—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting at Heavitree on December 4th. Service 4.30 in Parish Church. Tea at 5 in Constitutional Club. All City towers open. Will bands and visitors kindly advise me by November 29th?—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 to all who notify Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than December 1st.—Andrew Thompson.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hastings (Christ Church, Blacklands), on Saturday, December 4th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 (1s. per head). Will members intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The last meeting for 1937 will be held at Dorking on Saturday, December 4th. Service at 5 o'clock, with tea and business meeting in the Church Room afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Miss E. J. M. Cottrell, 28, Hart Road, Dorking, by December 2nd?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, December 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Dolphin Inn, 1s. 3d. per head. Please let me have numbers for tea not later than Thursday, December 2nd. All ringers welcome. Nominations for district officers for 1938 at this meeting.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send number for tea by Tuesday, November 30th, certain.—E. Stitch, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, December 4th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify the Hon. Secretary, F. S. H. Marle, Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

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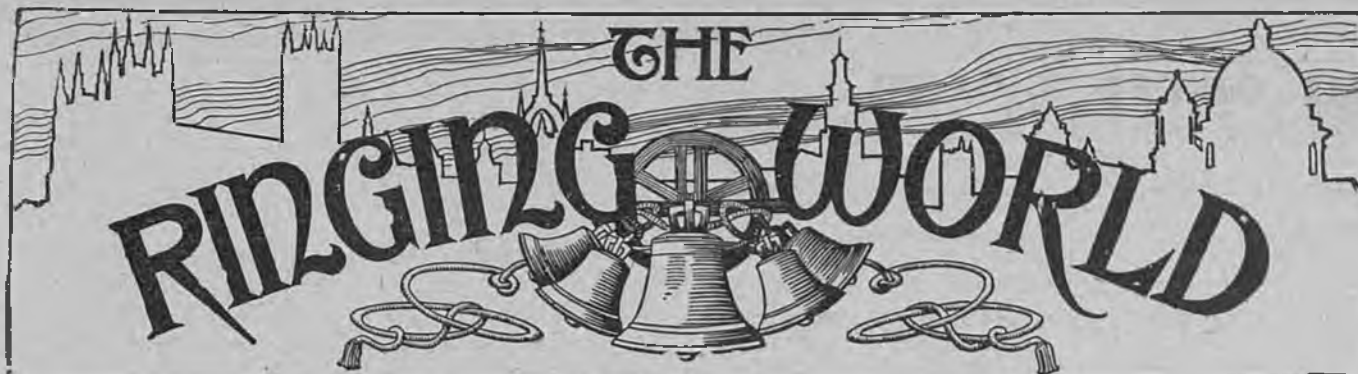
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THE PLANNING OF MEETINGS.

There is a good deal of point in the matter raised by a district secretary elsewhere in this issue, in regard to the clashing of meetings in adjoining areas. It is just the outcome of lack of consultation between neighbouring secretaries, and could—as it is in some instances—be easily avoided. Our correspondent quotes two cases of organisations arranging meetings for the same date at towers within two or three miles of each other. On the face of it, it seems absurd, for one or both meetings must suffer, or at any rate fail to be the success they otherwise might be. Even within the ranks of a single association there are often meetings which clash, through the more or less indiscriminate way in which the district secretaries arrange these gatherings. Sometimes, of course, it is unavoidable—dates cannot be made to fit. But even allowing for this, there is far too much overlapping.

There are some secretaries who are able to adhere to one particular Saturday a month, or quarter, as the case may be, for the meetings in his district, and neighbouring secretaries who know this, if they are wise, avoid these dates when making their own arrangements. Often, however, the selection of places and dates is a haphazard affair, with no settled plan—it depends on the whim of the members at the previous meeting. In some organisations a scheme of meetings for the whole year is drawn up, largely, of course, for internal convenience, but it is a plan which works well by preventing the clashing of events which inevitably happens otherwise. Similar arrangements could, we imagine, be made without much trouble between neighbouring associations by secretaries of adjoining districts. The essential point is to take the necessary steps in good time. When, as sometimes happens, the clashing is not known until the meetings are advertised, it is, of course, too late to change the dates; it is only by preliminary co-operation that successful results can be achieved. It is the clashing of dates more than the selection of neighbouring towers that should be avoided, for even if the towers are twenty instead of two miles apart, there may still be, in these days of easy transport, some who would be prevented from attending both meetings, although they would like to do so.

We suggest that in the coming year associations might with advantage not only arrange the meetings in their own areas so that there is no overlapping, but co-operate with adjoining organisations to avoid clashing. If neighbouring secretaries would make it part of their organising efforts to get into touch, advantageous and useful results could be obtained. After all, the associations

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are aiming at the same objects, and the more they can
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sary except in rare cases.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6007 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in C.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	HERBERT DAVENPORT 7
JAMES A. TRALE 2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 8
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 3	WILLIAM WOODHEAD 9
SIDNEY F. PALMER 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER 10
ALBERT H. WARD 5	A. PADDOON SMITH 11
GEORGE ROBINSON 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

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

First 'touch' on twelve bells as conductor. Rung as a birthday
compliment to Messrs. W. Woodhead and W. H. Barber.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

DANIEL COOPER Treble	JOHN W. WARD 6
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER 7
MRS. CHARLES H. KIPPIN 3	HARRY W. SIMMONS 8
ROYDON DAVIES 4	AMOS W. CLARK 9
FREDERICK E. COLLINS 5	FRANK E. DAREY Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

WALTER NICHOLS Treble	TOM CLARKE 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	FRANK BRADLEY 7
J. FREDRICK MILNER 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT 8
ALEX HUTCHINSON 4	RALPH NARBOROUGH 9
FRANK BROWN 5	FREDERICK A. SALTER Tenor

Composed by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal
of Treble Bob Royal as conductor. A birthday compliment to J. F.
Milner.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG Treble	ROYDON DAVIES 6
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 2	DANIEL D. COOPER 7
MRS. FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN 3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 8
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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

WILLIAM CHALK 1 Treble	VICTOR E. KERRIDGE 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 6
GEORGE M. RASHBROOK 3	FRED CHALK 7
LESLIE J. CLARK 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. P. DUFFIELD.
Arranged and rung to commemorate the tercentenary of the society.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 6, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

URBAN W. WILDNEY 1 Treble	GEORGE A. ANDREWS 5
* EDWARD B. SMITH 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 6
* WILLIAM A. ROUSE 3	HORACE A. WRIGHT 7
† MAURICE J. LING 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
First peal in the method as conductor.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(RUCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 8, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK LAWTON 1 Treble	JOHN W. TRUELOVE 5
* HARRY PLATT 2	† CHARLES HAINES 6
JOB OGDEN 3	IVAN KAY 7
ISAAC GARTSIDE 4	† FRED POLLITT Tenor

Conducted by I. KAY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. J. H. Dunkerley, J.P., who was Vicar's warden for 35 years.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN 1 Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	REGINALD WOODYATT 6
* PERCY BLISSETT 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
* LEONARD CLAY 4	THOMAS W. LEWIS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since being rehung
by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

* ALBERT G. HALL 1 Treble	HARRY WYRE 5
ARTHUR GROVE 2	CHARLES W. COOPER 6
JOHN GOODMAN 3	HAROLD J. SHUCK 7
ARTHUR WYRE 4	† LLEWELLYN R. HALL Tenor

Conducted by H. J. SHUCK.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Triples. First peal
as conductor. Rung in honour of the 25th anniversary of the ordina-
tion of the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Toulouse), also as a birthday compli-
ment to the ringer of the 4th.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

* NORMAN F. GRINHAM 1 Treble	RONALD SOCKLING 5
THOMAS LINCOLN 2	HERBERT DEVENISH 6
HINZEL EDWARDS 3	PERCY GREEN 7
GEORGE GREEN 4	* ARTHUR H. EVERETT Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by PERCY GREEN.
* First peal of Double Norwich. Arranged and rung in connection
with a sale of work and social held at the Village Hall.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

* HORACE OVER 1 Treble	WILLIAM H. WOOD 5
ARTHUR ROWLEY 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
R. S. WILLIAM SMITH 3	† ALFRED BALLARD 7
JOSEPH W. COTTON 4	HARRY P. WORRILL Tenor

Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal of Triples and in the method. † 50th peal of Stedman.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, PRNN,

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

DENNIS HOLDEN 1 Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	HOWARD HOWELL 6
GEORGE E. OLIVER 3	THOMAS J. ELTON 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	BERT HORTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BERT HORTON.
First peal in the method on the bells and first in the method as
conductor.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD POSTON 1 Treble	WILLIAM T. POSTON 5
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	* ERNEST F. SALMONS 6
JOHN J. WEBB 3	H. ERNEST COX 7
ALFRED T. POULTON 4	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

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(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE W. BURRELL 1 Treble	CYRIL R. BURRELL 5
JOHN R. YOUNG 2	JOHN R. KEMP 6
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 7
WILLIAM WILKINSON 4	ALBERT E. FLATTERS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. E. FLATTERS.
First peal in the method on the bells and by the branch. Except
the ringer of the 5th, none of the band had previously struck a blow
in the method.

BOUGHTON-UNDER-BLEAN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

DEREK M. SHARP 1 Treble	WALTER H. DOBBIE 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR 6
MISS DORIS G. DOBBIE 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 14, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

Cecil V. Ebberson Treble	Edward C. Cooke 5
Robert W. Cooke 2	Nolan Golden 6
Miss Jessie Cooke 3	Georg. A. Cooke 7
Wallace W. Cousins 4	A. Patrick Cannon Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by A. P. Cannon.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen 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.

*Victor G. Elliott Treble	Henry Hutton 5
*Thomas W. White 2	Colin A. Hopper 6
William J. Robinson 3	Alfred H. Pulling 7
*Donald E. Bristow 4	Herbert W. Collier Tenor

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.

* First peal. A farewell to the Rev. H. D. Pilcher, curate in the parish.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1937 in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

Frank Borley Treble	William E. Wathen 5
Robert J. Stead 2	Shelford Sparrow 6
Harry D. Lister 3	Arthur R. Woodard 7
*Frank Roper 4	Arthur Grimwood Tenor

Composed by A. Knights.

Conducted by Harry D. Lister.

* First peal on eight bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*Mrs. James E. Bailey Treble	John H. Chresman 5
John Wheadon 2	Herbert E. Audsley 6
George J. Hatcher 3	James E. Bailey 7
Frank E. Walker 4	Norman Summerhayes Tenor

Conducted by James E. Bailey.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor and first attempt.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 19, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF ERITH LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*Ernest H. Oxenham Treble	Herbert E. Audsley 5
*Bernard H. Swinson 2	*Derek M. Sharp 6
John H. Chresman 3	*Edwin A. Barnett 7
*Arthur S. Richards 4	*Harry Hovard Tenor

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

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

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF EASTBURY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. J. STEWARD ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5
HAROLD G. CASHMORE 2	FRANCIS KIPK 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
WALTER AYBE 4	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* 250th peal. The first peal in the method. A birthday peal for C. W. Woolley and Ena, daughter of Walter Aybe.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK PICKERING Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
TOM BROTHWELL 2	NORMAN CHADDOCK 6
ARTHUR FIRTH 3	REGINALD PAYNE 7
LESLIE HAYWOOD 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all except the fifth ringer.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*RONALD W. STEWARD Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH 5
*Sylvia R. E. Bowyer 2	*ALAN R. ANDREWS 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 4	*URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal in the method.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROLAND KENDALL Treble	*HARRY WILDE 5
EDGAR WHITLEY 2	HAROLD PEARCE 6
*SAM LONGBOTTOM 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
ALBERT PICKLES 4	*RONALD SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. P. E. Handley, M.A., who is leaving the parish for Scarborough.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MARIE I. GOODSHIP Treble	PHILLIS HUMPHREY 5
†FREDA CLAYTON 2	DORIS COLGATE 6
†FLORENCE K. HARTLE 3	EDITH K. FLETCHER 7
†ELSIE K. FULTON 4	†FRANCES BOYHAM Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSLOW. Conducted by EDITH K. FLETCHER.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method for the Guild. Rung to celebrate the Guild's silver jubilee.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine 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.

GEORGE E. LARGE 1 <i>Treble</i>	REGINALD WOODYATT 5
ERNEST WILSON 2	ALLEN MURCAN 6
WALTER H. RAXIER 3	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
*RAINOLD C. SAYERS 4	FREDERICK G. YATES <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD CONSTANT <i>Treble</i>	HARRY HOVERD 5
RICHARD SMITH 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER 7
DEREK M. SHARP 4	JAMES E. BAILEY <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY

Specially rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Richard Smith.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

WILLIAM FLATT <i>Treble</i>	NOLAN GOLDEN 5
CHARLES W. LOOME 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
FREDERICK C. GUNTON 4	ERNEST WHITING <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

First peal by all on the bells and for the association in the single method.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD V. FULLER <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR G. WILLETT 5
RONALD A. TUFFIN 2	KENNETH SNELLING 6
*ALFRED J. BULL 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
EDWARD G. TALBOT 4	WALTER CLAYDON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER CLAYDON.

* 300th peal. First peal of Surprise as conductor. Quarterly peal for the Southern District.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. BIGGS <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
*PERCY NEWTON 2	HARRY WINGROVE 6
MISS KATH. E. FLETCHER 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
ROLAND BIGGS 4	CECIL C. MAYNE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by F. DENCE.

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH <i>Treble</i>	FREDERICK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 2	JOSEPH GOACHER 6
*RONALD WALKER 3	CHARLES HAZBLDEN 7
NORMAN V. HARDING 4	GEORGE L. GROVER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN S. GOLDSMITH.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since augmentation.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CLIFTON-ON-TEME, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENELM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents with the ten callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH SANDERS <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM TURNER, JUN. 4
WILLIAM TURNER, SEN. 2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD 5
CHARLES LUCAS 3	EDWARD AMIES <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALFRED W. GLAZZARD.

First peal by all the band excepting the 4th ringer. All are Sunday service ringers at Hartlebury.

CASSINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

On Friday, November 5, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 of Plain Bob and 2,520 of Grandsire.

*R. HATWELL <i>Treble</i>	H. RADLER 4
W. BUTLER 2	*G. H. POTT 5
H. P. FLOYD 3	W. E. JONES <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. E. JONES

* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band. A birthday compliment to W. Butler.

COPPOCK, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

RONALD W. STEWARD <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. FLEMING 4
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
JAMES W. JENNINGS 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

MARLESFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 18 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and 24 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN J. KING <i>Treble</i>	†WILLIAM G. COOPER 3
†P. C. HENRY J. VINCE 2	ALFRED J. FORD 4
†GEORGE R. FINCH <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by G. R. FINCH.

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

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

FREDERIC W. LAWSON <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR HOWES 4
*CHARLES A. FARROW 2	ERIC S. GOOCH 5
HENRY E. WOODHOUSE 3	EDWARD HOWES <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by EDWARD HOWES.

* First peal. First peal in two methods by all except the conductor.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*GEORGE VESSEY <i>Treble</i>	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 4
FRANK VERNON 2	MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 5
JACK VESSEY 3	†RICHARD H. M. HARVEY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. H. M. HARVEY.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung for Armistice Day.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

(1) Cambridge and Primrose; (2) Surfleet; (3) Beverley; (4) Nether-seale; (5) York; (6) Durham; (7) London. Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANCIS TOMPKINS Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4
WILLIAM J. PUDDFOOT 2	*FRANCIS KIRK 5
HORACE L. WAITE 3	†WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in eight methods. † 450th peal. First Surprise peal on the bells and first in more than one method.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR STEDMAN Treble	†MICHAEL G. WHEAT 4
JAMES E. BURLS 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 5
NICHOLAS NEWBY 3	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by F. H. CRAWLEY.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD Treble	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 4
MISS ELEANOR REEVE 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
JAMES W. JENNINGS 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Specially arranged as a bachelors' and spinsters' peal for the Guild.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE LATHAM Treble	WILLIAM DEAN 4
TREVOR PRITCHARD 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
BASIL LATHAM 3	THOMAS PRICE Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

Rung to commemorate the Armistice.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

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

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eight methods: (1) College Single Reverse; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Kent Treble Bob; (4) Oxford Treble Bob; (5) Double Oxford; (6) Double Court; (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

HARRY CARTER Treble	ALBERT L. DIXEY 4
ALEC M. GENERY 2	THOMAS BIRD 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS 3	RALPH BIRD Tenor

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

First peal in eight methods by all and on the bells.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours & Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

STANLEY GRAVESTOCK Treble	PERCY TOMPKINS 3
*ERNEST EAST 2	JOHN CHURCH 4

R. THOMAS NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by R. T. NEWMAN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen to St. Paul's Walden for the dedication of the organ.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob and three each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

MRS. M. SPICE Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT 4
JABEZ WALTER 2	EDWARD TRENDALL 5
PERCY W. SMITH 3	BERTRAM J. LUCK Tenor

Conducted by B. J. LUCK.

A birthday compliment to the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Barnes), also in honour of the 22nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Wilson.

STUTTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 15, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD Treble	JAMES W. JENNINGS 4
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
*JOHN PENNELL 3	URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in four methods.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT 28, FIELD ROAD.

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE, EALING AND RUTLAND 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—Edwin Jennings.

The peal consisted of 1,440 London, 672 each of Cambridge and Rutland, 768 each of Ealing, Superlative and Bristol, with 135 changes of method. The umpire checked every lead-end throughout the peal. (Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

CANON COLERIDGE'S BIRTHDAY.

Members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at Seale Parish Church on November 10th in honour of the 80th birthday of Canon G. F. Coleridge, Master of the Oxford Guild: Capt. H. J. Cann 1, G. W. Denyer (conductor) 2, R. Kenward 3, T. E. Denyer 4, R. J. Whitford 5, E. Gardner 6. First quarter-peal by Capt. Cann, who is Canon Coleridge's nephew.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Christ Church, Upper Armley, Leeds, for morning service on November 14th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung to mark the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Arthur Fieldhouse, a member of the local company: G. Gaunt 1, James Hey 2, Miss O. Renton 3, A. Fieldhouse 4, Joseph Thackray 5, Frank Rayment 6. For evening service 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung: Joseph Thackray 1, G. Gaunt 2, Olive Renton 3, J. Fieldhouse 4, A. Fieldhouse 5, F. Rayment 6, James Hey tenor (covering).

On Sunday, November 7th, the wedding of Mr. William H. Lawley (a member of St. Peter's company, Wolverhampton) and Miss Edith E. Hartshorn was solemnised at Queen Street Church, Wolverhampton. In honour of the event touches of 627 Stedman Caters and 270 Grandsire Caters were rung at St. Peter's Church by H. Knight (conductor) 1, G. A. Baker 2, T. Roden 3, H. Griffiths 4, J. Whatmore 5, J. Williams 6, T. Smith 7, F. Brotherton 8, B. Horton 9, R. Thompson 10.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**NEW BISHOP OF LICHFIELD BECOMES PATRON.**

A meeting of the North Staffs and District Association was held at Burslem on Saturday, November 13th. Thirty-six members were present from Burslem, Bucknall, Brown Edge, Biddulph, Draycott, Fenton, Kidsgrove, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Stoke-on-Trent and Stone.

Tea was held in the Schoolroom, where a welcome to the association was extended by Mr. J. Hurd, in the absence of the Rector.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and ringers for the use of the bells, and also the use of a room for a committee meeting.

Four new members were elected, viz., C. Jackson, of Newcastle, and J. Snape, S. Till and G. Houslow, of Darlaston.

A letter was read by the secretary from the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, in which he said: I am glad to succeed my predecessors as patron of the North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers. Please tell them how interested I am to hear of the peal rung on the occasion of my enthronement.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT TWICKENHAM.**PRESIDENT ACTS AS HOST.**

On Saturday, November 13th, the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild visited St. Mary's Church, Twickenham. Ringers attended from a wide area, including places as far apart as Grayford and Watford, while district towers sent their representatives.

Shortened evensong was conducted by the president of the association, the Rev. W. P. Cole-Sheane, who is also the Vicar of St. Mary's. The lesson was read by the vice-president, Mr. J. A. Trollope, and a feature of the service was the singing of the new ringers' hymn, 'Ruislip Bells.'

Mrs. Bradford and Mrs. Lovell, both wives of local ringers, served a tasty tea in the Parish Hall. The Vicar presided, and was supported by all the district officers.

Two new lady members from the Ruislip band were elected.

The hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) read an appeal on novel lines from Mr. P. Amos, seeking funds for the augmentation of the bells (or bell!) at St. Andrew's, Northampton.

Before the tower was revisited, the company were entertained to some change ringing on handbells. The keen air outside kept an appreciative audience in close company to the stove until the last possible moment! The tower-bell ringing, varied in character as usual, ranged from rounds and Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major, under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT HUGHENDEN.**

Once again the young and the not so young joined forces to produce a most interesting monthly practice of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. As there are no facilities for tea nearer Hughenden than High Wycombe, it was arranged that those who could would meet at Lyons and there fortify themselves for the evening's ringing. This was done by the usual stalwarts, who then found their way by various means to the tower, which, by the way, really needs a summer's day for one to appreciate the full beauty of its setting.

Touche of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were soon rung, also, the experts having arrived, Double Norwich, Superlative, London, Cambridge and Bristol were likewise disposed of.

An encouraging feature of this meeting was the number of towers represented and the presence of those members of the Guild who perform such good work in scoring peals, but who, alas, are not often seen at monthly practices. It was also gratifying to welcome visitors from other societies.

An amusing interlude was caused by one, who, on discovering in the pockets of the jacket which fitted him so well several articles which were unfamiliar to him, began to bestow them one by one on a more suitable owner. On investigation he was found to be the rightful owner of the jacket as well. Further amusement was caused later by two other jackets being twin brothers.

Plain courses of Grandsire were made full use of by keen beginners, whilst others refreshed their memory for a course of Yorkshire. This was followed by Oxford Bob Triples and Little Bob Major, the novelty and music being enjoyed by novice and expert alike. Three leads of Kent and a well-struck bob course of Stedman Triples brought to a close a happy and enjoyable evening.

DEATH OF OAKLEY CAPTAIN.

We regret to record the passing of another of the Winchester and Portsmouth (Basingstoke District) members in Mr. William Hunt, for many years captain of Oakley tower, and a very highly respected member of the Guild.

He was buried at Oakley Church, the service being conducted by the Rev. Judewine, Rector and chairman of the Basingstoke Branch. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells around the grave as a token of respect by members of the Basingstoke District: Rev. H. S. Marle 1, B. Garrett 2, J. Munday 3, F. Munday 4, J. Chesterman 5, F. Knapp 6, C. Ostler 7, H. Garrett 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The jubilee dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild on Saturday was a great success. We hope to publish a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

A ring of five bells at Corley, Coventry, which have been restored, are to be rededicated on Sunday at 6.30 p.m.

Mr. James George, of Birmingham, will celebrate his 84th birthday on Saturday. Many good wishes will, we are sure, find their way to 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, to-morrow.

We once heard Mr. George say he hoped to live to be 117. Well, he's doing his best. He is still a 'tough guy' at the end of a bell rope, and is hoping to celebrate his birthday next week by taking part in several peal attempts.

The death has occurred of Mr. Thomas Hoad, a respected member of the band at Salehurst, Sussex. The funeral took place on November 18th and two days later a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in his memory.

A ringer, who recently called a peal of Stedman Triples, which was his first peal as conductor, thanks us for the help he got from the Beginners' articles on Stedman a few months back. 'You pointed out facts,' he says, 'which ordinary people like myself might not have seen in ten years.'

To-morrow a peal board memorial is to be unveiled at Mitcham Parish Church to the late Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P., Master of the Surrey Association from 1913 to his death in 1923.

He was a member of Mitcham Society for over 50 years; his father was a ringer for over 50 years and his eldest son for over 20 years until killed in action in the Great War.

Two lady ringers in Australia are to be married shortly. Miss Joan Helen Kynaston, daughter of the Vicar of Hambledon, Hants, who has been teaching the girls at Frensham School the art of change ringing, is to be married at Mittagong, New South Wales, on the last day of the year.

Early in the new year the wedding is to take place in Melbourne of Miss Frey Shimmin, the young Australian lady who took part in the peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, on Armistice Day, 1934.

A few copies of 'The Ringing World,' containing the full report of the College Youths' tercentenary celebrations, may still be obtained, price 3d. each, post free, from 'The Ringing World' Office, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking.

THE OLDEST SOCIETY OF RINGERS.

THE CLAIMS OF LINCOLN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the recent celebration of the tercentenary of the Ancient Society of College Youths the claim was made that it is the oldest society of ringers in the world. Some years ago, when a similar claim was made, I wrote to the 'Times' and pointed out that the 'Company of Ringers of our Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln' has a still older history. But as the assertion of this other claim is still repeated, I would again call attention to the facts, which are as follows:—

In the Muniment Room of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln there are two documents, containing (1) the Ordinances of the Ringers, dated 1612, together with the names of the company, beginning with Robert Sandye, scrivener (who was Master in 1614), and (2) the Letters Patent of the Dean and Chapter to the Company of Ringers, dated September 23rd, 1614.

The Ringers' Chapel by the south-west tower of Lincoln Cathedral has painted upon its walls, with ornamental borders, a list of the Masters of the ringers from 1614 to 1635, as well as the names of the company in 1634, and in 1722-25.

A reprint of these documents, and a description of the lists painted on the walls of the Ringers' Chapel, will be found in Bradshaw and Wordsworth's 'Lincoln Cathedral Statutes, III.,' pp. 603-627.

It will thus be seen that the Lincoln Company was established 23 years earlier than the Society of College Youths.

J. H. SRAWLEY, Chancellor of Lincoln.

The Chancery, Lincoln.

THE SPLICED SURPRISE 'SIX' ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—Please allow me the space to congratulate Mr. Cashmore and his colleagues on their latest and most wonderful performance. I agree that it is one of the most brilliant ringing achievements of all time. As a member of the band that rang the first peal in six Surprise Major methods at Willesden some few years ago I can remember the thrill which came with success—but I feel sure that there must be a double thrill after having rung two bells through such a peal. That the ringing is good goes without saying; it would be impossible to correct a bad trip with so much to think about.

That this talented band will go on to many more successes is the wish of the great majority of ringers, I am sure, even though the names of the methods may be taken from Bradshaw's guide, and contain the ridiculous word 'Surprise'—ridiculous, perhaps, only to those who have to keep Plain.

C. T. COLES.

BOURNEMOUTH'S RECAST BELLS

DEDICATION BY BISHOP OF WINCHESTER.

A Memorial Sacring Bell.

St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, now possesses a magnificent peal of eight bells with tenor of 20 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in E. The peal has been recast and tuned on the 'true-harmonic' system, rehung in the old frame on modern fittings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Thus the bells have received long delayed attention which has transformed them into one of the finest eight on the South Coast.

When the work was first discussed about a year ago it was felt, in view of the precarious state of the church funds, that work of re-hanging the peal alone could be considered. Even this project suffered a setback when the church finances were examined at the end of the year, but the desire to instal a Sacring bell in memory of the late Archdeacon A. E. Daldy, Vicar of St. Peter's for 16 years, brightened the prospects of restoration considerably.

The bells were originally cast by Messrs. Taylor in 1870, and, having heard them, Mr. E. Denison Taylor strongly recommended that they should be recast. Further, he supported his recommendation with a most generous offer to bear half the cost of such work. The Vicar, Canon Hedley Burrows, thus encouraged by practical sympathy, launched his appeal to the townspeople for the balance to enable complete restoration of the town's only peal of bells to commemorate Coronation year, 1937. He received the full support of the Coronation Mayor, Alderman T. V. Rebbeck, with the happy result that Capt. H. B. Norton came forward to complete the fund with a generous cheque for £400. Other sums received since that date from various organisations have allowed for restoration of the belfry and other necessary extra work to ensure the completeness of the peal.

DISTRICTS WITHOUT CHURCHES AND BELLS.

The rededication service took place on Saturday last, the Lord Bishop of Winchester (Dr. Cyril Forster Garbett) officiating and giving the address. The service was fully choral and the church filled to capacity. After an opening hymn, 'Unchanging God who livest,' prayers were offered by the Vicar; the Rural Dean (the Rev. F. C. Leary) read the lesson, and to the singing of a special hymn, 'Ring out new hope and love and power,' the Bishop proceeded to the west door beneath the tower for the rededication ceremony. He was escorted by the Vicar, the churchwardens, Messrs. E. Denison Taylor, J. P. Fidler and V. G. Newton. After the ceremony under the tower the procession re-formed and returned to the sanctuary during the singing of Walmisley's anthem, 'From all that dwell below the skies.' In the sanctuary the Bishop dedicated the Sacring bell and struck it by pressing the electric control. Rounds were then rung on the tower bells by the local company of ringers.

The Bishop delivered an interesting and appropriate address on the uses of bells, saying that where, in distant lands, the Christian faith was hated and oppressed, no bells were heard. For another cause, he said, bells were not heard in our country, a country noted for its bells. It was because in many newly-developed areas there were as yet no churches in which to hang the bells. He appealed to the large congregation to support his effort to supply the need for new churches and halls in the diocese, a need which was felt almost within sound of the re-dedicated bells—in North Bournemouth.

During the singing of the hymns, 'Now thank we all our God' and 'Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him,' a collection was taken for the Bishop's appeal. The service concluded with the National Anthem, and whilst the congregation was dispersing Mr. J. D. Chandler, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., played the very appropriate 'Carillon' by Vierne on the organ.

The first 'touch' on the recast bells was rung by the following members of the local company: Messrs. H. Osborne, R. Dear, F. Frankland Rigby, H. Roberts, W. Garrett, C. R. Forfitt, P. W. Witham and A. V. Davis. Tea was then served at the Alexandra Hall, about 250 guests sitting down.

GENEROUS DONORS.

In a short speech, the Deputy Mayor, Alderman T. V. Rebbeck, outlined the launching of the appeal and the success it met with, thanking the donors, particularly Capt. H. B. Norton and Mr. E. Denison Taylor, for their generosity, which resulted in the Parish Church of Bournemouth possessing such a magnificent peal of bells.

The Vicar addressed the gathering in his usual cheery manner and explained the inscriptions he had had placed on the bells. He concluded by thanking the captain of the local company, Mr. Arthur V. Davis, for his assistance in all matters pertaining to the work.

Mr. Davis responded on behalf of the ringers, saying that he knew his colleagues of St. Peter's tower felt that their duty now lay perfectly clearly before them, to keep the bells of Bournemouth's Parish Church well and regularly rung.

Ringers numbering about 80 were present from all parts of two counties of Hants and Dorset, and the bells were kept going until 8.30 to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise, the striking being of high order throughout.

Among those present were Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild), the Rev. R. H. Dundry (Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. Andrews, Mr. G. Preston, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, the Rev. Eddrump and the Rev. E. A. Phillips (Continued in next column.)

RINGING SECRETARY FOR 14 YEARS.

MR. ARTHUR TOMLINSON'S SERVICES TO LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Worthy tributes to the service rendered to the Lancashire Association



MR. ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

by Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, who has just retired from the position of hon. ringing secretary, were made at the annual dinner of the association, held at Blackpool recently. Mr. Tomlinson has taken over a business in Blackpool and reluctantly found he was unable to devote himself to the association's work.

For fourteen years he ably filled the office which he has just laid down. Not only has he compiled the yearly records of peals rung by the association and the statistics of individual members' performances, but has also been responsible for organising many peals, of which he has rung nearly three hundred for the association and conducted a considerable number.

He was elected a member of the association in 1908 and represented it on the Central Council for six years from 1930. For many years, before removing to Blackpool, he was attached to St. Michael's band, Blackburn. As we recently recorded, the

Lancashire Association has presented Mr. Tomlinson with a gold watch in recognition of the work he has done for so many years.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FIFTEEN NEW MEMBERS ELECTED AT DISTRICT MEETING.

A meeting of the Western Division was held at Petworth on Saturday, when 30 members attended from eleven towers.

At the business meeting 15 new members were elected, all from Storrington.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Petworth for the use of the bells, also to Mr. W. Charman for presiding. The party returned to the belfry for further ringing until 8 p.m.

The secretary wishes to say how much he appreciates the large attendances at the meetings, and hopes that they will continue. He also thanks several of the older members for the help they have given him at the meetings.

STEDMAN CATERERS AT GLASGOW CATHEDRAL.

Members of the Scottish Association at Glasgow rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,287 changes) on Saturday, November 20th, at St. Mary's Cathedral—the first by all except the ringers of the 5th and 9th: A. Dodds 1, J. Ewing 2, H. P. Sargent 3, N. Leiper 4, R. O. Street 5, T. C. Winderam 6, S. G. Lewis 7, E. A. Stafford 8, W. H. Pickett (conductor) 9, J. Carmichael 10.

INSCRIPTIONS ON NEW BELLS—Continued from previous column.

(Salisbury Guild). Mr. F. W. Townsend, Mr. F. W. Rogers (hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. Cheater, the Rev. E. P. Farrow, Mr. E. C. Elliott and ringers from Southampton, Portsmouth, Winchester, Ringwood, Christchurch, Bournemouth, St. John's, Poole, Wareham, Dorchester, Wyke Regis, Sturminster, Blandford, Wimborne, Kingston Magna, etc.

The interesting inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

Treble (The People's Bell).—'Jesus be our speed.'

2 (The Founders' and Vicar's Bell).—In memoriam fundatoris. Alexander Morden Bennett.

3 (The Town Bell or Marriage Bell).—Pulchritudo et Salubritas' (Bournemouth's motto).

4 (The Winchester Bell).—'Manners Makyth Man.'

5 (The Peace Bell).—'Peace from Him, which is, and which was, and which is to come.'

6 (The Coronation Bell).—'God save King George, 1937. Mon Dieu. Mon Roi, Mon Cœur.'

7 (The Passing Bell).—'Esto Fidelis Usque ad mortem et Dabo Tibi Coronam Vitæ.'

Tenor (The Resurrection Bell).—'In memoriam, Mary Ellen Norton, 1936.'

Sacring bell (10 cwt. in G) (The Bell of the Incarnation).—'In memoriam, Alfred Edward Daldy, Vicar, 1904-1920, St. Peter, St. Swithun. Sanctus. Sanctus. Sanctus.'

PEAL NOTES.

PARAGRAPHS ABOUT PEOPLE AND PERFORMANCES.

Peal in Six Surprise Methods.

Mr. Alfred Ballard rang his fiftieth peal of Stedman on November 13th at Hugglescote.

Messrs. C. V. Ebberson and R. W. Cooke 'completed the circle' together at Fakenham, Norfolk, when they took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob arranged by Mr. Nolan Golden for Mr. Pat Causton. It was the 75th tower in which the latter has rung a peal and he has not rung many more peals than that. Fresh towers are his hobby.

After meeting short for a peal of Major at St. Stephen's Church, Canterbury, on November 15th, a peal of Minor in three methods was rung. Mr. R. G. Port kindly standing down. The peal was a birthday compliment to the Rector (the Rev. A. R. Barnes), who is an honorary member of the Kent County Association, and in honour of the 22nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. P. Wilson.

The ringers of Hartlebury, Worcs., rang a peal at Clifton-on-Teme on Oct. 31st, and it was the first peal by five out of the six ringers.

Hartlebury is isolated from active ringing centres in Worcestershire, but it is gratifying to know that this band is keeping change ringing going in a very difficult district. The success achieved in this peal should lead to increased enthusiasm.

A peal of Erith Little Bob Major figured on the Friday menu at Crayford last week. The method had been rung there before, but there were five 'firsts' on this occasion. The composition was by the late Sir Arthur Heywood, but he probably did not know that such a method existed when he set down the figures.

Their Majesty's visit to St. Paul's Walden, Herts, where the Queen was born, was celebrated by the first peal on the five bells at All Saints' Church on November 13th, when their Majesties were present at the dedication of the organ.

LADIES RING ANOTHER PEAL.

Another peal to celebrate the silver jubilee of the Ladies' Guild was rung on Saturday, at Harrow Weald. Eight ladies rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, the first in the method for the Guild and, would you believe it? the first peal in the method which Mrs. E. K. Fletcher has conducted.

Mr. James E. Bailey called his first peal of Stedman, at the first attempt, at Holy Trinity, Dartford, on November 16th, and his wife, at the same time, rang her first peal in the method. Mr. G. J. Butcher rang the 3rd and thus 'completed the circle' in this tower. The peal was a birthday compliment to the Vicar (Canon C. Elliot Mitchell).

Another birthday peal by members of the Kent Association was rung on November 20th. This was for the 75th birthday of Mr. Richard Smith, who rang the second to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Gravesend.

The Norwich Diocesan Association has just rung its first peal of Norwich Court Bob Major, at Alburgh on November 20th.

There has been a 'hoodoo' on the attempts which Mr. Reg. Woodyatt, of the Worcestershire Association, has made to call his first peal. Every try for Grandsire came to grief. Last Saturday at Claines he tried Oxford Bob Triples to break the spell and got it the first time.

Messrs. Sam Longbottom and Harold Pearce finished 'the circle' at Queensbury, Yorkshire, on Saturday, when they took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples as a farewell to the Rev. P. E. Handley. It was Mr. Longbottom's first peal of Grandsire, too, and three others of the band scored their first in the method.

Seven out of the eight ringers at Rawmarsh on Saturday rang their first peal of Pudsey Surprise Major and that after 'meeting short.' Fortunately Mr. F. Pickering was able to stand in and rang the treble.

The bells at West Clondan, Surrey, were augmented to eight in 1932, but the first peal on the octave was not rung until last Saturday. At one time Clondan was a Winchester Guild stronghold of six-bell ringing, but just before the war the tower was devastated by fire, then came the war and only two peals of Minor were rung afterwards.

Saturday's peal was rung on the twelfth anniversary of Mr. G. L. Grover's wedding. George has put in a lot of work at West Clondan, as well as being the district secretary of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

The method rung was Grandsire Triples, and, by a coincidence, it was 40 years almost to the day since the conductor (Mr. J. S. Goldsmith) first called the same composition—Parker's Twelve-Part.

The peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Coddanham on November 20th makes the eighth peal that Mr. C. J. Sedgley has rung there in eight different methods, a somewhat rare performance.

A correspondent says he believes we were wrong in assuming the letters 'P.G.' after Miss Bowyer's name on a recent occasion meant 'Peal Grabber.' He thinks they really meant 'Pint Grog,' someone not knowing how to spell 'jug.'

Believed to be the first peal of Stedman by a band of Sunday service ringers in the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association, a peal in this method was rung at Moorside, Oldham, on November 8th. The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. H. Dunkerley, J.P., for more than 35 years Vicar's warden.

Messrs. Frank Lawton and Joe Ouden have now rung peals in the four standard methods on Moorside bells with a Sunday service ringing band. That is something to be proud of.

In connection with the peal of Stedman Cinques at Leeds on Saturday, it is worthy of note that the aggregate mileage travelled by the band was over 1,500. Messrs. W. Woodhead and W. H. Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne and Leeds respectively, rang together in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham more than 40 years ago. Mr. A. Paddon Smith was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association during the preliminary rounds. The peal was, incidentally, the first occasion on which the conductor had called a bob on 12 bells.

A peal of Bob and Grandsire Minor on November 5th was rung by members of Cassington Bellringers' Club. Bellringers' clubs are seldom heard of; in fact, the only other one we know of is at Ballarat, Australia, but there the members are not attached to any church, but ring the bells at the City Hall.

On the question of 'local' College Youths' peals, Mr. R. T. Hibbert sends us the further information that from 1900 to 1905 the Caversham band rang upwards of 30 peals for the old society, mostly London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, but including five peals of Stedman Triples, also Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples. That definitely puts out of court any later claim to the first 'local' peal of Stedman Triples for the society.

We are, however, now informed that the claim of the Cheltenham ringers was to the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in the Cheltenham district by resident members of the Ancient Society. That was not made clear in the original report.

AN AUSTRALIAN ECHO.

For the first time for eleven years a peal has been rung at Guildford Cathedral by a Sunday service band. Time was when such a performance was of frequent occurrence, but the vagaries of fortune have prevented it since 1926. The peal was rung on November 16th.

Mr. Alfred Pulling has now got the company going again on a peal ringing basis, and it probably will not be long before they get away from Grandsire Triples.

There were three first peals, and it is not uninteresting to note that in one case the Australian tour is responsible. Mr. T. W. White, who kindly undertook part of the editorial duties of 'The Ringing World' while the Editor was away, and knew nothing of the technicalities of ringing when he took over the responsibilities, had his interest in the art so much stirred that he had learned to handle a bell at Holy Trinity Cathedral before the Editor returned.

Messrs. Urban W. Wildney and Alan Andrews rang their twenty-fifth peal together on November 6th at Kirby-le-Soken.

A peal of Doubles was rung at Marlesford, Suffolk, on November 9th, the first on the bells for over 30 years. It was rung by a band of local Sunday service ringers, which makes it all the more creditable.

A peal of Double Norwich was rung at Boreham, Essex, on Nov. 13th, specially arranged for a sale of work and social, held at the Village Hall. Four of the band rang selections on handbells at the social.

Four bachelors and two spinsters took part in a specially arranged peal of Minor at Hintlesham, Suffolk, on November 15th.

HERTS RINGERS REPEAT GREAT PERFORMANCE.

Yet another Spliced Surprise Major peal on handbells in six methods! Last Friday at Oxhey the Hertfordshire band scored a further success in the same methods that they rang a week previously, and this time, two minutes quicker. By the way, the earlier peal was rung on Friday, November 12th, not Saturday as printed.

They added another to the new methods rung on tower bells at Oxhey on Saturday, a peal of Eastbury Surprise, composed by Harold Cashmore and rung without previous practice. It was Mr. Maurice Hibbert's 250th peal, and the 50th peal together of Messrs. S. H. Hoare and W. Ayre.

Only one of the eight ringers who took part in a peal of St. Clement's Bob Major at Swineshead, Lincs, on November 13th, had ever struck a blow in the method before. For the purposes of the Central Council's Analysis Committee, however, this information, conveyed in the footnote to the peal, does not make it clear whether there were seven or eight firsts in the method in this performance. It is a little point on which correspondents should be precise.

A peal at St. Stephen's, St. Albans, on November 13th, was Mr. Walter Ayre's 450th. He has now called a peal in each of the four towers in St. Albans, and wishes this last peal to be associated with the memory of the late John Malyan, for many years captain of St. Stephen's ringers.

The six bells of Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts, have a tenor of only 64 cwt. A peal was rung on them on Armistice Day in 2 hours 23 minutes—the quickest on the bells. Mr. R. H. M. Harvey, who called the peal, has now 'circled' the tower.

An attempt to ring a peal of Grandsire Caters at Manchester Cathedral on November 13th to commemorate the birthday of Mr. W. C. Bridgford unfortunately came to grief owing to a call omitted by the conductor, Mr. R. London. He much regrets the error, especially as Mr. A. Ford and Mr. F. Yates hoped to register their first Caters peal. He also thanks the band for the team work they put into the attempt, and last, but not least, Mr. W. Mosley, who travelled from Bolton, a peal at the Cathedral not as yet having been included in his list of peals.

We believe these 'Peal Notes' are a feature of much interest to our readers, and we invite those who send up reports to add any points of interest suitable for this column, either about the performances, or those taking part. When individuals are mentioned it will add to the interest if the person's home town or tower is given.

THE CLASHING OF MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While perusing the notice columns of 'The Ringing World' on several occasions in the past, I have observed advertisements of meetings to be held on the same day at towers which are within ten miles or less of each other. Apart from the fact that these meetings have given me and other ringers an opportunity of ringing in two fresh towers on one afternoon, I have always failed to see the advantage to the districts themselves.

But within the last two weeks even more extraordinary arrangements have been advertised. On November 13th a Ladies' Guild meeting was held at Isleworth, and a Middlesex (South and West District) meeting was held at Twickenham. These towers are not *two* miles apart! I was hoping that this was just an isolated case and would not occur again, but was much surprised to see advertised in last Friday's issue a meeting of the Surrey Association at Betchworth, and a meeting of the Guildford Guild at Dorking. Again these towers are only *three* miles apart!

Will someone please explain the benefit to the cause of change ringing which these avoidable clashes offer? It has always seemed to me that the idea of any meeting was to enable the ringers in the neighbourhood to meet together socially, and practise what they are unable to ring in their local towers. Perhaps there is some other reason which I have not learnt yet. If so, I shall be most interested to know more about it, to assist me in my secretarial duties. Incidentally, as secretary of the Southern District of the London County Association, I shall always be pleased to co-operate with my neighbouring officials regarding dates of proposed meetings, and would suggest that this takes place in other parts of the country.

To anyone who can kindly answer my question, I would say, 'Please don't advance the old story, "Oh, the dates were fixed months ago, and the Vicar gave permission for that date, and we don't like to alter it."' There are very few clergy, I am sure, who would not also co-operate with the secretary, if matters were explained to them. Trusting that the respective secretaries of the above mentioned associations will forgive my commenting on their arrangements.

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THE HONESTY OF CONDUCTORS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would like to trespass on your space in reply to Mr. J. K. Armstrong's letter in your issue of Nov. 5th.

He says 'peals need not be true, the conductor only has to think they are,' and with this there can be little argument, but does not this statement cast a very grave reflection on the honesty of composers, which is, I think, unmerited?

Many men have given considerable time and thought to the problems of composition and the percentage of errors is very small.

His illustration that 'anyone can string bobs and singles together' to get a desired length and ring and re-ring it is, in my opinion, very far from the truth, as no ringer worthy of the name who entered into the realms of composition would allow his name to foot a peal if he were not entirely satisfied that the composition was true. New composers usually go to considerable lengths to make sure their compositions are true before circulating them, as they realise that one false peal at the outset of their composing career will take years of hard work to live down and to regain the confidence of ringers.

The solutions he proposes are excellent, but, I think, unnecessary, for just as we have to rely on the integrity of the conductor to call the peal correctly, so must we rely on the integrity of the composer to furnish true figures. Conductors will readily supply the figures of any peal they have called so that, if any doubt were entertained as to the truth of a certain peal, that doubt could be set at rest by merely asking for the figures and having them proved.

The basis of the Exercise through the centuries has been truth, and it is a sorry thing for us to admit that we cannot trust our fellow-ringers to maintain this tradition. An examination of the peal records will show that the percentage of peals withdrawn is very small when compared with the number of peals rung, the majority of which are entirely above suspicion.

The Central Council can, I am sure, find better ways of employing its finances than to subsidise a composition revision committee, which, after all, interests only a very few ringers, and which would perforce be comprised of composers, and if there is, as might be assumed from Mr. Armstrong's letter, wholesale dishonesty amongst composers, then this committee would be useless.

In conclusion, I would advise him not to waste the Council's time with this matter and to trust his fellow-ringers more.

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Marple.

GREAT YARMOUTH RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

On Saturday, November 6th, in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. Herbert Jermy, towerkeeper of St. Nicholas' Church, Yarmouth, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. G. W. Harwood 1, R. William Barber 2, N. Golden (conductor) 3, G. Mayers 4, R. W. Onson 5, E. G. Bennett 6, A. G. King 7, O. F. Sayer 8, H. Tooke 9, W. Clover 10.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEMBERS' RESPONSE TO DISTRICT SECRETARY.

A very successful meeting of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Nov. 13th at Shalford, where last year the old six bells were recast into a very tuneful ring of eight by Taylor and Co. Nearly 60 ringers were present. Whether it was the attraction of the bells or the 'pricking of conscience' after the district secretary's pertinent inquiry addressed to the members in his notice, 'What have you done for the Guild this year?' cannot be definitely stated—perhaps it was a little of both—but the fact remains it was an unusually well-attended meeting, and nearly everybody saw the secretary's joke and 'sent a postcard' to say they were coming to tea.

Altogether it was a very happy gathering, despite a cold church (because the boiler had burst) and a cold room (because there wasn't a boiler at all). But there was a warm welcome from the Vicar, the Rev. M. Tobias, formerly an Army chaplain, who is not afraid of plain talking or making his congregation smile, and who is a great believer in cheerfulness in life and in religion. He paid a tribute to his own ringers, not only for their services in the belfry, but in the life of the church in other ways.

At the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided, the district officers were all renominated. The district secretary was ready to make way for 'anyone who would take on the job,' for, he reminded the meeting, he had done nine years. 'Make it ten,' said someone, and the secretary said it was that more than anything which would induce him to stand again. And so it was that Mr. G. L. Grover was renominated. Mr. C. Ernest Smith was renominated as Ringing Master, and Mr. A. C. Hazelden as auditor.

Four nominations were received for two vacancies on the Executive Committee.

The Vicar was elected, amid applause, as an honorary member, and Mr. A. J. Brooker (Godalming) a ringing member.

Bramley and Womersley, Pirbright, Old Woking and Godalming were recommended for next year's district meetings, and the proceedings terminated with the customary vote of thanks, moved by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse).

Ringers were present from Guildford (two towers), Godalming, Haslemere, Ewhurst, Shalford, Worplesdon, Pirbright, Woking, West Clandon and Cranleigh, in the district, and Ash, Aldershot, Leatherhead, Chertsey, Bagshot and Portsea.

BATH RINGER'S DEATH.

MR. ALEX EVANS' WORK IN THE WEST.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Alex Evans at Bath on October 28th after an illness lasting 14 months. Mr. Evans learnt his ringing in the Taunton district, being a member of the St. James' band, under the conductorship of Mr. J. Maddock. Ringing many of his peals there, he conducted his first of Stedman Triples.

He resided for a few years at Chippenham, Wilts, where he taught a band of young men to ring Grandsire Triples and conducted their first peal. Moving to Exeter, he joined the Cathedral band and rang in the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells by that company. His employment then took him to Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, where he again worked very hard for ringing and the Axbridge Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association, filling the post of local secretary for a period.

About five years ago Mr. and Mrs. Evans (whom he also taught to ring) went to reside in Bath to be near their friends. A hearty welcome was extended to them, and they were elected members of the Bath Abbey company. Mr. Evans quickly set himself the task of learning Surprise ringing and soon rang peals in it.

He was an enthusiastic Sunday service ringer, always reliable and punctual. He loved good ringing and disliked bad striking. His total number of peals was nearly 100, his last, a peal of Stedman Triples, his favourite method, in July, 1936.

The funeral took place on November 2nd at St. John's, Bathwick. All the towers in the Bath District were represented together, and among those also present were Messrs. W. Court (Burnham-on-Sea), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Association), W. A. Cave (Bristol), S. Hector, G. H. Harding and E. Parker (Trowbridge), and F. Targett (Chilcompton).

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by W. J. Prescott, J. T. Dyke, G. H. Harding and T. F. King.

In the evening muffled ringing on the bells of Bath Abbey and St. Mark, Lyncombe, took place.

WROXETER'S UNMUSICAL RING.

The Shropshire Association paid their first visit for some years to Wroxeter on October 30th. It must be admitted that the bells are not very attractive, the first five being fairly tuneable, but the tenor, when used, upset all notions of music and almost defeated attempts to ring Minor. Individually the bells are tuneful, but the intervals are not correct.

Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles were rung and Plain Bob and Kent Minor. A short service in the ancient church was conducted by the Rev. H. Hobbs, who afterwards presided at the tea and business meeting.

NO CHANGE RINGING FOR 100 YEARS.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

In honour of the fallen, the cross of St. George flew at half-mast on the Church of St. Helen, Ranworth, on Remembrance Sunday, when the five recast bells and an additional new treble were dedicated by the Bishop of Norwich. In addition to the large number of parishioners, various cycling clubs of the district paid their annual visit for divine service, and so large was the congregation that extra seating was necessary. Members of Yarmouth and Gorleston Wheelers, East Anglian Cycle Club, C.T.C. Norwich Cycle Clubs, bikers and motor clubs attended. The Rev. E. D. Everard (Vicar) was assisted by the former Vicar (Canon H. J. Enraght, of Lowestoft). The bells have not been rung in changes for over 100 years, as four of the five had pieces broken out of them. The work of rehangng in a new teak frame and modern fittings has been excellently carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, of which town the Vicar is a native.

The restoration of the tower and bells has cost £240, of which, thanks to the energy of the Vicar and the large number of summer visitors to the Norfolk Broads, only a small debt remains. It is worthy of note that during the past 40 years £10,000 has been spent in restorations to the church.

During the absence of the bells a band of seven men and ladies have been learning to ring at the neighbouring towers of Reedham and South Walsham, and progressed so far that they were able to ring for the first time for the dedication service.

After service the bells were rung by ringers from Wroxham, Mulbarton and Acle.

Following excusing, the first 720 of Plain Bob was scored by visitors: Ernest Benton 1, Miss W. E. Ditcham 2, Miss D. Ditcham 3, C. Bird 4, R. Barber 5, G. Bailey (Wroxham) (conductor) 6. The weight of the tenor is 12 cwt. in P., and the Broads district has now another handy ring. It is hoped that ringers will make good use of them and help the local band.

A DORSET BELL RESTORATION.

REDEDICATION OF THE BELLS AT TOLLER PORCUM.

The delightful and quaintly named Dorset village of Toller Porcum was the scene of considerable activity on the evening of November 1st, when the rededication of the bells was performed by the Rev. Lindsay Bartlett, L.Th., Rural Dean of Bridport.

The four bells, with a tenor of just under 9 cwt., have been carefully tuned and rehung with modern fittings in a cast iron frame, the cannons being preserved by the use of specially designed iron headstocks. The framework has been provided to accommodate two trebles, as it is hoped before long to complete the ring of six.

A large congregation assembled and the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. White.

After the dedication the Rural Dean preached a thoughtful and interesting sermon, in which he urged all ringers to remember that the real purpose of the bells was to call people to the service of the church.

Other clergy present were the Rev. A. B. Hutton, of Bridport, the Rev. R. P. Farrow, M.A., Vicar of East Lulworth, the Rev. E. S. Warner, Rector of Rampisham, and the Rev. R. B. H. Kay, B.A., curate of Bridport.

The bells, which had been silent for 18 years, were opened by the Maiden Newton band of ringers. A number of ringers from other towers also had a pull, and all expressed their appreciation of the excellent 'go' of the restored ring.

The work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who were represented at the service by Mr. F. C. W. Stevenson.

A 'VICARAGE JUBILEE BELL'

AN AUGMENTED BUCKS RING.

In the little village of Langley Marish, Bucks, about two miles from Slough, old, heavy and tuneless five bells have just been retuned and rehung in ball bearings, with the addition of a new treble, the new bell being known as 'The Vicarage Jubilee Bell.' It was given by the Vicar of Langley (the Rev. F. T. H. Shepherd, M.A.) and his family to celebrate his 25th year as incumbent of the parish. The Vicar, by the way, is brother of the well-known ringer, Mr. James H. Shepherd, of Swindon.

The bells now make a very pleasing ring of six, with a tenor of about 18 cwt., and certainly do credit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who were entrusted with the work.

On November 1st (All Saints' Day) the St. Peter's Society, Burnham, were invited to send a band, which they did, and rang the first 720 on the bells, the method being Oxford Treble Bob, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

After the ringing, the Vicar visited the tower and thanked and congratulated the ringers on what he had heard. Those taking part were John E. Taylor (age 16), 1 Cyril A. Burgess (age 19) 2, Peter A. Blamey (age 17) 3, Martin A. Blamey (age 16) 4, Bryan O'Neill (age 16) 5, George Gilbert (conductor) 6. Touches were also rung of Kent, St. Clement's, Canterbury, Single Oxford and Bob Minor, Stehman, Grandshire, Union and Reverse Canterbury Doubles. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was spent, and the foundation has been laid for the local men to take up change ringing.

G. G.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting after.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ramsbottom, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available from 6 p.m. A meeting to be held in the tower during the evening. All welcome.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, November 27th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A by-meeting will be held at Ightham, on Saturday, November 27th. Peal of six bells available from 2.30. Service at 5. Tea is by kind invitation. Please send a postcard if you are coming.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

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DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Campsall on Saturday, November 27th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. This is being tried as an experiment by the Church workers to help clear a debt they have, so a good attendance is requested to help them in this effort.—E. Cooper, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, November 27th, at St. Ebbe's Church. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4, followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify W. Collett, 45, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—Meeting, Mitcham Parish Church, Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea, in Parish Room, by kind invitation of the Mitcham band, 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Memorial to the late Master of the Association, James Douglas Drewett, Esq., J.P., will be unveiled at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, November 27th. Bells available 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next meeting has been arranged at Langley, Bucks (6 bells), on Saturday, November 27th, at 3 p.m. Phone Slough 1260, or write.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting, as a farewell to the Vicar, who is leaving, will be held at Broxbourne on November 27th. Service at five. Tea and business at the Welcome after. All ringing friends will be heartily welcomed.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

HASTINGS AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, November 27th. Tower open 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Levett, Hon. Sec., 238, Priory Road, Hastings.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, Pontesbury, November 27th. Six bells and good bus service. Bells from 3 p.m.—W. A. Farmer, 6, Mayfield Terrace, Mountfields, Shrewsbury.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for evensong at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Sunday, November 28th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

COVENTRY.—The restored ring of five bells at Corley will be rededicated on Sunday, November 28th, at 6.30 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Nov. 30th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wednesday Afternoon Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's Gateshead, on Wednesday, December 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Please send numbers for tea at earliest.—M. Bertie, 17, Ridley Avenue, Chester-le-Street.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hastings (Christ Church, Blacklands), on Saturday, December 4th. Tower

open 3 o'clock. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15 (1s. per head). Will members intending to be present kindly let me know Wednesday previous to meeting?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 13, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The last meeting for 1937 will be held at Dorking on Saturday, December 4th. Service at 5 o'clock, with tea and business meeting in the Church Room afterwards. Will those requiring tea please notify Miss E. J. M. Cottrell, 28, Hart Road, Dorking, by December 2nd?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 to all who notify Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, not later than December 1st.—Andrew Thompson.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, December 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Dolphin Inn, 1s. 3d. per head. Please let me have numbers for tea not later than Thursday, December 2nd. All ringers welcome. Nominations for district officers for 1938 at this meeting.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Aberavon on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please send number for tea by Tuesday, November 30th, certain.—E. Stith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, December 4th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Spratton (5 bells) on Saturday, December 4th. 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.

ALL-ENGLAND RINGERS will be welcomed at Hitchin on Saturday, December 4th, when the annual meeting of the Northern District, Herts Association, will be held at the Parish Church. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30, in Church House. District committee are requested to make an effort to attend and bring their hands. We want a crowd; everyone will be welcome, and every help will be given to learners, but there will be some 'Surprises' at this meeting.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moorhead Close, Hitchin.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough (6 bells), on Saturday, December 4th. For tea, please notify Mr. R. Reece, Park Street, Barlborough, near Chesterfield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield, 7.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, December 4th. Watermoor bells (8) open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service at Parish Church 6 p.m. Parish Church bells (12) open after service. Will those requiring tea please advise me by November 30th?—W. H. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Bowness Parish Church (eight bells) on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be combined with the Ashford District, Kent County Association, at Folkestone, on Saturday, December 4th.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. A card for tea will oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. For tea (6d. each), please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, December 4th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30, to be followed by meeting. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock, Loders, Symondsbury, all six bells. Please notify for tea by Tuesday, November 30th.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Buckingham (8 bells), on Saturday, December 4th. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please send in good time. All visitors heartily welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify the Hon. Secretary, F. S. H. Marle, Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Beckford, December 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Intending visitors please notify secretary by Wednesday, December 8th.—H. Wakeford, 63, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Matthew's, Northowram, on Saturday, December 11th. Service in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schools about 5 p.m., 1s. 3d. each. Names for tea to be sent to H. Chew, Enderly, Cross Roads, Northowram, by Wednesday, December 8th. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James (Moss Side) on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church Room. Election of officers, etc. All ringers who require tea must let me know, certain, by Wednesday, the 15th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells at 2.30. Service in St. Margaret's Church at 4 p.m. Tea, free to members, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Monday, December 6th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Uxbridge on Saturday, December 11th. Details later.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

WATFORD, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18th.—District annual meeting. Business: Report, balance sheet, election of officers, etc., for 1938. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5.45 in old school. Business meeting. Ringing after, till 8.15. Note: Subscriptions due January 1st, 1938.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—From November 29th, the address of Philip A. Corby will be 81, Beckwith Road, Herne Hill, S.E.24.

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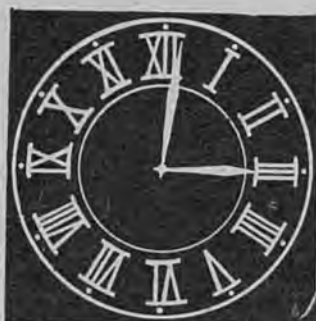
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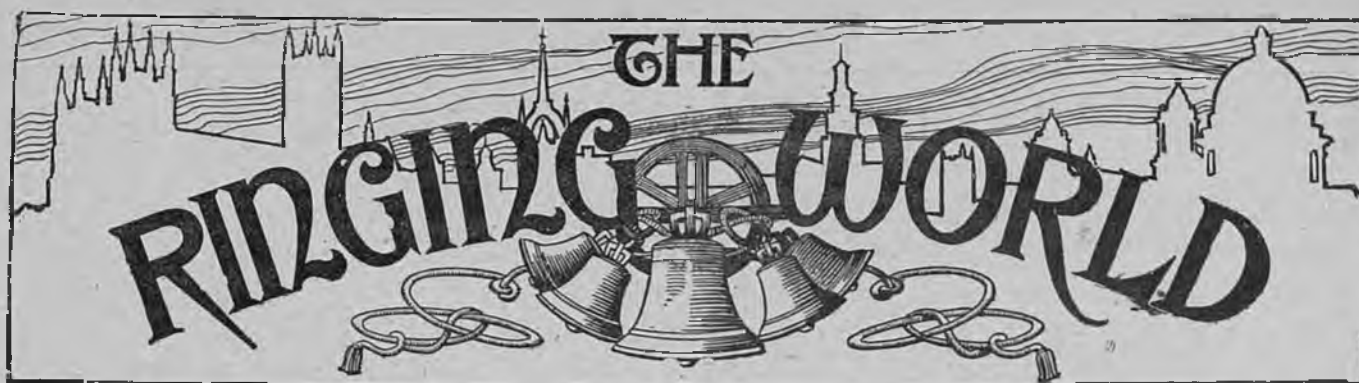
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A STANDARD FOR GOOD STRIKING

What is good striking? That is the challenging question raised by a correspondent in a letter this week. There is no fixed standard by which it can be judged; it is something which good ringers recognise but whose limits they could scarcely define. And yet there is nothing in ringing to which more importance should be attached. One thing is certain, there are far too many ringers who are content with a standard of striking much below the best, although only the best should be their aim, first because only the best is worthy of the purpose for which bells are mainly rung; secondly, because there may be hundreds of listeners whose ears are entitled to consideration. And this takes no account of the added pleasure which accrues to the ringers themselves when the ringing runs smoothly and with unbroken rhythm.

Is there a practical means of measuring that very rare achievement, the 'perfect' touch or peal, by which perhaps a standard might be set? We think the Exercise has been brought very near to it in the recently made gramophone record of Spliced Surprise Major on hand-bells. It cannot be applied exactly to tower bell ringing, because the two things are not quite the same, but, of its kind, the ringing is the most perfect that anyone could hope to hear. If an equally perfect piece of tower bell-ringing could be recorded, there would then be a permanent example of the standard which every ringer should seek to achieve. No one for a moment expects that ringing generally would rise to such a level, any more than one expects an equal level of achievement in any other direction in which the human element enters. But when the question was asked, 'What is good striking?' we could turn on the record and say, 'Listen to this!' At present varying 'grades' of ringers have differing standards of what they would recognise as 'good' striking—we are not referring to those, and unfortunately there are some, who have no standard at all and who are content with their work, whatever noise the bells are making. We are thinking rather of those 'medium' ringers who put varying values on striking, because they have been educated, in the ringing sense, only up to a limited level. These are the people who would benefit in their performances, if something could be done to show them in a practical way what is possible.

We are sometimes told that the advance of method ringing has brought with it a general lowering of the standard of striking. In some respects this may possibly be true, although it is a generalisation which is open to question. But the most competent companies ringing the more advanced methods to-day are, we are certain,

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equally as good in their striking as the best bands ring-
ing the simpler methods were forty or fifty years ago.
These men know what good striking is; but the skill by
which they accomplish it cannot easily be conveyed to
others. It is achieved by a co-ordination of hand and
ear and eye, and the man who cannot co-ordinate them
instinctively may spend a lifetime in ringing without
realising that he is not a good striker. His standard of
good ringing is, therefore, bound to be lower than the
best, and it is because of this that any kind of agreement
on what should be regarded as a minimum for good
striking is almost impossible.

TEN BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 7
HOBART E. SMITH ... 3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
HARRY R. ROPER ... 5	*FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by Wm. Pye. Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ERNEST SPILLER ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... 6
THOMAS W. GRICE ... 2	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
*GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 3	FRANK BELSEY ... 8
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 9
HARRY SPRINGATE ... 5	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung in honour of the appoint-
ment of Dr. Francis Underhill (Dean of Rochester) as Bishop of Bath
and Wells.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF St. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt, 1 qr. 10 lb.

*SYDNEY APPLEBY ... Treble	FRANK DEWEY ... 6
*SYDNEY JESSOP ... 2	ARTHUR MACKBEARS ... 7
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 8
GEORGE LADD ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... 9
SYDNEY PROCTOR ... 5	THOMAS H. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by SYDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung for the annual reunion
service of the Boston Choristers' Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARL'S COLNE.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... Treble	WALTER ARNOLD ... 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 2	H. WALTER SMITH ... 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ALBERT WIFFEN.

The conductor's 100th peal.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD Treble	ALBERT RELFE 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS 2	CHARLES BRASIER 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
FRANK H. HICES 4	JAMES G. POWELL Tenor

Composed by I. G. SHADE.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. One hundredth peal as conductor. A birthday peal for A. Lewry.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSELL Treble	GEORGE KING 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	EDWARD MILLS 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	JACK HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Thomas Hoad, a respected member of the local band.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN Treble	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 5
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
ALBERT E. WHITING 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY Treble	STANLEY A. CARTER 5
BERNARD H. SWINSON 2	JOSEPH F. CHATLEY 6
THOMAS J. HULL 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 7
ARTHUR DAY 4	BARNARD PAYMORE Tenor

Composed by C. SEVERN.

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES ROSE Treble	CHARLES SHERMMING 5
WILLIAM KINSEY 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 6
GEORGE MOSS 3	GEORGE MORE 7
KEITH WHITTELL 4	GEORGE A. FLEMMING Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by J. ROSE.

Rung on the 59th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moss, parents of the ringers of the 3rd.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER, SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
CLAUDE COUSINS 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
ARTHUR H. HOLLIDAY 3	ROBERT W. COOKE 7
WALLACE COUSINS 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).	Tenor 18 cwt.
*CHARLES H. TOMPKINS ... Treble	REV. E. G. BENSON 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 2	*JOHN D. WORSLEY 6
JOSEPH W. DOWNES 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	*WILLIAM DUGGAN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, November 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK DENCH Treble	CHARLES SMITH 5
REGINALD L. LATHBURY ... 2	ROBERT G. KING 6
FRANCIS GLEAVES 3	LEONARD E. PISTOW 7
REGINALD T. DENNIS 4	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.

Rung to commemorate the tercentenary of the society.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

ALL SAINTS' GUILD.

On Monday, November 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.	Tenor 25 cwt.
ALFRED STEED Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
RONALD G. W. JONES 2	ARTHUR PRINCE 6
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS 3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS 7
JOHN A. RANGLES 4	ARTHUR TILSTON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
GEORGE E. FEIRN Treble	ERNEST BRITTAIN 5
FRANK LORD 2	† HAROLD JUDD 6
*GEORGE DOBBS 3	JACK BRAY 7
C. BERT CHESTER 4	*FRED LACEY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

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

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

ERIC G. BENNETT Treble	FREDERICK C. ROPER 5
WALTER ELSEY 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON 6
*CHARLES V. ORVES 3	CLEMENT J. MORE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal on eight bells.

BUSHBY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANCIS A. SMITH Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
*WALTER G. PAUL 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 3	*EDWIN JENNINGS 7
*FRANCIS KIRK 4	*WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

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

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*BERTRAM C. HINES Treble	*ALBERT E. W. NORTH 5
HARRY TURNER 2	JOHN SITCH 6
FRANK B. LDFKIN 3	ALBERT PRYKE 7
ROBERT HEAZEL 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method as conductor.

ANSTEY, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*GEORGE E. BOWLER Treble	R. S. WILLIAM SMITH 5
*J. TERRY SMITH 2	ALBAN DISNEY 6
*THOMAS ISON 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7
*JOHN E. ADAMS 4	*MISS IVY SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal. Ringers of 1, 2 and 4 are aged 14, 13 and 15 respectively.

WARNEAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

FRANCIS S. WILSON Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 6
THOMAS E. DENYER 3	WALTER CHARMAN 7
JOHN COOK 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRICHARD.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of Walter Charman's first peal.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the tercentenary of the society.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK CORKE Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
*MISS E. F. BEDFORD 2	*REGINALD A. REED 6
MISS D. R. FLETCHER 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	Cecil C. Mayne Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. F. Mitchell, a ringer at St. John's, Hillingdon, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Frances M. Gutteridge, of Iwer Heath.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES 5
ALLAN SHORT 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3	FRED PRICE 7
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4	JOHN GILSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Preston, hon. secretary of the Erdington Parish Church Society.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence's,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation).

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	*WILLIAM JOHN DUMOLO 6
WILLIAM H. CURSON 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 7
F. GEORGE BAILEY 4	†JAMES W. ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM FLATT Treble	CHARLES W. LOOME 5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS 6
*CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
*FREDERICK ROOPE 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At Bishop Ryder's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2½ lb. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN 6
JOHN S. MASON 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 4	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Rung on Mr. James George's 84th birthday.

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*THOMAS J. FISHER Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 5
SAMUEL QUINTIN 2	*CECIL P. TILLEN 6
GEORGE STOCKER 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
GEOFFREY FOWLER 4	ALBERT E. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. S. Quintin.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise and five 720's of Oxford Bob, each differently called. Tenor 14 cwt.

JACK LISHMAN Treble	JOHN H. ELLIOTT 4
RAYMOND OLIVER 2	EDWARD HALL 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 3	THOMAS WM. DODD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. WM. DODD.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE W. DENNIS ... Treble	PHILIP H. TOCOK ... 4
*DONALD R. HARVEY ... 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5
*WILLIAM H. STURMEY ... 3	WILLIAM E. TREVETT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. J. L. Rhys) on completing 58 years in the ministry.

ELSHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of London and Beverley and three of Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HAROLD MORWOOD ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	GEORGE DOBBS ... 5
*HAROLD JUDD 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First Surprise peal.

ELSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb.

JACK C. VESSEY Treble	*FREDERICK HOOPER ... 4
KENNETH W. MAYER 2	FRANK W. VERNON ... 5
DOROTHY VESSEY 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. M. J. Huskinson, mother of the local captain.

BINEGAR, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*PERCY H. HULL ... Treble	*ROGER C. T. WALLIS ... 4
FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... 2	FRANK BIRD ... 5
CYRIL S. P. WEBB ... 3	RAYMOND J. WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

* First peal.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A USEFUL NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT MEETING.**

The meeting held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, November 20th, by the North and East District of the Middlesex Association was by no means overcrowded, not more than 30 ringers putting in an appearance during the afternoon and evening. Quite a number of those present, however, were learners in the strictest sense of the word, consequently 'rounds' became the special method for the day, and much good work was done in coaching these young men, some for the first time with bells open.

A short and enjoyable service was held, with an address by the Rev. Henwood, after which tea and the usual business meeting took place.

At the latter, the chair was taken by Mr. T. J. Lock (District Master), the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) explaining that the absence of the vice-president was due to his being away at Great Yarmouth on business.

It was announced that the district annual meeting would be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on January 29th.

A cordial welcome was given to the several young ringers present, from various towers, including St. Ann's, Stamford Hill; St. Michael's, Wood Green; St. Mark's, Dalston; and All Hallows', Tottenham. The hon. secretary urged them to get as much practice as possible by attending association meetings, and promised them a welcome at any time.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. F. Denton Jones) for the use of the bells; to the Rev. Henwood for his address; and to Mr. H. W. H. Strickland and Mr. F. E. Platt for their joint efforts as organists. The hon. secretary said that Mr. Platt was learning to ring at Dalston, and on this occasion they were fortunate to have two capable organists, whereas at some meetings they had to sing hymns unaccompanied.

After the meeting the bells were again rung, rounds being much in evidence, besides Edmonton Bob Major, the real special method for the day, Bristol Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and other methods.

HALESOWEN BELLS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the account of the meeting at Halesowen, published in your issue of Nov. 5th, a history of the bells of Halesowen Church was included. For the sake of completing this history of the bells we feel we ought to mention that the eight bells were tuned by ourselves in 1902, at which time we rebung the peal in a new frame.

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STEEP RINGERS' ACHIEVEMENT.**DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARD.**

On Sunday, November 14th, at All Saints' Church, Steep, near Petersfield, Hants, the Vicar, the Rev. N. M. Livingstone, D.C.L., M.A., LL.B., dedicated an oak board recording a peal, the first in which any local ringers have taken part. A company of ringers and friends gathered in the belfry at 3.30 p.m., and Mr. W. Higgins (captain of ringers), in a few words of introduction, described the efforts made to achieve their ultimate success.

The board was then unveiled by Miss Potheary, herself a local ringer, and she congratulated the band who took part, saying that she hoped to see her own name on the next peal tablet erected in the tower.

The board is of light oak with the record in black lettering.

The peal was in three methods of Doubles, viz., Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and was rung by A. E. Warren, G. M. Hunt, Miss A. M. Robertson, W. Higgins and C. E. Bassett (conductor). It was the first peal on the bells by local ringers and a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Knight, for 50 years a service ringer at Steep Church. The ringers of the treble and third scored their first peal.

The Vicar offered prayers of dedication and congratulated the band, who then rang 120 Grandsire Doubles in the peal positions. Other short touches were successfully brought round, Mr. J. Knight taking part.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Brede on Saturday, November 6th. A good number of members attended from Battle, Hastings (St. Clement's, All Saints' and Christ Church, Blacklands), Hailsham, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hawkhurst, Mr. W. Pickworth, of Hastings, together with members of the local band. Owing to the absence of the Vicar there was no service.

Excellent practice was held both in the afternoon and evening in Treble Bob, Plain Bob, etc., and several members rang their first touches in the method.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church Room, and Mr. W. Franks occupied the chair at the business meeting, at which the following members were elected: H. M. Gibbs, Brede, and W. H. Dartnell, of East Peckham, Kent, as a non-resident life member.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the hon. secretary, Mr. A. C. Pankhurst, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mrs. McCall for making arrangements for the meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The record performances at Cheltenham, recalled by the tablet just unveiled commemorating Mr. W. T. Pates' services to that church, is a reminder of the rivalry that went on in the late 'eighties of last century between Cheltenham and Appleton.

Appleton, 12,041 Stedman Caters, February 5th, 1888; Cheltenham, 13,054 Stedman Caters, March 21st, 1888; Appleton, 15,041 Stedman Caters, December 31st, 1888.

Appleton, 13,265 Grandsire Caters, April 11th, 1888; Cheltenham, 15,227 Grandsire Caters, April 22nd, 1889.

Incidentally next Wednesday is the anniversary of the previous record of Stedman Caters, the 'five ones' (11,111) at Fulham in 1883. Messrs. C. F. Winney and F. E. Dawe are the only survivors of that peal rung 54 years ago.

Their ringing friends will join in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. R. C. H. Connolly, of Watford, on the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Connolly learned to ring at Wollaston (Stourbridge) and rang her first peal there. Until recently Mr. Connolly was a member of the North Stoneham band.

'GOOD STRIKING.'

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—For some time now your columns have contained many references to the value of good striking, and I have often wondered what is 'good striking'? I mean, what is the standard to aim at? I know what perfect ringing is. I have heard very, very little, and have rung, I think, in none. Twenty-five years' experience has taught me to do certain things, but I place myself within the 'medium-to-poor' class of striker. And I ask myself: How many are there, whose striking is no better than mine, who are unable to realise their limitation? Dozens and dozens—I have 'stood behind' and listened, with a pair of 'fair' ears.

What, then, passes for good striking? In his many criticisms, the president of the Council and Master of the College Youths, Mr. E. H. Lewis, has flayed us alive, and, for my personal satisfaction only, I hope, one day, unknown to 'stand behind' him! But, in the meantime, I wonder if he would tell us whether the Caters from St. Clement Danes, in the recent broadcast 'Bells over London,' should be considered 'perfect,' 'indifferent,' or merely 'good striking'? In such a case it should, of course, be 'perfect,' but I should be most interested to see it defined by the Master of the society.

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

Hornchurch.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A 'LOCAL' PEAL?

A VILLAGE PROBLEM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder if you or any of your readers could help us to solve a little trouble arising out of a peal we contemplate ringing in the near future. Here is the argument: Ringer A is a ringer residing in this parish, but is a member of a neighbouring ringing band. Ringer B is a member of the local band, but resides in another parish. If we include A in the band for the peal, could we record this as a local peal? Should we substitute ringer B for ringer A, would this still be called a local peal? What does constitute a local peal? I must confess this friendly debate on the pros and cons of a local peal has caused a lot of deep thinking on the part of the ringers of this parish.

'VILLAGE RINGER.'

THE LEADER AND THE LEARNER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been interested in reading the letters on teaching and keeping beginners. Your leader of November 19th, together with the note in 'Belfry Gossip' relative to the action of the ringers at Knaresborough, Yorkshire, also provides interesting reading where the question of maintaining the personnel of the belfry is concerned. All three of these subjects have, more or less, a connecting link.

In the first instance, the cause of many a beginner losing heart is due to a leader who has not the patience to take part in simpler methods for the benefit of his learner. No ringer who puts the art before self should be too proud to ring any method or any number of bells. There is one feature at meetings which reminds me of the fable of the stork dining with the wolf, where neither animal could get on with the other's crockery. Ringers from eight-bell towers are often dissatisfied if the meeting is at a five-bell tower, and ringers of Doubles feel rather out of it if they visit a tower where they are expected to ring Stedman Triples or stand down.

Until all ringers are prepared to ring any bell or method, and with any other ringers, this state of affairs will ever remain the same.

I admire the Knaresborough ringers for the stand they have taken and consider that they have acted in the right manner. Too many people in these days seem to think they can treat ringing as something we are paid for doing. Hard and fast rules are not practicable in voluntary work of any kind.

Stringent ideas are generally the work of people who love to think themselves important. They are calculated to do more harm than good, and usually they are the first to 'grouse' if there is a falling off of interest.

Northampton.

P. AMOS.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

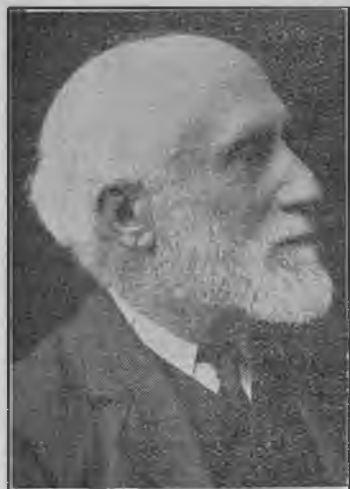
MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. J. D. DREWETT.

Tributes to Former Master.

On Saturday the Surrey Association honoured the memory of a former Master, the late Mr. James Douglas Drewett, of Mitcham, where there was a formal unveiling of a board recording a muffled peal rung in the Parish Church after his death. Mr. Drewett, in 1913, succeeded the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter as Master and occupied the office until his death in 1928.

But Mr. Drewett was more than a Master of the Surrey Association, his was a life of service to others. He served his Church in various offices, as churchwarden, as leader of the ringers, as steeplekeeper and in other capacities; he served his fellow-citizens in many ways and sat on numerous public bodies as their representative, but he was, withal, a humble man. There was no greater pointer to his kindly character than the fact that he gave up every Sunday afternoon to visiting lonely sick people in hospital.

He had a lifelong association with Mitcham Parish Church, and his grandfather and father before him were ringers. His eldest son, Douglas Walter Drewett, was following in his footsteps when he was killed in the last year of the Great War, and the proceedings on Saturday were almost unique in that memorials to both were unveiled at the same service.



THE LATE
MR. J. D. DREWETT.

bridge, sen., 6; William S. Smith, 7; John Lott, tenor. Conducted by W. S. Smith.

Something like a hundred ringers attended the gathering, many of them, of course, old friends of the late Mr. Drewett, but the limited space of the ringing room, approached by a 'Jacob's ladder,' only held a small number for the actual unveiling, which was performed by the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Finch). A short touch was rung on the bells and the remainder of the service took place in the church, where, first of all, a marble tablet bearing the following inscription was unveiled and dedicated: 'Sacred to the memory of Douglas Walter Drewett, 1st Cameron Highlanders, who fell in action near St. Quentin, October 3rd, 1918. "Their name shall remain for ever."' Above was the badge of the Camerons and below the regimental badge.

The unveiling took place in the presence of several members of the family of the deceased, and afterwards the hymn, 'Let saints on earth,' was sung. A short service followed, the lesson being read by the Master of the association (Mr. D. K. C. Birt). The Vicar gave an appropriate address from the words, 'Whatsoever ye do do it heartily as to the Lord and not as to men.' He welcomed the Surrey Association to Mitcham, and, referring to the late Mr. J. D. Drewett, said that whatever he did he did in the spirit of the text. Ringing, to him, was a piece of work for the Church; something done for God. He tried to walk worthily and he set an example of worship; for he came from the bell chamber down to the body of the church. His example was one which ringers should emulate. They should ring not only for the entertainment and satisfaction which they got out of it, but ring that God might be glorified.

After the service the ringers were entertained to tea in the Parish Hall, where Mr. D. K. C. Birt presided, supported by the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. Calvert (curate) and the officers of the association. The towers represented were Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Camberwell, Epsom (Christ Church), Kingston, Mitcham (Parish Church and Christ Church), Streatham, Wimbledon and visitors from Bishopsgate, Kensington, Holloway, Finchley, North Mimms, Clerkenwell, Edmonton, etc.

The Master thanked the Vicar for his kindly welcome, for the use of the bells and for his address. He also thanked Mr. Pothecary and the local band for their kind hospitality and the excellent arrangements. It was a great pleasure, he said, to see such a large gathering, and he liked, in particular, to feel that one of the reasons for it was that many had come there to do honour to the name and memory of a man who so well deserved their recognition, the late Mr. James Douglas Drewett. His services to the association, as many of the older members well knew, were very great indeed. He made it his business to be the personal friend of as many of the members of the association as possible, and was extremely conscientious and faithful in every kind of work he undertook.

The Master went on to welcome the many visitors present, and said the tablet unveiled in the ringing chamber was the work of members of the Mitcham tower and the writing done by the Master of the Middlesex Association (who was present). It was pleasing to know the tablet was the work of ringers (applause).

The business meeting of the North-Western Branch of the Surrey Association was then held, when the following district officers were re-nominated: Master, Mr. D. Cooper; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Simmonds; hon. secretary, Mr. F. G. Woodiss; auditor, Mr. Roy Simmonds; committee, Messrs. W. H. Hewett, H. V. Young and Mrs. C. Kippin.

The Master said further nominations, duly proposed and seconded, could be received up to fourteen days before the annual meeting of the district, which was to be held on January 29th.

'COME UP HIGHER.'

Mr. Charles Dean made reference to the late Mr. Drewett. He said those who were able that afternoon to squeeze into the belfry at the Parish Church might have noticed, painted above one of the peal boards, the words 'come up higher.' That sentence was originally, 'Friend, come up higher,' and was addressed by Mr. Drewett to a visitor who was struggling up the ladder, which gives access to the belfry, and who hesitated until Mr. Drewett invited him in these terms. That invitation was typical of the man whose memory they were commemorating. It did not matter to whom he was addressing his remarks, they were always genial in tone and the welcome was sincere. 'The phrase,' added Mr. Dean, 'is one which might be painted up in all the ringing chambers in the country.'

To the older men and women of the association Mr. Drewett was thoroughly well known, as, apart from his long association with Mitcham belfry, he was Master of the association from 1913, when he succeeded Dr. Carpenter, and he continued the Mastership until he died in 1928. Mr. Drewett was most assiduous in his attention to the duties of his office. Not only did he attend regularly the meetings of the association, but he also made it his business, when occasion required, to visit any sick or distressed member of the association, and this sense of duty extended to all the public offices which he held, and these were very numerous. He was at one time on over two hundred committees and was chairman of seventeen. These committees had to do with the Surrey County Council, the Mitcham Urban Council, Croydon Board of Guardians, etc. He was governor of the Secondary School for Boys and vice-chairman of the Mitcham School Managers, amongst a number of other public bodies.

A mutual friend, who was at one time chairman of the Croydon Rural District Council, told him that Jim Drewett was always out for his particular constituency, and if he could not get all that he wanted he became satisfied, for the time being, with what his fellow-members granted. Mr. Drewett was referred to as 'half a loaf' (laughter).

Mr. Drewett was also a Justice of the Peace, and sat on the Bench at Croydon for many years. He was not without a sense of humour. On one occasion, when he (Mr. Dean) was at his house, Mr. Drewett was called to his hall door. When he returned he said he had been asked by a young man and his wife to hear a declaration which had to be made concerning the vaccination of their child, and he said the couple were very thankful for what he had done, and the young man, on shaking hands, said he hoped he would be able to do the same for Mr. Drewett at some future time (laughter). Mr. Drewett was then about 70 years of age.

In spite of the enormous responsibility which Mr. Drewett had in connection with the public positions held by him, he was always very approachable, and even in the belfry one could tell him that he had missed his third's or his 8-7-8, and he would not resent it.

The association lost a very good man when he passed away, and the Mitcham ringers had felt his absence, as it had been impossible to replace the services which he rendered to them during his many years as steeplekeeper.

In commemorating the memory of Mr. Drewett, added Mr. Dean, one also bears in mind three other ringers whose names are specially commemorated in Mitcham belfry: Douglas W. Drewett, who joined the Cameron Highlanders and lost his life in the war in 1918; Benjamin A. Morris, who was killed in the war in 1917; and Stanley Smith, the son of Mr. William Smith, who was also killed in the war.

Each of these men had been ringers at Mitcham Parish Church, and Douglas Drewett, who had already rung there over twenty years, would doubtless have succeeded his father as steeplekeeper, as his father had succeeded his father many years previously.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding, and during the evening ringing took place on the bells of the Parish Church.

PEAL NOTES.

SUSSEX VETERAN'S PEAL RINGING JUBILEE.

Mr. Walter Charman, of Warnham, a fine old Sussex stalwart, has seen half a century of peal ringing. He rang the 7th to a peal of Bob Major at his parish church on Saturday on the fiftieth anniversary of his first peal.

Walter Charman has taken part in some long lengths, including the 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major rung at Warnham in March, 1889. The first peal in the same method had been rung in the same tower in the previous December.

They were halcyon days at Warnham, when the ringers could start for a peal every night of the week, and no one objected.

Mr. Albert Relfe reached his one hundredth peal as conductor on Saturday with a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Rotherfield, Sussex. He was the only one of the band who had previously rung a peal in the method. It was Mr. J. G. Powell's 75th peal.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Andrew's, Hertford, on Saturday, was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Day, of Harpenden, and Mr. Joseph Ladley, a very old member of the Hertford College Youths. It was also as a farewell compliment to Mr. B. H. Swinson, who is about to leave England on a business tour to South America. Mr. Barnard Patmore, of Great Munden, has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

The handbell peal of Spliced St. Clement's and Crayford College Bob Major at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, was arranged with every course comprising a lead of St. Clement's, two leads of Crayford and two leads of St. Clement's.

The peal of St. Clement's Bob Major rung at Swineshead on November 13th was first in the method by all the band.

Mr. Samuel Quintin is another veteran who has just celebrated his birthday by ringing a peal. He is a member of the local band at Thatcham, Berks, and for his 75th anniversary a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on November 27th. Two other members of the local band who took part rang their first peal.

The second of the peals of six Spliced Surprise methods on handbells was rung on Friday, November 19th. In the report published last week the date was given as the 12th, but that was the day on which the first peal was rung.

The date of the peal at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, was also wrongly given last week. It was sent as 'Saturday, November 15th.' Unlike a certain Guildford Guild secretary, we were not in form at guessing, and we guessed wrong. We plumped for Saturday, the 13th, but the peal was rung on Monday, the 15th.

The first peal by the All Saints' Guild, Gresford, was rung by foundation members and conducted by the Master, Mr. Arthur Prince, of Bath. The secretary, Mr. George Williams, was prevented from taking his usual place in the band through illness. The members wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. George Moss took part in a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on November 20th, in celebration of the 59th anniversary of the wedding of his parents.

The Rector of Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset (the Rev. J. L. Rhys) has completed 58 years in the ministry, and a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in his honour on November 13th. It was the first attempt for a peal by three of the band.

For the wedding of Mr. G. P. Mitchell, one of the band at St. John's, Hillingdon, Middlesex, a peal of Bristol Surprise was rung at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday. It was also a birthday compliment to Miss Frances M. Gutteridge, of Iver Heath. It was the fiftieth peal in which Messrs. Frank Corke, of Uxbridge, and W. Henley, of Old Windsor, have taken part together.

The peal at Paigrove, Suffolk, on November 23rd, was a birthday compliment to the daughter of Mr. C. J. More, Master of the Diss company, and to Mr. A. G. Harrison, secretary of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

BOYS' QUICK PROGRESS.

Having had their first lesson in handling a bell only in January of this year, three boys at Anstey, Leicestershire, have rung their first peal, and Stedman Triples at that, at the second attempt. George Bowler is 14, Terry Smith 13 and John Adams 15. Two others of the band rang their first peal at the same time, Thomas Ison, and Miss Ivy Simpson, who rang the 10½ cwt. tenor.

The progress of these pupils of Mr. Redvers Elkington was referred to in a letter in our issue of October 29th. They were 'brought up' on Stedman after being taught plain hunting. Congratulations both to tutor and pupils.

'Completing the circle,' meaning, for the benefit of the uninitiated, ringing a peal on all the bells in a tower, is becoming a popular pastime. We have recently recorded numerous instances. Mr. George E. Feirn, of Bigby, Lincs, has now rung peals on all the eight bells at Scunthorpe, Lincs. He 'completed the circle' on November 23rd by ringing the treble to a peal of Stedman Triples.

An attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Clent, Worcestershire, on November 20th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. George Blunt and Miss Rose Short, daughter of Mr. William Short, the popular Ringing Master of the Worcestershire Association. Owing to the indisposition of one of the band, however, ringing had to stop, so a peal of Bob Minor, with the tenor behind, was rung.

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MR. W. T. PATES' LONG SERVICE.

CHELTEMHAM VETERAN HONOURED.

The Cheltenham veteran, Mr. William T. Pates, who retired from active ringing last year, has been honoured by the erection of a tablet in the belfry commemorating his 63 years of service to the Parish Church. Unveiled on Sunday, November 21st, it bears the inscription:

'This tablet commemorates 63 years of service rendered to the Parish Church by William Thomas Pates. From 1873 to 1936 he rang in this tower, and for 45 years of that period he was Ringing Master. Born 28th February, 1853.'

Mr. Pates was unable to attend the ceremony, but he was represented by his daughters, Mrs. Clements and Miss Pates, and other members of the family.

The Rev. J. A. Barber (curate), addressing the company in the bell tower, said it was a very kindly thought on the part of the Parochial Church Council to have the tablet erected during Mr. Pates' lifetime.

'His retiring gracefully, enabling younger men to carry on the work, was one of his greatest actions,' said Mr. Barber, 'and this tablet, which will be here for all time, will remind us of his 63 years' faithful service for the Church.'

The tablet was dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. J. B. Goodliffe), and after a few rounds had been rung on the bells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,285 changes) was rung by A. W. Humphris 1, Mrs. J. Thomas (London) 2, J. D. Johnson (Hinton-on-the-Green) (conductor) 3, C. Collier 4, S. T. Holt (Crowle) 5, W. Dyer 6, J. Thomas (London) 7, ex-Sergt. Aston 8, C. Camm (Upton-on-Severn) 9, S. Hayward 10. Mr. Humphris rang a peal with Mr. Pates as long ago as 1885.

After the ceremony the ringers were entertained to tea at Mr. Pates' residence.

Mr. Pates rang his first peal at Cheltenham Parish Church in 1876, and he is the only survivor of that band. In his long career he has taken part in some notable peals, among them the 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham in 1888 and the 15,227 Grandsire Caters at the same tower in 1889, which he called. Both were records.

TRURO CATHEDRAL JUBILEE.

On Wednesday, November 10th, at Truro Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the consecration of the sanctuary and chancel. The ringers were Miss M. Penrose 1, C. E. Lanxon 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, W. E. Minors 4, W. H. Sleeman 5, Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella 6, W. H. Southard (conductor) 7, J. Treloar 8.

A PEAL AT BOSTON STUMP.

(Continued from previous column.)

A peal at Boston 'Stump'—one was rung there last Saturday—is always a reminder of the way in which modern methods can overcome difficulties in bellhanging. In this stately tower, 272ft. high, which seemed to be endangered when the bells were rung, the bells were increased in number and raised several feet, while the structure was so strengthened by a concrete corbel course that all danger to the building was removed.

Members of the local band at Benfieldside, Co. Durham, rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Bob Minor on October 22nd as a welcome to the new curate (the Rev. G. E. Casey), as a thanksgiving for the harvest and as a 21st birthday compliment to Raymond Oliver.

The peal of Cambridge Royal at Ipswich on November 27th was Miss Bowyer's 36th peal this year. She has now broken the record of peals by a lady in one year. It also completed her series in the method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. Mr. F. J. Smith also achieved this distinction in this peal.

By the way, we are now informed that our correspondent was incorrect in his definition of the letters P.G. after Miss Bowyer's name in the report of a recent performance. The truth is out at last. Their meaning is 'Pretty Girl.'

LAST OF AN ORIGINAL BAND.

Mr. J. Preston is the only member left of the original band at St. Barnabas' Church, Erdington, Birmingham, which was formed when the bells were put in 34 years ago. He has been secretary throughout this period, and on Saturday a peal of Stedman Triples was rung there as a birthday compliment to him.

The Dean of Rochester (Dr. Underhill) has been appointed Bishop of Bath and Wells, and in honour of his elevation a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday. It was a composition by Mr. Louis Head, and contains the shortest possible starting and turning courses with the treble in 2nd's place and the 6th in 5th's. Having to start a slow six with a single caused some alarm until the conductor reminded the band of the old saying, 'Third time fair.'

The peal came home in 3 hours 40 minutes, and, in addition to its main purpose, was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Norris, wife of Mr. C. E. J. Norris, who rang the 9th, and to Mr. Head, sen., father of the conductor.

Peals in commemoration of the tercentenary of the Ancient Society of College Youths continue to be rung. This week we record two, one rung at Barkway, Herts, by members residing in Essex, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the other at Petersfield, Hants, by members living in Hants, Sussex and Surrey.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD'S JUBILEE. A SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION.

The jubilee dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild attracted a large gathering to the ancient city on Saturday, November 20th. It seems fitting that the Guild's fiftieth birthday should have been celebrated at a place only a few yards from the Cathedral refectory, where the inaugural meeting was held on November 12th, 1887, and which, according to the record of that meeting, 'was well attended by both clergymen and ringers.'

The recently augmented ring at the Cathedral was available for ringing during the afternoon, as well as the eight at St. Mary's-within-the-Walls. An opportunity was thus afforded to many who had previously not heard the new trebles in the Cathedral tower, and the experience brought many expressions of satisfaction.

Dinner was served at Clemence's Restaurant in the Market Square. The Master, Mr. J. W. Milner, presided, and there were also present the Dean (Bishop Norman Tubbs), the Archdeacon of Chester (the Ven. R. V. H. Burne), Mr. H. A. Heywood, the Rev. M. H. Ridgway (Guild secretary), the Rev. W. R. Ingham, the Rev. S. T. Stephens, the Rev. G. Gaughan, and some 160 ringers from all parts of the diocese, North Wales and Lancashire. Among the apologies for absence were those from the Lord Bishop, the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. A. A. Hughes.

The loyal toast was honoured on the call of the Master, and the musical part of the programme opened with a course of Bob Royal on handbells: A. Barnes 1-2, J. E. Bibby 3-4, F. Bibby 5-6, P. Laffin 7-8, W. Bibby 9-10.

The toast of the evening, 'The Chester Diocesan Guild,' was proposed by the Dean, who spoke of the keen interest shown by his predecessor, Dean Bennett, in the welfare of the Guild. For himself, he felt that the Guild had treated him very generously in inviting him to dinner at all, because he had only a fortnight previously committed the 'unpardonable sin' of shutting off the main electric light switch whilst an important peal was in progress at the Cathedral! (laughter). He wished to express his deep regret.

BELLS' NOBLE TASK.

Confessing his ignorance of the art of ringing, the Dean said that although he had read 'The Nine Tailors,' he still felt unequal to making a speech on the subject. He was, however, conscious that ringing was a very important part of church work, and he felt that it was up to the Guilds to see that the bells of England should continue to be rung in the old-fashioned way and not by mechanical means. As a man who had spent a number of years abroad, he knew that one of the things that the Britisher away from home longed for most was to hear again the sound of bells rung in the English way. This, almost more than anything else, suggested 'home.' Bells, too, were playing an important part in the recall to religion, and had, he felt, always done much towards keeping this country Christian—a noble task.

In responding to the toast, the Rev. M. H. Ridgway, who last year succeeded the Rev. W. R. Ingham as secretary, briefly reviewed the work of the Guild during its half-century of existence. Good service ringing and clean towers were now the order of the day. He hoped that every effort would be made to get all towers in the diocese into union, a most worthy aim for this important year. The Guild, he felt, had celebrated its jubilee in a most fitting manner—by the installation of two new bells as an addition to the Cathedral eight, thus giving the Mother Church a fine peal of ten bells.

Mr. W. Wilcox, one of the original members of the Guild, proposed 'The health of the Master.' Mr. Milner, in making his reply, said that judging by the number of ringers present who were well over 60 years of age, ringing was a most healthy pursuit. The finest recreation was a change of occupation, and ringing not only gave pleasure to the ringer, but also the listener. The presence of a large number of 'mere boys' gave him the assurance that the future of the Guild was safe.

In proposing 'The Clergy,' Mr. J. W. Clarke emphasised the need of close co-operation between clergy and ringers, and, quoting part of the report of the first meeting of the Guild (mentioned at the beginning of this report) said that it would give great pleasure if such a phrase could be used in the minute books to-day. He deprecated the use of 'gramophone bells' in churches where the conditions made the installation of a ringing peal possible. Such installations were a tragedy, and he appealed to the clergy, both by example and influence, to discourage 'potted bells.'

In reply, the Archdeacon said that, in his opinion, all members of the clergy should know something of bells and ringing, and instruction in these matters should form an essential part of their training. He himself had learned to handle a bell in his younger days, and although he could not count himself a change ringer, he did appreciate the excellent work done for the Church by ringers.

FIVE ORIGINAL MEMBERS PRESENT.

On the call of the Master, original members present, five in all, stood. These veterans, Mr. H. A. Heywood, Mr. W. Wilcox, Mr. J. Morgan, Mr. E. Breeze and Mr. J. B. Wood, were greeted with much applause, and each in turn delighted the company with reminiscences of bygone days.

The Rev. W. R. Ingham proposed 'The Visitors.' In welcoming them he said that the success of that occasion pointed to the flourish-

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'BELLS OVER LONDON.'

AN INTERESTING WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

Under the title of 'Bells over London,' the B.B.C. devoted a twenty-minute broadcast to bellringing and the Ancient Society of College Youths in the Regional programme on Wednesday of last week, and the item was an informative and enjoyable one. It also went out on the Midland, Welsh and Northern Ireland Regionals. Originally it was announced in the 'Radio Times' that the item was devised by John Shand and Willie Roughton, but before it came on, London newspapers had announced that Mr. Willie Roughton had refused to collaborate because, so the newspapers said, a 'recorded' description of bellringing by Miss Dorothy Sayers from her book, 'The Nine Tailors,' was to be introduced. It gave the papers, which dealt with the subject, the opportunity of well-displaying Miss Sayers' name in the headlines.

The B.B.C. when the programme opened announced the withdrawal of Mr. Roughton's collaboration, and it was stated that the item was devised by John Shand and produced by H. L. Morrow. These gentlemen did their work well.

The narrator described the true art of bellringing as a kind of musical chess, and went on to explain how changes were produced. Change ringing, he said, was the most intricate and, to many, the most beautiful form of bellringing.

Miss Sayers' description of it was introduced, and, after a reference to the terminology of bellringing, about which, the narrator said, there was a touch of poetry, Mr. E. H. Lewis (Master of the College Youths) spoke upon the society's long history and the 'music' of change ringing, which was illustrated on handbells by 'Rounds,' 'Queen's,' 'Tittums' and 'Whittington's,' followed by the plain hunt on eight bells. Afterwards came a bob course of Stedman Triples. The handbell ringing was done by Messrs. E. H. Lewis, E. P. Duffield, H. Langdon and W. Williams.

At the beginning of the programme the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were twice 'faded in,' and the programme terminated with a recorded impression of the bells of St. Clement Danes.

The Exercise owes a debt to the B.B.C. for the way in which this programme was organised and 'put over.'

AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I—a very humble 'country' member of the College Youths—say how much I enjoyed and appreciated the broadcast. It came through splendidly, and the exposition of changes was perfectly done.

The thanks of the Exercise are due to the organisers and performers alike. Please let us have more such broadcasts.

ERNEST MORRIS,

Author of 'History and Art of Change Ringing,'
'Legends of the Bells,' etc.

DEATH OF ILKLEY RINGER.

TUTOR OF THE PRESENT COMPANY.

The many friends of Mr. T. W. Crawshaw, of Ilkley, Yorkshire, will regret to learn of his death on Wednesday, November 17th. He was taken ill whilst ringing for service on the previous Sunday and never recovered. The funeral, which was attended by a large body of mourners, took place on Saturday, November 20th.

The late Mr. Crawshaw had been a devoted churchworker at Ilkley Parish Church for the greater part of his life and had been a chorister for over 53 years. He was leader of the ringers and had been a member of the Ilkley company for the past 47 years. With one exception all the present company of ringers gained their knowledge of ringing under his careful guidance and tuition. His favourite method was Grandsire, and he set a very high standard for service ringing. He was a keen member of the Yorkshire Association and was very interested in the work of the district.

He leaves a widow and a grown-up family, two sons being members of the local company.

The Ilkley ringers have elected Mr. W. H. Crawshaw to fill his father's position, and on Sunday, November 21st, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

CHESTER GUILD JUBILEE.

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ing state of the Guild. There were certainly no signs of the 'moths' getting at it yet.

In acknowledging the toast, the Rev. G. Vaughan said that his presence that night had made him more keen than ever to learn to ring, and he would in future be a frequent visitor to the belfry.

That the 'splice' at the Cathedral was considered an excellent job was evident from conversations on all sides, and the secretary was asked to convey to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank the Guild's congratulations on a fine job.

There was also a suggestion that the Guild should arrange an annual dinner, and no doubt the matter will be up for discussion at the meetings of the various branches in the coming year.

The company was entertained during the evening by Mr. N. Swinnerton (bass) and Mr. J. Roberts (tenor), of the Cathedral choir, and Messrs. J. Neild and J. Taylor. A course of Grandsire Caters by C. Valentine 1-2, Miss N. Bibby 3-4, J. Bibby 5-6, F. Bibby 7-8, W. Bibby 9-10, brought the evening to a delightful close.

CLASHING MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, — I have always been under the impression that the primary object of district meetings was for the benefit of the members concerned in their arrangement. With that in mind, my fixtures, made at the beginning of each year, seek to avoid any clashing with, not only the other three districts of this Guild, but also the North-West District of the Surrey Association, in whose activities some of our members have a vote.

So it was with mixed feelings that I read your leading article last week and the letter which prompted it, especially seeing that the letter came from Mr. Cannon, a prominent member of the Tower Grabbers' Union, who, when we held a meeting at Dorking previously, came there, had a ring, and then had to be off, to get a ring at some London tower where the reopening of the bells took place that afternoon. It would appear that a secretary would need to be a superman and see that no meetings took place within 50 miles on his meeting dates, to save someone a pang of disappointment at being unable, through a feeling of loyalty, to get to a new tower. Perhaps some day the ideal will come, but for the present my advice to Mr. Cannon is to bring the matter up at the annual meeting of his own association and see that none of their own meetings clash. Ours are fixed at a committee meeting with the general secretary early in the year.

With regard to the meetings 'under the cloud,' both have for their chief business something concerning themselves, namely, the nomination of their officers, and as no one member will be torn between two votes, I think that the business interval offers a good chance for visitors to get from one place to the other, and as they will be able to get a good variety at both places, the nearness is really a blessing.

ARTHUR H. SMITH,
Hon. Secretary, Leatherhead District.
Guildford Diocesan Guild.

OVERLAPPING ASSOCIATIONS.

Dear Sir, — While I cannot answer Mr. Cannon's question regarding the clashing of district meetings, I may perhaps be allowed to make a few comments on the matter raised.

There are two distinct points at issue, though they are not clearly shown in Mr. Cannon's letter.

The first is when separate associations or districts hold meetings in towers in their own areas, but those towers happen to be near each other. You have, perhaps intentionally, confined your editorial to this aspect of the matter, and, while I agree such a clash would be better avoided, there is no reason why both meetings should not be successful if fully supported by each association's own members. District secretaries have a good deal to do and they cannot always find out the intentions of one or more surrounding associations.

What is far more objectionable is the case where Association A holds a meeting at a tower affiliated to Association B on the same day that Association B is holding a meeting in its own area. I have been considering for several months the best way of bringing this matter before the Exercise, and had decided that, rather than seek the courtesy of your columns where only personal opinions can be expressed, I would broach the subject at the next Central Council meeting. About six weeks ago I drafted a motion to be put before the Council, and on November 1st I asked another member of the Council to second it. All this was before the meetings held at Isleworth and Twickenham on November 13th and while there was still a chance of avoiding that clash.

But the 'ubiquitous Mr. Cannon' (your own adjective, Mr. Editor) has forestalled me, though I may still ask the Council to express an opinion on the matter next Whitsun.

The clash on November 13th was the second in the South and West Middlesex District this year. In the summer the district held a meeting at Harlington, which is not an easy place to get to, and unfortunately another association met at Chiswick on the same day. (Ten members of the Chiswick tower are ringing members of the South and West District). The attendance at Harlington, as was to be expected, was less than double figures—a poor show not only for the district, but for the Exercise.

It seems to me only a matter of courtesy for a visiting association to get into early touch with the secretary of the area to be visited, so as not to upset local arrangements. In most cases I am sure the local association would be pleased to avoid that date or agree to a joint meeting. I realise that an 'extra-territorial' association (such as the Ladies' Guild) would be affected more by this than would ordinary associations, but what is an extra letter or two compared with the success or failure of a meeting or the retention of good feeling between associations.

WILFRID G. WILSON.

28, Abbey Avenue, Wembley.

NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The last meeting for 1937 will be held at Dorking on Saturday, December 4th. Service at 5 o'clock, with tea and business meeting in the Church Room afterwards.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, December 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Dolphin Inn, 1s. 3d. per head. All ringers welcome. Nominations for district officers for 1938 at this meeting.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, December 4th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

ALL-ENGLAND RINGERS will be welcomed at Hitchin on Saturday, December 4th, when the annual meeting of the Northern District, Herts Association, will be held at the Parish Church. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30, in Church House. District committee are requested to make an effort to attend and bring their bands. We want a crowd; everyone will be welcome, and every help will be given to learners, but there will be some 'Surprises' at this meeting.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough (6 bells), on Saturday, December 4th. For tea, please notify Mr. R. Reece, Park Street, Barlborough, near Chesterfield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield, 7.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wroughton on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Bowness Parish Church (eight bells) on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. For tea (6d. each), please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, December 4th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30, to be followed by meeting. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock, Lodders, Symondsbury, all six bells.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Service ringing December 5th, 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Practices, December 6th and 20th, St. Clement Danes, at 7.30 p.m., also St. Mary's, Lambeth. Decem-

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ber 28th, at 8 p.m. A reminder is hereby given regarding handbell competition to be held on February 12th next. Particulars from T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral, December 7th; St. Magnus, December 9th and 23rd; Southwark Cathedral, December 16th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, December 21st (all at 7.30 p.m.); St. Andrew's, Holborn, December 30th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify the Hon. Secretary, F. S. H. Marle, Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Matthew's, Northowram, on Saturday, December 11th. Service in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schools about 5 p.m., 1s. 3d. each. Names for tea to be sent to H. Chew, Enderly, Cross Roads, Northowram, by Wednesday, December 8th. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, on Saturday, December 11th. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.30, in Express Dairy, High Street, 1s. each. St. Andrew's bells (8) from 4.30 and after tea. St. John's, Hillingdon, bells (10), 3-4.30. Trolley buses (607), etc., connect with both churches.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James (Moss Side) on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winslow on Saturday, December 11th. 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.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wilton on Saturday, December 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in the schools after service. Will those requiring tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Linslade on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A special invitation to all North Bucks Branch ringers, so we want a good home team to welcome them.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Leighton Buzzard.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Silkstone on Saturday, December 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring teas please notify Mr. H. Mann, Fox and Hounds Yard, Silkstone, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, December 9th. A hearty welcome to all.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells at 2.30. Service in St. Margaret's Church at 4 p.m. Tea, free to members, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Monday, December 6th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. at All Saints', Hamer (one mile from Rochdale). Bells (6) —Next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 11th, available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. A good turn-up requested. Those desirous of tea (at a nominal charge) please notify Mr. Alwyn Taylor, Shaw House, Albert Royds Street, Rochdale, by Thursday, December 9th.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (6) 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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Ives, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Garston, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Institute. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Liverpool, 19.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield on Saturday, December 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock to those who notify me by Wednesday, December 8th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

SALISBURY GUILD.—N. Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, December 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Guild Office 4.30, followed by tea and business. Mere and Zeals bells also available. For tea, please notify J. Ralph, 9, Orchard Road, Gillingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Clifton Parish Church on Saturday, December 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow in Parish Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by December 8th?—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A. Will those requiring tea kindly notify by December 9th?—G. Preston, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Annual branch meeting at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (10) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The dedication of tablet commemorating the 100th birthday of Charles Slingsby will take place at Aldington on Saturday, December 11th, at 4 p.m. Ringing before and after the ceremony.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Please notify by December 9th for tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than December 8th.—F. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe, Essex.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—No business, but a ringing meeting will be held on December 11th at St. Ann's, Brookfields, from 5 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. The Vicar of St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, has also given us permission to ring from 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. Will all the N.W. London District members come and make it an enjoyable ringing evening?—T. Bevan.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, December 11th. The bells (a fine six) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Cot at 5 p.m. If you only ring rounds, we shall be pleased to see you.—Frank C. Tysoe, District Secretary, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Lavenham (5 bells) on Saturday, December 11th. 2.30, Ring up. 4. Service. 4.45, Tea, Business.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

HINCKLEY DISTRICT MEMBERS OF THE M.C.A.—Where shall we go for the district annual meeting on January 8th? Interested? Then come to the last meeting of the year at Croft on December 11th. Bring any unpaid subs. too. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Names to Mr. J. Bayliss, Brookside Cottage, Croft.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

WATFORD HARDY ANNUAL blooms on Saturday, December 18th (Herts Association).

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. E. H. Noott). All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me for tea not later than December 13th.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Poulton, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Come and hear the new octave, tenor 8 cwt. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The last meeting for 1937 will be held at the Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room 4.30 prompt. Short service at 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome, especially Loughborough District members, at this meeting. Please remember the 'P.C.' for tea to be sent to me by Wednesday, December 15th.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than December 15th?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Dedication by the Bishop of Winchester of the new ring of six bells at Goodworth Clatford, on Saturday, December 18th, at 3 p.m. Three new bells added to three already existing in the tower, by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. Tea in the Vicarage at 4.30 p.m. Bells open for visitors after tea. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. A. Gidlow, Goodworth Clatford Rectory, Andover.

SHAUGH PRIOR, S. DEVON.—Ring of six bells, tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co. Rededication service by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth on Saturday, December 18th, at 3.15 p.m.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandgate Road, Sheffield, 10, by Wednesday previous.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

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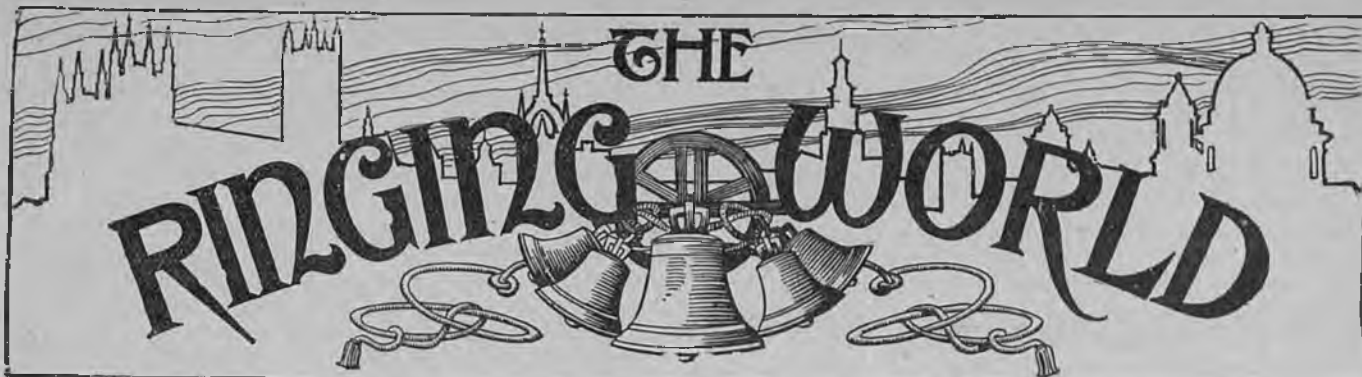
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ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	GEOFFREY J. LEWIS 9
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN 10
MRS. J. THOMAS 5	THOMAS W. LEWIS 11
JOHN THOMAS 6	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

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† JAMES A. MILNER 5	* LIONEL CLOUGH Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

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Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

Specially arranged and rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. James George. It was also his 1,270th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

PRITCHARD'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

* GEORGE SLACK Treble	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY 5
FRED C. LIME 2	ARTHUR STEDMAN 6
JOHN BAGNALL 3	C. J. A. CUSHING 7
JAMES E. WILLIAMS 4	JAMES E. BURLS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLS.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung in the year of the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI. and Queen Elizabeth. Also in honour of the 72nd birthday, during the week, of the leader of this tower, Mr. C. J. A. Cushing, who has completed 55 years' service as ringer here. All the band are regular Sunday service ringers at this church.

OAKFORD, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

J. HENRY PURCHASE Treble	CLAUDE FARR 5
* VICTOR N. BARROW 2	ARTHUR TRUMAN 6
ALBERT TOUT 3	EDWARD H. BIFFIN 7
JOHN H. HOSGOOD 4	WILLIAM H. HOWE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD H. BIFFIN.

* First peal of Triples.

SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM G. YOUNG Treble	ARTHUR V. DAVIS 5
* ROY C. HURST 2	* FRANK HAYSOME 6
PERCY W. WITHAM 3	HARRY SMALE 7
WILLIAM C. SHUTE 4	FREDERICK G. COLE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by F. G. COLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Margery V. Bastable to Mr. Percy C. Barnes.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. Treble	GEORGE H. SPICE 5
* JOHN E. SPICE 2	VICTOR A. JARRETT, R.E. 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
GEORGE KENWARD 4	WILLIAM B. GORMAN Tenor

Conducted by V. A. JARRETT.

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

LECKHAMPTON, CHELTENHAM.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 9 wt. in A.

WILLIAM TOWNSEND Treble	THOMAS BORRHAM 5
WILLIAM OAKLEY 2	GEORGE H. WALTERS 6
HAROLD HALFORD 3	WILLIAM HUNT 7
CHARLES W. MARTIN 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN F. BALLINGER.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

* JACK TAYLOR Treble	* CHARLES GREGORY 5
LEWIS TYLDESLEY 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
* JOHN ROBINSON 3	† GEORGE B. JACKSON 7
JAMES J. JACKSON 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON Tenor

Conducted by J. RIDYARD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. J. L. Coursey, M.A.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

* GEOFFREY HARRISON Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP 5
LESLIE STEVENS 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 3	COLIN HARRISON 7
JOHN SADDINGTON 4	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Stedman and rung at the first attempt.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

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

ERIC G. BENNETT Treble	GEORGE ARCHER 5
* WALTER ELSEY 2	FREDERICK C. ROPER 6
* CHARLES V. ORVES 3	WILLIAM MUSK 7
ALBERT G. HARRISON 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by E. G. BENNETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Larter, of Diss, who were married at the above church on November 30th, 1867.

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GORTON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Unitarian Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALAN BROWN Treble	JOHN HASSEL 5
WILLIAM H. SHOKER 2	WILLIAM BRAMMER 6
FRANK REYNOLDS 3	E. MURGATROYD 7
HERBERT MCKINNEL 4	N. HEAPS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF

Conducted by N. HEAPS.

* First peal.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, December 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

WILLIAM LINTER, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM LINTER, JUN. ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	ERNEST W. WHITEMAN ... 6
WALTER LINTER 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 7
ROY LINTER 4	REGINALD A. REED ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells, recently augmented from six to eight by John Taylor and Co. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Linter, sen., who reached his 80th birthday on November 28th.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

HERBERT W. COLLIER ... Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... 6
THOMAS E. DENVER ... 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 4	WILFRED BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Major J. H. B. Hesse.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANCIS S. WILSON ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
OWEN GILES 2	FREDERICK PAGE ... 6
ALFRED C. LEVETT ... 3	HENRY STALHAM ... 7
JACK WHITEHEAD ... 4	FRIEZ OITAWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Arranged and rung for the patronal festival. F. S. Wilson's 50th peal.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF DARLSTON BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S SIX-PART, No. 59.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARTHUR G. THOMAS ... Treble	REGINALD WOODVATT ... 5
CHARLES R. SMITH ... 2	GEORGE E. LARGE ... 6
ARTHUR R. MOSELEY ... 3	JOHN H. COLLEY ... 7
WALTER H. RAXTER ... 4	FREDERICK G. YATES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal in the method by all the band and on the bells. Rung at first attempt. Ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 are members of the Sunday band at this church.

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EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in D.

GEORGE POPNELL ... Treble	GEORGE TALBOT ... 5
ROBERT E. COLES ... 2	JOHN W. JONES ... 6
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ... 3	ALFRED W. HEATH ... 7
ROBERT SMITH ... 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

First peal on the bells. Rung on the eve of the conductor's 72nd birthday.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

HORACE H. SMITH ... Treble	FREDERICK J. PLUMMER ... 5
*MISS DORIS E. LIDBETTER ... 2	ALBERT FLEET ... 6
HENRY B. WHITNEY ... 3	EDWIN A. BELSON ... 7
*FREDERICK JEFFES ... 4	JOSEPH E. ARNOLD ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. E. ARNOLD.

* First peal of Major.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

BERT W. MAY ... Treble	FRANK BELSEY ... 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL ... 2	*WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
CHARLES BELSEY ... 3	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 4	CHARLES H. WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

First peal of Grandsire as conductor. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Kathleen Cheal.

SIX AND BELL FIVE PEALS.

LEINTWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

E. RICHARD BALDWIN ... Treble	CHARLES H. CARTWRIGHT ... 4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 2	ARTHUR C. NASON ... 5
HUBERT JONES ... 3	HAROLD H. CORFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

BLETSOE, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz.: 720 of Kent Treble Bob and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN HILSON ... Treble	DONALD L. COCKINGS ... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	C. HENRY HARDING ... 5
LEONARD WILLIAMS ... 3	REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ... Tenor

Conducted by C. H. HARDING.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

LEONARD E. A. DAVIES ... Treble	HUBERT JONES ... 4
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 2	ARTHUR C. NASON ... 5
JAMES HUGHES ... 3	GEORGE ALLEN ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. J. BENIAMS.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Rev. S. Z. and Mrs. Edwards, Stokesay.

BASSINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Childwall and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

KENNETH W. MAYER Treble	GEO. LESLIE A. LUNN 4
*MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 2	RICHARD H. M. HARVEY 5
FRANK W. VERNON 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* 25th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss D. Vessey, and to Mr. J. A. Freeman, of Lincoln.

HIGHAM ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, November 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 6 lb. in A.

*LESLIE WRIGHT Treble	MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 4
†MISS ELKANOR REEVE 2	RONALD W. STEWARD 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

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

SILTON, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 26, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK B. FELTHAM Treble	*ERNEST G. SUTER 3
*SETH SUTER 2	EDWARD G. COWARD 4
WILLIAM C. SHUTE Tenor	

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

FELKIRK, NEAR BARNSLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Ringers' Surprise, Capel, Bolton Abbey, York Minster, Wragby Delight and Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

CLIFFORD ROBINSON Treble	ERNEST BROOKES 4
*HERMAN ROSEBY 2	J. THOMAS WHITE 5
HAROLD CHANT 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by H. CHANT.

* First peal and first attempt.

BILLESDON, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

R. RUSSELL Treble	*WILLIAM A. WOODS 4
GEO. GEARY 2	A. L. WARD 5
A. BALLARD 3	J. H. BLOFF Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLOFF.

* Fiftieth peal.

STANDISH, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

*NORMAN PERKINS Treble	†LEONARD EDWARDS 4
LEWIS MERRETT 2	THOMAS BAILEY 5
THOMAS PRICE 3	*HARRY CURSON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BATHEASTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK GREEN Treble	MAURICE SMART 4
JAMES SMART 2	JOSEPH MORE 5
JESSE HALLETT 3	HORACE D. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by H. D. TAYLOR.

Rung in honour of the ordination at Liverpool Cathedral of David Mercier, son of the Rev. P. B. Mercier, Vicar of Batheaston.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

HARRY PARKER Treble	*HARRY THELWELL 4
HARRY W. HOWARD 2	*ANDREW THOMPSON 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Minor in five methods.

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

THOMAS W. LEWIS Treble	JOHN THOMAS 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5
MRS. J. THOMAS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal on the new peal of bells, recently installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 4
KEITH W. WHITTLE 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 1, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents with the ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JONES L. GWYNNE Treble	BERNARD H. DAVIES 4
ALBERT E. JONES 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
DAVID H. BRUNETT 3	SELWYN L. SPEAKE Tenor

Conducted by D. H. BRUNETT.

* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Stanley Charles Powell, a member of the local band, interred at St. Gwendoline's on November 27th.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: Willesden, College Bob IV., St. Albans and Wragby Delight, and London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.

*JOHN W. L. SLACK Treble	JOHN WORTH 4
JACK TIPPER 2	STANLEY NOBLE 5
TOM TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal in seven methods.

**TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Monday, November 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob and one 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Double Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

SYDNEY FLINT Treble	WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4
WILLIAM BOCKENHAM 2	JOHN BOCKENHAM 5
CLAUDE COUSINS 3	CRCIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

The first 720 was rung 'silent.' The rest were conducted in turn by the six ringers from treble to tenor. Rang at the request of the Vicar as a thanksgiving peal for the restoration of the church.

ALGARKIRK, LINCS.

**THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's in 80 methods, viz.:—

- (1) Tattershall, Candlesby, Langton, Alford, Benington, Butterwick, Freiston, Frampton, Leake, Whaplode and Wrangle Alliance and Bastow Little Court.
- (2) Gedney, Gunby, Bicker, Spilsby, Gosberton, Sibsey, Surfleet, Wainfleet, Pinchbeck and Spalding Alliance and Kent Little Court.
- (3) Windermere, Frodsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Cumberland, Ennerdale, London Bob, Lytham, Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Waverfree, Plain Bob, Fulbeck, Double Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Reverse Bob.
- (4) Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV., Newdigate, Marple, Taxal, Humber, Braintree, Elston, Clarence, Neasden, Wragby, Charwood and St. Albans Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.
- (5) Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Ockley, College Exercise and Oxford Treble Bob, and Pontefract, Dunottar, Wath and Carisbrooke Delight.
- (6) Hereward, Oxford Bob, Single Court and Double Court.
- (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

Conducted by V. TAYLOR.

Witness—W. A. Richardson.

There were 176 changes of method. This is the greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

**HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, December 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. F. J. JOHNSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor size 12 in F.

MISS KATHLEEN M. JOHNSON 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4	MRS. A. J. MARTIN 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Umpire—John Thomas.

This band, three sisters and brother, met specially on the 25th anniversary of the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung 'in hand' by three members of the same family at the ages of 12, 13 and 10 years respectively.

KENSINGTON, LONDON.

THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Friday, December 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY ABBOT'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR J. W. HUGHES ... 9-10

Composed by J. CARTER (No. 51). Conducted by E. C. S. TURNER
(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

PEAL NOTES.

THREE SONS RING WITH FATHER FOR 80th BIRTHDAY.

On November 28th Mr. William Linter, sen., of Swanmore, Hants, celebrated his 80th birthday, and three days later the event was honoured by the first peal on the augmented bells of Bishop's Waltham Church.

It was, as it should be, very much of a family affair, for three of Mr. Linter's sons took part in the peal. The method was Bob Major and it was called by Mr. Linter's old friend, Mr. George Williams, himself past the four-score mark.

Mr. Linter, sen.'s, first peal was called by Mr. Williams at Soberton on June 21st, 1889, and that peal was also the first by Mr. Linter's late brother, Robert. Another brother, Frank, rang his first peal when George Williams rang his first as conductor in January, 1885. In 1886 they were both members of the Reigate Society.

Anyhow, this birthday peal was the event of a lifetime, and many interesting recollections were brought to light over the teacups after the ringing, the participants being entertained by Mr. W. Linter, jun. (who was in the Australian touring party). The splendid birthday cake was kindly provided by Mrs. F. S. Bayley.

Bishop's Waltham bells were recently retuned and restored by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who also added two trebles to complete the octave.

The members of the Linter family ring, in these days, at different towers: William Linter, sen., at Swanmore; William Linter, jun., at Fareham; Walter Linter at Bishop's Waltham; and Roy Linter at North Stoneham.

Curiously enough this was the first occasion upon which these four members of the Linter family had all taken part in a peal together.

Congratulations to Miss Dorothy Vessey on ringing her 25th peal on her 18th birthday. She has only been ringing a little over 18 months and this performance—seven different 720's of Minor—was her 21st peal this year.

A peal well 'spiced' was rung at Borden, Kent, on November 27th, when three generations of the Spice family, whose roots are in Tunstall, took part together in Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples. William Spice, sen., rang the treble, his son, George H. Spice, the fifth, and his grandson, John E. Spice, the second to his first peal at the first attempt. Victor Jarrett (Musician, R.E.) called his first peal on eight bells.

CHILDREN'S PEAL RECALLED.

Spliced Bob and Little Bob Maximus has been added to the variety of peals rung on the twelve at Kidderminster. It was rung on December 4th and was the first peal of Spliced Maximus by all the band. Each course consisted of one lead of Plain, one of Little and one of Pain Bob. The composition was arranged, as well as conducted, by the hon. secretary of the Worcestershire Association, Mr. J. D. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson, three days earlier, was also the conductor of another interesting peal. On December 1st, 1912, he, with two of his sisters, Ellen and Ruth, rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles on handbells. Ellen, since deceased, was then 12 and rang 1-2. Joseph was 13 and called the peal from 3-4, and Ruth, only 10, rang 5-6. The peal was independently umpired.

On December 1st, 1937, twenty-five years after, Joseph, with three sisters, called a handbell peal of Grandsire Triples to commemorate the anniversary. The family party were Miss Kathleen Johnson, Mrs. John Thomas, Joseph Johnson and Mrs. A. J. Martin, ringing in that order. How proud their father, the late Mr. Frederick J. Johnson, would have been had he lived to see this event.

Both living and dead were remembered in a peal rung at Leekhampton, Cheltenham, on November 29th. The peal was in memory of Mrs. Isobel Richardson, to whose memory the two treble bells were added in 1904, and in honour of the 84th birthday of Mr. James George, of Birmingham.

As a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. J. L. Coursey), who was leaving Christ Church, Southport, for Christ Church, Cheltenham, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the former church on November 30th.

It was the 49th anniversary of Mr. L. Tyldesley's first peal, and he cannot recollect any previous peal rung at Christ Church, Southport, by a regular Sunday service band.

As a 'coming of age' compliment to Miss Kathleen Cheal, a member of the band at Rainham, Kent, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at that church on December 4th. Her brother took part in the peal, and afterwards Miss Cheal extended hospitality to the ringers, who wish to thank her for her kindness.

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CURIOSITIES OF 'STARS.'

(Continued from previous page.)

Many curiosities occur in regard to 'starred' performances. Mr. Harold Cashmore's name appears this week with a 'star' for ringing his first peal of Royal. And he is the man who calls peals in Spliced Surprise methods on handbells! Other 'advanced' ringers are similarly 'decorated' for the same peal, rung at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans.

Another instance comes from Manchester, where, at the Cathedral, three of a band who have rung in a peal of 73 Spliced Treble Bob methods rang their first peal of Grandsire Caters on Saturday.

Peal attempts at Dodderhill, Droitwich, Worcestershire, are rare, through restrictions, but last Saturday, the ban being lifted, a peal of Darlaston Bob Triples was rung there, the band including five of the local company, with three from Claines. The method was taken from 'The Glossary' and had previously been practised as a change from Oxford Bob. The conductor found it necessary to send away for a composition to Mr. J. Pigott, to whom he is indebted. It was the first peal in the method by all the band and on the bells, and was rung at the first attempt. The long dodging behind probably accounted for its being a quick peal.

The first peal on the bells at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1935, was rung on Saturday. It should have been Bob Royal, but the band, meeting short, rang Bob Major.

On September 19th the dedication of Monmouthshire's heaviest and grandest ring of bells, installed by John Taylor and Co., took place at Ebbw Vale. The first attempt for a peal was made on Saturday last and proved successful. The date was specially chosen as it was the eve of the 72nd birthday of Mr. John W. Jones, hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association and conductor of the peal.

Congratulations were extended to him. It is nearly 49 years ago since he rang his first peal, which was also Grandsire Triples.

Tea was kindly provided by the ladies of the parish, and thanks are extended to them and to Mr. Alsop, the local leader, for his kindness in doing 'the needful' at the tower. The new band at Ebbw Vale are making good progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Larter, of Diss, Norfolk, have just celebrated the 70th anniversary of their wedding. No wonder the bells were rung for them! The wedding took place at Diss Parish Church on November 30th, 1867, and when the anniversary came round last week a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung.

To mark the completion of his 50 years' membership of the Lancashire Association, a peal of Bob Major in honour of Mr. William Brammer was rung at Gorton Unitarian Church, Manchester, on November 30th. It was also a birthday peal for Miss Cynthia Dulton.

MR. JAMES GEORGE IS 84.**HOW HE CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY.**

Mr. James George celebrated his 84th birthday as actively as a youth of 24. In the afternoon he rang at Birmingham Cathedral for the induction of the new Provost, who was installed by the Bishop of Birmingham, at a very impressive ceremony. Immediately afterwards, Mr. George, with seven others of the band, rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Bishop Ryder's Church. The peal was a pleasure to ring, and a credit to Mr. George, who rang the seventh.

At the conclusion of the peal the band, with five other ringers, were the guests of Mr. George at a dinner. Many were the congratulations that Mr. George received upon attaining one more birthday towards his century in such remarkably good health.

But Mr. George will not be satisfied with a century; he is determined to double his present age. 'I've never felt better in my life,' was his remark.

An unusual honour was accorded to Mr. George at St. Martin's, Birmingham, where on November 30th a peal of 5,084 Stedman Cinques, specially composed for the occasion by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, was rung to celebrate his birthday by members of St. Martin's Guild. Mr. George rang the 8th faultlessly.

Unfortunately he was not so successful with two other peal attempts. Stedman Triples on the back eight at Burton-on-Trent on the day after the peal in the 'Bull Ring' was lost through a change course, and on the following day Double Norwich at Brierley Hill 'went west' after eight courses.

Nevertheless, the birthday was duly celebrated on each occasion, and Mr. George, although there will be quite a few birthdays intervening, is now contemplating where and what he will ring for his 100th birthday. Will it be Liverpool Cathedral tenor?

But, joking apart, Mr. George at 84 is physically and mentally a wonder to all his friends.

Last Saturday Mr. George capped his week's performances by ringing the tenor at St. Andrew's, Derby, to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. It was his 1,270th peal. We are told he turned in the tenor with all his former accuracy and zest, and finished up 'as fresh as paint and just as pretty.'

Peals on eight, ten and twelve bells within a week are not bad going, even for a youth of 84.

After the unsuccessful attempt for a peal at Burton-on-Trent, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung: M. Swinfield (conductor) 1, J. H. Swinfield 2, E. W. Beadmoore 3, S. Holloway 4, W. R. Drage 5, D. T. Matkin 6, J. George (composer) 7, G. L. Roden 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

If you want to make a suitable and lasting gift to a ringer for Christmas, send 5s. 6d. to 'The Ringing World,' Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, for a copy of J. A. Trollope's interesting history of the College Youths.

Miss Dorothy L. Sayers, the novelist, was the guest of the Ancient Society of College Youths at the meeting at St. Paul's Cathedral, and afterwards at the Coffee Pot, on Tuesday evening.

A faculty has been granted by the Rochester Diocesan Registry for the restoration of the bells at St. Mary's Church, Bexley, Kent. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to retune the six bells and rehang them in new fittings in a steel frame, with provision for two trebles when funds are available.

Among the subscribers to the restoration fund is Her Majesty the Queen, whose grandparents were married at this church.

The Ladies' Guild made a gallant attempt for a peal of London Surprise Major on Saturday at Great Baddow, Essex. They had rung for 2 hours 45 minutes and only had three courses to go when the peal 'went west.' Hard lines, ladies!

The ringers were Mrs. P. Humphreys 1, Mrs. J. E. Davis 2, Mrs. F. W. Housden 3, Mrs. R. Richardson 4, Mrs. R. F. Deal 5, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (conductor) 6, Mrs. F. Botham 7, Miss H. Snowden 8. The ringing was excellent until the fatal trip came.

It is said that, after the attempt, seven married ladies went to the railway station to catch a train that didn't run. It is, however, not true that they then went to a cosy corner to drown their sorrows. It was to get out of the cold while waiting for a train that did run. We have this information on the authority of an independent witness.

Mr. James George has received so many letters of congratulations upon his 84th birthday that he finds it impossible to reply to them individually. He desires to thank sincerely all those who have sent him such kindly messages.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.'s almanack for 1938, which has just been distributed, again bears on each page a photograph of some interesting cathedral or church where the Loughborough firm have recently carried out restoration or new work. The almanack is suitable for hanging in any ringing room.

We regret to record the passing on October 23rd of Mr. Montagu Henry Smith at Heyford, Northamptonshire, after a very short illness. He was a member of the Daventry Branch of the Peterborough Guild, the meetings of which he regularly attended. He was always ready to help the younger ringers and will be much missed.

The verger of Rolvenden Church, Kent, who has also been a ringer since Victorian days, was 'In Town To-night' in the wireless programme of Saturday.

We regret that pressure on our space again necessitates the holding over of several reports and letters to the Editor.

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD.

FURTHER ORGANISATION IN MANCHESTER DISTRICT.

A successful gathering of the National Police Guild took place in Manchester on Saturday last. About a score of members from Manchester, Liverpool, Bolton, Stockport and about another score of ringing friends met at the Town Hall during the afternoon for ringing. They then adjourned to the new police headquarters, where tea was served in the restaurant. Afterwards a tour was made of the premises which are considered to be the most up-to-date in the country.

Further ringing was then indulged in until 8 p.m., after which a quiet room was found in a local inn in which to discuss, in an unofficial manner, matters appertaining to the Guild.

The president of the Guild, Supt. Williams, sent an apology for his absence. Several others were similarly absent owing to exigencies of the service.

Sergt. Peter Crook, in reviewing the work of the Guild, said he had noticed through 'The Ringing World' that they had many capable members in the North, and he was very pleased to see some had been ringing peals in the Surprise methods. After what he had seen that afternoon in the tower he thought more ought to be done in the Guild's name, and the only reason, as far as he could see, was that everybody was waiting for someone else to make a move. It showed what could be done when they looked at that day's gathering. The thanks for that meeting were due to Constable William Pys, of Manchester. He thought an organising secretary would be a useful help in that direction.

Sergt. Crook, after a discussion, promised to act in that capacity. The Town Hall bells are a fine peal of twelve, tenor 42 cwt., with an extra sharp bell in the trebles for a light eight.

Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Twelve and Double Norwich on the light eight were brought round.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Chief Constable for allowing the use of the restaurant, to Supt. Williams for the assistance he had given, to the Town Hall Superintendent for the use of the bells, and to P.C. Pys for his splendid arrangements.

NEW MAYOR HONOURED

The new Mayor of Yeovil (Councillor F. Beal) is sidesman at the Parish Church, and on his election to the civic chair on November 9th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: G. H. Hurst 1, O. Jeanes 2, F. Hunt 3, T. Marks 4, E. Barnington 5, S. Ricketts 6, J. Baker (conductor) 7, F. Smith 8.

A WILTSHIRE RINGER'S SERVICE.

MR. L. A. WILSON'S EFFORTS FOR BELL RESTORATION.

Forty Years' Work in Calne Deanery.

Few men can have done more to promote bell restoration than Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, Wilts. Mr. Wilson has just completed forty years as a ringer at Wootton Bassett, and well-deserved tributes were paid to his labours at a meeting held at Wootton Bassett, when the Calne and Devizes branches of the Salisbury Guild and the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association joined forces for the day.

Mr. Wilson first learnt ringing in Devonshire under the late Rev. Maitland Kelly. When he came to Wiltshire 40 years ago he took

charge of the bells at Wootton Bassett and has taught many ringers. His early drilling in Grandsire in Devon did not prevent him going on to more advanced methods, and he owes a good deal of his progress to the encouragement of the late Mr. Ernest Bishop, of Swindon.

He has for many years been secretary of the Calne Branch of the Salisbury Guild, and by his efforts with the various incumbents the following long list of bell restorations has been effected in the district:—

Bremhill (8), rehung; Calne (8), rehung; Broad Hinton (6), rehung; Lyneham (5), rehung; Yatesbury (4), rehung and treble added; Brinkworth (5), rehung and treble added; Purton (5), rehung and treble added; Lydiard Millicent, treble added; Hilmartin (6), now being rehung; Wootton Bassett, rehung at his own expense. This leaves only three peals of five in the Calne Deanery not ring-



MR. L. A. WILSON.

able, but, even so, a fund is being raised for the rehousing of Heddington in the near future.

Mr. Wilson is the possessor of a silver tea service given to him by the parishioners of Broad Hinton, and a silver watch presented by the parishioners of Brinkworth for the services he has rendered.

At the joint meeting on November 20th ringers were present from Swindon, Devizes, Bishops Cammings, Melksham, Holt, South Cerney, Bremhill, Lyneham, Brinkworth, Hilmartin, Broad Hinton, Clyffe Pypard and Wootton Bassett, and amongst the clergy in attendance were Canon A. E. G. Peters, the Rev. C. E. L. Cowan, the Rev. H. V. White and the Rev. H. H. Barber, who conducted a service in the Parish Church.

Following tea in the Church of England Schools, the Rev. H. V. White (chairman of the Calne Branch) expressed thanks to all who had made the gatherings so successful.

Canon Peters, in the course of words of encouragement to the ringers, made special reference to the fact that Mr. L. A. Wilson had that day completed 40 years of service in the tower at Wootton Bassett. He considered that Mr. Wilson had served the parish well and hoped he would be spared to continue for many more years.

Mr. Green (assistant general secretary of Salisbury Guild) and Mr. W. Trueman (Master of the Swindon Branch) spoke of their long association with Mr. Wilson, and referred to his wholehearted work for the ringers, not only of his own town, but of the surrounding parishes. They hoped he would continue his work until he at least reached the age of that grand old ringer, Mr. A. Lawrence, of Swindon, who is 83 years old and was present at the meeting.

Mr. Wilson, in reply, appealed to the young ringers to continue their work, and also urged others to take it up.

CHISWICK'S VETERAN RINGER.

As a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Dalton, who was 81 a few days previously, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Chiswick on November 14th. Mr. Dalton is a regular Sunday service ringer, but owing to a chill was unable to take part in the quarter-peal, which was rung before evening service: *R. R. Fulford 1, †T. J. Thurlley 2, H. W. Lidbetter 3, Miss D. E. Lidbetter 4, †F. H. Fulford 5, A. R. Pink 6, †F. D. Bishop (conductor) 7, N. H. Manning 8. * First quarter-peal at first attempt. † First quarter-peal. ‡ First quarter-peal as conductor.

GOOD STRIKING.

THE ST. CLEMENT DANES' RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You rightly point out that the Spliced Surprise gramophone record is about as perfect as ringing can be. There is no reason why tower-bell ringing should not be as perfect. I know that it can be, having heard it a good many times.

In reply to Mr. Joyce, may I say that, from what I heard through the headphones in the B.B.C. van, I should agree with some of the band that the touch of Grandsire Caters recorded at St. Clement Danes was not perfect. I cannot criticise in detail, as I was, at the time, much more concerned with the perfect recording of a complete touch than with the recording of a perfect touch. I did notice one or two close leads, probably caused by the slight drag of the tenor.

I do not pretend to be a perfect striker, but I generally know when my striking is at fault, and why. I hope I shall never be too satisfied to learn to improve.

Brasted, Kent.

F. H. LEWIS.

CRITICISM IS NECESSARY.

Dear Sir,—Mr. G. L. Joyce in his letter to you, published in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' says, 'In his many criticisms the president of the Council and Master of the College Youths, Mr. E. H. Lewis, has fayed us alive, and for my personal satisfaction only I hope one day unknown to "stand behind" him.' I wonder what Mr. Joyce is getting at? Every change ringer to-day should thank Mr. Lewis from the bottom of his heart for so faying us. The only fault is that he has not fayed enough. As our president he is doing his duty by taking such an active interest in us. We should thank him also for his propaganda work in bringing the art so much before the public. Criticism in regard to striking we must have. If some people manipulated a musical instrument in an orchestra a quarter as bad as some ringers manipulate a bell to a touch, they would be shot out after a bar or two. Why must we tolerate indifferent ringing without saying something to the offenders, and who is more competent than our president to do this?

Now for the next part of the paragraph mentioned above. What does Mr. Joyce imagine he is going to find if and when he does stand behind Mr. Lewis (whether known or unknown)? What in the world does it matter what he finds? This is the position: Some of us are trying to raise the standard of ringing. The president of the Central Council of Church Bellringers is supporting us in our action. Mr. Joyce knows that the term, 'good striking,' cannot be measured by degrees, but I am sure that after 25 years' experience, providing, of course, that he can hear the actual changes he takes part in, he also knows what good striking means.

There are some persons who tell me that they cannot hear the individual bells they are helping to ring. It sounds just a jumble, they say. In spite of this, they seem to get a certain amount of pleasure out of it, which, of course, is more than anyone else does. These are the people we are up against. Either they must be trained to hear, or prohibited to ring. I should like also to say that in my opinion such a letter as Mr. Joyce has written has no constructive value whatever, and only tends to confuse the minds of the learners to whom we are trying to teach 'good striking.'

ALEC E. RICHARDSON.

Southborough, Kent.

UNITY COUNTS.

Sir,—I have read with interest your admirable article upon good striking and I agree entirely with you.

Personally I feel that what is essentially needed in every tower is the catholic spirit; that is, completely forgetting oneself in the performance of the whole, and remembering that it is the unity of the whole, which counts.

For example, if there are seven men in a tower, doing their best to strike well, their efforts can be marred by the bad striking of the eighth.

The listener outside does not hear the seven, who are doing their best, but, irritated by the bad striking of one, condemns the whole.

This grand principle applies to all ringing. It must be as catholic in its outlook as in its practice. No company should be content to ring the same methods year in, year out.

The very art demands that it should go from strength to strength. Our Lord commands, 'Be ye therefore perfect, as my Father in Heaven is perfect.'

Therefore, let us ringers remember that nothing but the very best is worthy of God, to Whose glory we ring and Whose Gospel we proclaim with every pull of our bell.

RONALD SUCKLING.

A BROADCAST DISAPPOINTMENT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On Sunday I looked through 'The Radio Times' to see if there were to be any bells broadcast, and I found that a service from Northumberland on the North Regional was to be preceded by 'the bells.' Picture my feelings when tuning in to hear a single bell, chimed badly, coming over the air.

Margate

A. A. SAXBY.

'BELLS OVER LONDON.'

COMPLIMENTS AND CRITICISM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While registering my appreciation of the recent broadcast in connection with the College Youths' tercentenary, I should like to say that it was with not a little surprise that I discovered a complete absence of correspondence in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' concerning Mr. E. H. Lewis' talk in the 'Bells Over London' broadcast. As nearly as I can recollect, he stated that for a bell-ringer to be a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths was synonymous with an oarsman belonging to Leander R.C. or a cricketer to the M.C.C.

As one who is quite unprejudiced, not having any connection with the Ancient Society or its rival organisation, I cannot but express my deprecation of such a remark from the president of the Central Council. To this Council all the guilds and associations throughout the Kingdom hold loyalty, their unity being symbolised by the president's high office.

Hence I was grossly disappointed to learn from Mr. Lewis' own lips that any one society should be considered superior among those which give their allegiance to the organisation of which he is the head. Such snobbery I really could not understand, as it merely serves to engender resentment and ill-feeling among ringers, especially in view of the fact that as it came over the ether its hearers are unable to make reply. To broadcast such information to millions unaware of the existence of or the good work done by other similar organisations is, I feel, using the microphone as the late Canon 'Dick' Sheppard described the pulpit, as a 'coward's castle.'

The church bells of this country are a glorious heritage, and their ringing a sacred trust, committed to us by God. Let us, therefore, one and all forget all pride and everything else which may separate us one from another, and work with a united front to proclaim to the best of our ability the message of Christ from the belfries of our land.

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough, Bucks.

THE WITHDRAWN 'COLLABORATION.'

Dear Sir,—I listened to the broadcast on November 24th and I experienced a feeling of slight disappointment when I heard the preliminary announcement that Mr. Willie Roughton had 'been unable to collaborate, etc.'

I had hoped to find some sort of 'official' explanation in 'The Ringing World' to-day, but all I can find is reference to something which appeared in the London newspapers, and, in the absence of comment, I assume that their explanation is the correct one. If that is the case I think it is deplorable, and, in my opinion, the sooner Willie Roughton withdraws his collaboration from all matters appertaining to ringing and ringers the better it will be for the Exercise as a whole. He might form himself into a society of one and achieve that exclusiveness of which, judging by his speech at the recent dinner of the College Youths, he is so proud.

Miss Sayers in writing her book 'The Nine Tailors' has probably done more good for ringing than Mr. Roughton and his kind have done or will ever do.

Mr. T. Groombridge, by his efforts, did much to improve the relations between the Exercise and the B.B.C., and it now remains to be seen how much of that good work has been undone by Willie Roughton's latest attempt at having it all his own way.

P. W. CAVE.

Huyton, Lanes.

AN APPRECIATION.

Dear Sir,—I should like to express my appreciation of the broadcast of 'Bells Over London' on November 24th. I am quite sure that the description given by Mr. Lewis must have been most interesting to all listeners, whether bellringers or not.

To bellringers it must be gratifying to know that the art of change ringing is being made more popular in the eyes of the public through the microphone, as is shown by the several broadcasts given recently in connection with the tercentenary of the College Youths.

H. BADGER.

Thame, Oxon.

GATESHEAD RINGER'S DEATH.**MR. JOHN STUART'S LONG CONNECTION WITH PARISH CHURCH.**

A well-known Gateshead ringer, Mr. John Stuart, has recently passed away at the age of 74 years. He had been a member of St. Mary's Guild for 58 years. He joined the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association in 1902 and served for many years on the committee. On his retirement from active ringing this year, he was made an honorary member. He had rung 31 peals for the association.

Mr. Stuart had attended St. Mary's Church for over 60 years and had served as a ringer under five rectors. He was also a member of the ancient body known as the 'Four and Twenty' of the Gateshead Parish Church. Mr. Stuart was employed in the Weights and Measures Department of Gateshead Corporation for 40 years and retired in 1930.

**A NEW RECORD IN SPLICING.
LINCS RINGERS' GREAT PERFORMANCE.****A Peal in 80 Methods.**

Another new record in 'Spliced' Minor has been set up by the Lincolnshire band at Algarkirk, where on Saturday a peal in 80 six-bell methods was rung. It is an amazing achievement.

Our peal columns give the official details of the performance, and comment upon it will be found in our leading article. It will be noted from the report that there was a 'witness' to the peal, a departure new in this particular phase of ringing.

Except for one 720, the peal was arranged by Mr. A. G. Driver. The exception was a 720 composed by Mr. Kenneth Lewis, of Stockport, and contains the greatest number of methods yet included in a true extent. Mr. Lewis has incorporated no fewer than 19 methods into the 720, and in the 60 leads there are 45 changes of method. There were 176 changes of method in the whole peal, and Sibsey and Gosberton Alliance were rung for the first time.

Mr. Kenneth Lewis' 720 is as follows:—

23456 Double Bob	45263 Childwall
56342 Windermere	24356 St. Clement's
64523 Plain Bob	32645 Lytham
— 64235 Plain Bob	56432 Killarney
— 64352 Plain Bob	— 24563 College
45623 Canterbury	35624 Thelwall
52436 Canterbury	63452 Thelwall
23564 St. Clement's	46235 St. Clement's
S 54236 St. Clement's	S 25463 Wavertree
— 62543 Killarney	34625 Reverse Bob
35462 Childwall	42356 Fulbeck
43256 St. Clement's	56234 Frodsham
24635 London Bob	63542 Plain Bob
56324 College	— 63425 Plain Bob
— 43562 College	— 63254 Plain Bob
25643 Double Oxford	35642 Ennerdale
62354 Thelwall	54326 Canterbury
36425 St. Clement's	42563 St. Clement's
S 45362 Wavertree	S 53426 St. Clement's
23645 Reverse Bob	— 64532 Killarney
34256 Cumberland	25364 Childwall
56423 Frodsham	32456 Horsmonden
62534 Plain Bob	43625 Lytham
— 62345 Plain Bob	56243 College
— 62453 Plain Bob	— 32564 College
25634 Canterbury	45632 Double Oxford
53246 Ennerdale	64253 Double Oxford
34562 St. Clement's	26345 St. Clement's
S 52346 Killarney	S 35264 Wavertree
— 63524 Killarney	42635 Canterbury
	23456

The raising of the record has progressed as follows:—

Date	Place	No. of methods	Changes of methods
Feb. 14th, 1911	Edenham, Lincs	14	
Dec. 4th, 1923	Norbury, Cheshire	35	
Dec. 29th, 1934	Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire	39	
Jan. 19th, 1935	Sutton, Cheshire	40	
Feb. 9th, 1935	Disley, Cheshire	42	
May 23rd, 1935	Marple, Cheshire	51	172
June 13th, 1936	Algarkirk, Lincs	57	196
Aug. 3rd, 1936	Whaplode, Lincs	60	199
Aug. 8th, 1936	Freiston, Lincs	61	196
Aug. 22nd, 1936	Marple, Cheshire	66	138
Sept. 5th, 1936	Disley, Cheshire	68	138
Dec. 5th, 1936	Algarkirk, Lincs	70	173
June 12th, 1937	Buxton, Derbyshire	73	142
Dec. 4th, 1937	Algarkirk, Lincs	80	176

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NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A REVIEW OF THE YEAR'S WORK.

The annual meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held at Stoke on Saturday. Although the weather was very bad, no fewer than 56 sat down to tea, and two arrived afterwards. Ringers came from Barlaston, Bucknall, Burslem, Brown Edge, Coventry, Crewe, Cheadle, Draycott, Exhall, Hanley, Kingsley, Longton, Leek, Lawton, Newcastle, Norton, Stone, Stoke, Tunstall, Uttoxeter, Wistaston and Wellington, Salop.

The Ven. Archdeacon Hartill, Rector of Stoke, extended a very hearty welcome to all present and specially to those who had travelled a distance on such a day.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon to the Rector of Stoke for the use of the bells and the excellent tea he had given them. He thought, however, it would only be a little drop in the ocean after the Rector had paid his eight curates.—Mr. S. Churton seconded the motion.

The Rector, in responding, said his income, which raised comment in the London newspapers, was £3,560. After he had paid his curates and £300 in travelling expenses, he could, however, still afford to pay for the tea without fear of bankruptcy.

Mr. A. D. Steel proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors, whom they were always pleased to see, and he also spoke of a proposal to establish a local branch of the Police Guild of Ringers, in connection with which he had been in touch with the Chief Constable of Stoke-on-Trent.

The business meeting followed, with the president (the Rector of Stoke) in the chair, supported by the Rev. F. D. Gardner (clerical secretary), Mr. Andrew Thompson (hon. secretary) and Mr. Kenneth Thacker (assistant hon. secretary).

The committee reported that at their annual meeting, held at Burslem on November 15th, the following report was presented by the hon. secretary: During the past year twelve meetings have been held, one for every month; two at ten-bell towers, six at eight, and four at six-bell towers. The average attendance had been 39, a decrease of two per meeting on last year. Five members had attended all the meetings, viz., Messrs. T. Hurd, J. E. Wheeldon, E. Steele, S. Thompson and A. Thompson. Three of these five attended them all in the previous year as well. One hundred and twenty-six members had attended at least one meeting during the year, an increase of 23. Thirty-one new members had been elected, namely, three honorary, 12 non-resident and 16 ringing, but with regret the death of Mr. W. J. Woodward, honorary member, at Uttoxeter, and of Mr. R. G. Lewis, Ringing Master for eight-bell towers for over ten years, was recorded. Two committee meetings had been held; one at Fenton to arrange Coronation peals, the other at Kingsley, where it was decided to hold an association dinner in February, 1938. Mr. A. D. Steel was elected Ringing Master for eight-bell towers, and a suggestion was made that the association should change its name to one which he regarded as more appropriate, namely, 'The North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers.'

RECORD NUMBER OF PEALS.

During the year, the secretary stated, he had again visited most of the towers in the district, and found them in very good condition. Silverdale tower had again been opened for Sunday ringing, after being closed for two years. Thirty peals had been rung during the year, consisting of five of Major (one Plain Bob, one Kent Treble Bob, one Little Bob, one Cambridge and one of Staffordshire), eight of Triples (one Stedman, and seven of Grandsire), 12 of Minor (two Bob Minor, ten of Treble Bob—nine in seven methods and one in five methods), five of Grandsire Doubles. This was a record number of peals rung in one year for the association.

Ten ringers had rung their first peal and two had conducted their first peal. The secretary added that he would very much like to see more young ringers taking more interest in conducting, so that, as years go on, the number of peals might be increased. Forty peals should be rung by an association of their size each year. The most interesting peal footnotes are of Cambridge Major rung at Newcastle in honour of Alderman S. Myott being elected Mayor for the third time, of one rung in honour of the enthronement of Dr. Woods as Lord Bishop of Lichfield, and of ten Coronation peals.

The association was represented at the Central Council meeting held at Canterbury on May 18th, and a report of the meeting, the first given by a representative of the association, was presented by Mr. Andrew Thompson.

W. Wade, former leader of Longton, had completed his 50th year as a ringer. The secretary added that although his suggestion regarding the advertising of meetings in 'The Ringing World' was not adopted, he hoped more interest would be taken in this great bell-ringing paper. Ten reports of their meetings had appeared in it this year.

The secretary was complimented on his report by Messrs. J. E. Wheeldon and G. E. Plant.

The statement of accounts was read and accepted, as was the auditor's report, in which it was stated that the Post Office Savings Bank book was credited with £15 4s., and the cash in the secretary's hands was £10 14s. 3d. The increased balance on the year was £7 10s. 8½d.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT MEETING.

A successful and pleasant by-meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was held at Wickhambreaux on Saturday, November 27th. Forty-five members were present, representing Ash, Birchington, Canterbury (4), Dover, Eythorne, Littlebourne, Sturry and Brabourne, in addition to the strong band of the local tower.

Ringling was enjoyed on the peal of six bells during the afternoon and evening. The usual service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. A. Blackman), the lesson being read by Mr. W. E. Shipton, of Birchington, while Mr. W. E. Pitman presided at the organ. A number of local residents were also present at the service.

Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, followed in the Boys' Club. Mr. W. E. Shipton and the Rev. Bulstrode (Nonington) were elected hon. members with enthusiasm. In thanking the members for electing him a member, Mr. Shipton said that was the first time he had come into contact with ringers and ringling. He was more than interested in what they did, and counted it an honour to join the association.

Two courses of Triples were rung on the handbells, and then followed what all the young members of Wickhambreaux had been waiting for, tunes by the Dover 'twins,' 'Horatio and Herbaceous,' who by now must be getting somewhat famous in the district both for their tune ringling and their difference in stature! Their tunes were received with delight by all, especially the Rector and his friends, and all present joined in singing two or three of the airs.

Thanks to the Rector were expressed for the use of the bells and for the service and address, and a return was then made to the tower for further ringling. Numerous methods were practised. There were many expressions of regret that Mr. Harrison Smith was unable to be present at the meeting (in his own tower) through the serious illness of his brother.

DEATH OF MR. J. EMERY.

A FORMER STEEPLEKEEPER AT HERSHAM.

We regret to record the death of Mr. John Emery, who passed away at Walton, Surrey, on Sunday week, at the age of 72 years. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Emery learned to ring at St. Mary Cray, Kent, when a lad. On going to Hersham, Surrey, nearly 40 years ago, he helped to teach a young band, and was for some years steeplekeeper. He rang about 30 peals in the standard methods and was a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the Kent County Association and formerly of the Surrey Association. His brother is Mr. Isaac Emery, of Bromley, Kent.

The funeral took place at Walton on December 1st.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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The Rev. F. D. Gardner was re-elected clerical secretary, Mr. Andrew Thompson hon. secretary, Mr. Kenneth Thacker assistant hon. secretary, Mr. T. Hurd chairman of committee, Mr. A. D. Steel Ringing Master for eight-bell towers, Mr. J. E. Wheeldon Ringing Master for six-bell towers, and Mr. W. Wheeldon was elected auditor.

It was proposed by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon and seconded by Mr. W. Hazeldine that the name of the association be changed from 'The North Staffs and District Association of Change Ringers' to 'The North Staffordshire Association of Change Ringers.'

The following list of meetings was proposed for 1938: January, Norton; February, Longton; March, Newcastle; April, Bucknall; May, Leek; June, Biddulph; July, Stone and Draycott; August, Cheddleton; September, Uttoxeter; October, Tunstall; November, Burslem; December, Stoke.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for the meeting reports he had published during the year. He said that the younger ringers ought to take in that paper. This was seconded by Mr. C. H. Page, and tributes were also paid to the 'Evening Sentinel' staff, who published the ringling activities of North Staffordshire.

The secretary's thanks to the chairman for his co-operation, to Mr. J. E. Wheeldon for recording and entering all peals rung during the year, and to Mr. Kenneth Thacker for his great help and co-operation during the past twelve months, concluded the business of the committee meeting.

A vote of confidence in the secretary was then proposed by Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, who remarked that he hoped Mr. Thompson would continue as secretary for many years to come.—Mr. T. Hurd, in seconding the proposition, said he had been a member of the association for over 30 years, but could not remember a secretary who gave the association such reports as they had received that day.

The Secretary responded by saying he hoped to continue as their secretary as long as his interest was in the association. He would not be like some other secretaries before him, who had carried on with no interest, and only made more work for the next one. When the time came that his interest waned, he would resign, so as to keep the association on the move.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**FLOURISHING CONDITION OF NEWBURY BRANCH.**

Over sixty ringers and friends from ten towers in the district and from Abingdon, Brightwell, Chearsley, Reading, Twyford, Kingsclere, Wallingford and Lower Wychendon attended the annual meeting of the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Newbury Parish Church on November 20th.

The Rector, Canon W. L. Cooper, conducted the service and an address was given by the Rev. C. E. Wigg, Deputy Master of the Guild. Tea was served by Mrs. H. W. Curtis in the Parish Room, after which the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford presided over the business meeting.

The hon. secretary, Mr. H. W. Curtis, reported that meetings had been held during the year at Brightwalton, Aldermaston, Beenham, Bucklebury and Farnborough. The average attendance was 48. The meeting at Farnborough was the first to be held there, and it proved a great success. The branch had 23 honorary members, 163 ringing members and nine life subscribers, showing an increase of five honorary members and ten ringing members. Thanks were due to the chairman for his kind co-operation, also to the clergy and foremen of towers for arranging the services and so making the meetings a success.

The balance sheet, also presented by Mr. Curtis, showed that receipts, including a balance of £20 18s. 7d. brought forward from the previous year, amounted to £38 12s. 1d., and expenses to £21 7s., leaving a balance in hand of £17 5s. 1d.

Satisfactory reports were given from representatives of the following towers: Beenham, Brightwalton, Bucklebury, Compton, East Ilsley, Newbury, Peasemore, Shaw-cum-Donnington and Thatcham.

References to the flourishing state of the branch were made by the Deputy Master, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), Mr. A. D. Barker (general treasurer) and Alderman C. A. Hawker (churchwarden).

A telegram had been received from the Master, Canon G. F. Coleridge, of Crowthorne, regretting his absence, and the secretary was asked to write to him congratulating him on having attained the age of 80 years.

Meetings for the coming year were fixed for Chieveley, Hungerford, East Ilsley and Compton, with the annual meeting, as usual, at Newbury. Two new ringing members were elected from Bucklebury, two from Beenham, two from Peasemore and one from Brightwalton.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. W. Curtis; committee, Messrs. S. Quintin, T. Curtis, F. J. Owen and A. Smith.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going in various methods until nine o'clock.

A 'COMING OF AGE' GATHERING.

The R.Y.P. (otherwise the Bright Young People, and not all of them so young at that) held their monthly practice on November 27th at Langley, where the bells have recently been rehung and a new treble added. Ringing commenced soon after the advertised time with Grandfire Doubles, and as the company increased so did the variety of methods, London Surprise Minor being rung before adjourning for tea. This, the most important item of the afternoon, was served at The Chestnuts, whose landlord is foreman of the local ringers.

During tea, Mrs. A. D. Barker produced an iced cake, suitably inscribed, which she had made as a 21st birthday compliment to a buxom young lady who always pulls her weight at these meetings. Presents ranging from a 'dummy' to 'something in pink' were also presented amid laughter and cheers.

The secretary again impressed upon the company the great importance of supporting their national paper, 'The Ringing World,' and expressed a hope that if there were any present who did not take the paper they would do so at once, as its future was entirely in the hands of the ringers themselves.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Denham suggested for the December practice.

The tower was again visited, although a few stayed behind to try their skill at darts, and others to indulge in that highly developed art of 'buying a postcard.'

The bells were lowered in peal at 8.30 p.m., everyone delighted with the 'go,' and congratulating the bellhangers on making a good job out of an awkward 1.5.2.4.3.

A 'GREAT' LITTLE MAN.**DEATH OF A BEDFORDSHIRE WORTHY.**

Mr. William West, of Biddenham, Bedfordshire, has passed away in his 90th year. He started to learn to ring at the age of 12 and was made a member of the local band when 14 years old. He succeeded his father when he died as steeplekeeper, and was succeeded a year ago by his son, Mr. R. West.

William West loved his bells and welcomed everyone who came to ring them, but they had to be well struck. Always ready and willing to teach, most of the lads in this small village learnt to ring under his tutelage. Small of stature, William West was a 'great' little man.

A muffled peal which was attempted at Biddenham on December 4th by members of the Bedfordshire Association in memory of Mr. West unfortunately came to grief in the fifth 720. E. S.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.

—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Matthew's, Northowram, on Saturday, December 11th. Service in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schools about 5 p.m., 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.

—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, on Saturday, December 11th. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.30, in Express Dairy, High Street, 1s. each. St. Andrew's bells (8) from 4.30 and after tea. St. John's, Hillingdon, bells (10), 3-4.30. Trolley buses (607), etc., connect with both churches.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.

The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James (Moss Side) on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wilton on Saturday, December 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in the schools after service.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.

—A monthly meeting will be held at Linslade on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A special invitation to all North Bucks Branch ringers, so we want a good home team to welcome them.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Leighton Buzzard.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.

—Next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 11th, at All Saints', Hamer (one mile from Rochdale). Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. A good turn-up requested.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.

—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (6) 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.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.

—A meeting will be held at St. Ives, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.

—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A.—G. Preston, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Garston, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Institute. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Liverpool, 19.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Clifton Parish Church on Saturday, December 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow in Parish Hall.—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe, Essex.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—No business, but a ringing meeting will be held on December 11th at St. Ann's, Brookfields, from 5 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. The Vicar of St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, has also given us permission to ring from 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. Will all the N.W. London District members come and make it an enjoyable ringing evening?—T. Bevan.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, December 11th. The bells (a fine six) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Cot at 5 p.m. If you only ring rounds, we shall be pleased to see you.—Frank C. Tysoe, District Secretary, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

HINCKLEY DISTRICT MEMBERS OF THE M.C.A.—Where shall we go for the district annual meeting on January 8th? Interested? Then come to the last meeting of the year at Croft on December 11th. Bring any unpaid subs. too. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Names to Mr. J. Bayliss, Brookside Cottage, Croft.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be ringing for Sunday service at St. Olave's, Hart Street, on December 12th, commencing at 5.30 p.m. Will all members please note that the annual meeting will be held on January 22nd, 1938? Book the date!—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Dec. 23rd; Southwark Cathedral, December 16th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, December 21st (all at 7.30 p.m.); St. Andrew's, Holborn, December 30th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than December 15th?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. E. H. Noott). All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me for tea not later than December 13th.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Poulton, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Come and hear the new octave, tenor 8 cwt. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The last meeting for 1937 will be held at the Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room 4.30 prompt. Short service at 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome, especially Loughborough District members, at this meeting. Please remember the 'P.C.' for tea to be sent to me by Wednesday, December 15th.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Dedication by the Bishop of Winchester of the new ring of six bells at Goodworth Clatford, on Saturday, December 18th, at 3 p.m. Three new bells added to three already existing in the tower, by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. Tea in the Vicarage at 4.30 p.m. Bells open for visitors after tea. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. A. Gidlow, Goodworth Clatford Rectory, Andover.

SHAUGH PRIOR, S. DEVON.—Ring of six bells, tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co. Rededication service by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth on Saturday, December 18th, at 3.15 p.m.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, December 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Address by the Rector, Rev. E. C. Harris. Tea in the Church House, 5.15, followed by the usual business.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

MAWGAN, NEAR HELSTON, CORNWALL.—The bells, restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro on Saturday, December 18th, at 3.30 p.m.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, 10, by Wednesday previous.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Calne on December 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Ringing friends welcome.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Ambrose, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) open 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please advise for tea.—R. C. Gifford, Branch Sec., Frampton Cotterell, near Bristol.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, December 18th. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. until 5. The Cathedral bells (12) after tea. Tea arrangements are being made. Will all those who can please attend this meeting, especially the committee for the district?—W. Nash, North Minims, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD.—Chippenham Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Paul's, Chippenham (8 bells), on Saturday, December 18th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea after. St. Andrew's (8 bells) will also be open. Visitors please notify me by 16th inst. Monthly meetings 1938 will be held at Grittleton (6 bells), January 15th, Lacock (6 bells), February 19th, at 3 p.m. Ringers please note.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Sawley on Saturday, December 18th. Arrangements for tea on the spot. Service 4.30. Please turn up and let us have a swagger Christmas meeting.—Tom Clark, Dis. President.

WATFORD IS ON THE MAP in Herts on Saturday, December 18th, only *do* let me know if you are coming by the 15th inst. 'It's the goods' (the bells know all the methods), C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270). Train or coach from all parts. Excellent service. Ringing from 3.30. Tea 5.30.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, December 18th. Tea at the Garden Cafe at 5 p.m. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—M. Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Ex-hall, Coventry.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Alsager on Saturday, December 18th. Ringing (8 bells) from 2.30 p.m. Will members please note that the list of meetings for 1938 will be compiled at Alsager, and it is desirable that all towers should be represented to make the necessary arrangements? Please let me have cards from those who intend to be present not later than December 15th.—Rich. D. Langford, Hon. Branch Sec., 118, Ruskin Road, Crewe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Wisbech on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. The members of the district committee are asked to meet at 4 p.m. Please help to make the last meeting of the year a great success.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington, St. John, Wisbech.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 18th, at Hackney. Both towers will probably be open. Tea will be arranged. There is important business for discussion. Full details next week.—James G. A. Prior, Hon. Sec., 31, Lilmerston Street, S.W.10.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Old Windsor on Saturday, December 18th, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 18th. Tower opens 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

PLYMSTOCK, S. DEVON.—Rededication of the ring of six bells, tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., will take place on Monday, December 20th, at 7 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Plymouth.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, January 8th, 1938, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each, from J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—The 17th annual dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, January 15th, 1938. Full details later. Tickets 4s. 6d., from Messrs. Kynaston (Swindon), J. Austin (Gloucester), J. Hawkins (London), A. Walker (Birmingham), W. Yeend (Cheltenham), H. Knight (Wroughton), J. Dyke (Chilcompton), W. Smith (Yate), G. Nailor (Chippenham), or from officials and stewards.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 46a, Tankard's Close, Bristol, 2.

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NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—At St. Thomas' Church on Saturday, November 6th, a quarter-peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major, viz.: 756 Oxford and 640 Kent, with ten changes of method: Mrs. J. Fernley (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob) 1, J. Fernley 2, A. Bancroft (first quarter-peal of Major) 3, W. Fernley 4, J. Worth 5, W. W. Wolstencroft 6, C. K. Lewis (conductor) 7, L. Clough 8.

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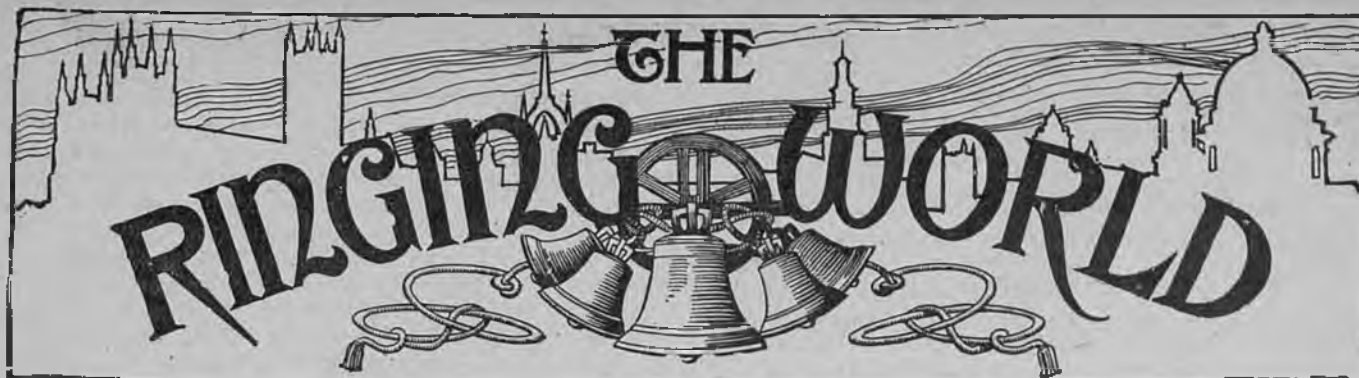
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The accuracy and the authorship of peal compositions are two things about which the Exercise has constantly concerned itself. The first is vital to the interests of ringing; the other, while less important, has, at any rate until quite recently, been held almost universally to be a matter involving the credit of composers. On the requirements of truth in peals there has never been any question, but occasionally an incident arises which revives discussion on the best plan for avoiding false peals. An 'audit' of figures, before they are accepted, is the scheme advocated by a correspondent this week, in reply to a suggestion that it is sufficient to publish compositions and leave those interested to find out if they are false after they have thus appeared, and have, of course, been rung. The latter method is no satisfaction to those who have taken part in a false peal, but that is what now generally happens. It is not until a peal has been rung and the figures get into print that the inaccuracies are discovered. Previous independent proof sounds a good solution, but we are afraid there are practical difficulties in the way, unless composers are willing to undertake the work mutually among themselves, and have their compositions checked before handing them out to be rung.

Rival claims to authorship have often given rise to problems and argument, and, while individual rights to a composition may still be disputed, a larger question is now receiving attention—whether, in fact, many compositions used to-day can be said to be the property of any individual. Those who have studied the question know how 'new' peals, given to the world in perfectly good faith, may be but the adapted work of former composers. One record length of Surprise Major, specially composed for the occasion, was afterwards found to be a longer peal of Treble Bob Royal by one of the old masters. The man who composed the Surprise Major had got his peal unaided by any prior knowledge of the existing peal, but he did, in fact, use the same composition, although the original composer was dead a century or more before the modern method was thought of. There is an instance this week of an old peal of Double Norwich being adapted to a Surprise method unknown when the composition was produced. Is the composer of the Double Norwich the composer of the Surprise peal? These are some of the many problems in authorship which constantly confront ringers to-day. The whole position is becoming involved, and it seems to us there will be increasing difficulties until a system can be devised to deal with the position. Claims to authorship by regis-

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tration seem to be out of the question; and in these days of prolific production of peals the author's name alone, attached to a peal report, does not serve to identify what has been rung. One or two composers number their compositions, and conductors should be careful always to add this identification where possible. Could not this arrangement be further extended, so that all compositions (irrespective of the rights of authorship or claims to originality) could be collected and numbered and the identity of every peal performance thus accurately established? We know a great deal of labour would be involved, but would this not in the long run be one safeguard against losing all check upon what has been rung and a step towards the elimination of false peals?

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Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

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*FREDERICK C. GUNTON 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
STANLEY W. COPLING 4	*FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal of Stedman.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.

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A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 26 lb.

*A. STANLEY WOODWARD Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
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FRANK L. FISHER 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

* First peal with a treble Bob bell.

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WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON 4	THOMAS W. CROWE Tenor

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CHARLES LOOME Treble	FREDERICK C. GUNTON 5
*CAPT. A. JOHNSTONE 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS 6
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ERNEST WHITING 4	WALTER BARRETT Tenor

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RONALD G. EDWARDS 2	J. ALFRED BARRATT 6
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WILFRED ANDREWS Treble	HAROLD P. REED 5
GEORGE POLLINGER 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
*LESLIE TREMEER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	REGINALD A. REED Tenor

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ALFRED H. WINCH 2	ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
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Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 5
WILLIAM WENBAN 2	WILLIAM BUTTON 6
HARRY BAKER 3	GEORGE KENWARD 7
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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.

KEITH HART Treble	FREDERICK PAGE 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
EDWARD J. CHARMAN 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Treble	EDWARD J. BEER 5
DERRK M. SHARP 2	GEORGE N. CROSS 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 7
HARRY HOSKINS 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. A birthday compliment to Gordon Mitchell, youngest son of the ringer of the treble.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES H. PAGE Treble	ANDREW THOMPSON 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING 2	WILLIS BUCKLEY 6
THOMAS C. TEMPLEMAN 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
ALAN D. STEEL 4	SIDNEY THOMPSON Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT CRAWLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of the Earl and Countess of Harrowby.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN E. TURLEY Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
†NORMAN CHADDOCK 2	ARTHUR FIRTH 6
TOM BROTHWELL 3	REGINALD PAYNE 7
LESLIE HEYWOOD 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

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

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	F. BERNARD DITCHER 5
JESSE J. MOSS 2	JOHN A. BREARLEY 6
JOHN FLINT 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY 7
HAROLD KENT 4	J. FREDERICK MILNER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOLBROOK, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS Treble	SYLVIA R. D. BOWYER 4
DAISY M. ANDREWS 2	JOHN PENNELL 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 3	RONALD W. STEWARD Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Brig.-Gen. E. Hunter Rodwells, churchwarden and an honorary member of the Guild. First peal of Doubles by all the band.

WINGRAVE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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 sharp.

WILLIAM WELLING Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	CRCIL C. MAYNE 5
REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

WENDRON, CORNWALL.

THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

P. R. C. WILLIAMS Treble	E. SAUNDERS 4
W. REED 2	F. H. HARRIS 5
E. V. WILLIAMS 3	E. S. SEYMOUR Tenor

Conducted by E. V. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells and first peal as conductor.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELENA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

(1) Hereward; (2) Childwall; (3) Thelwall; (4) Double Oxford; (5) St. Clement's; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 22 lb.

* AUGUSTIN V. GOOD Treble	* WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT ... 4
* FRANCIS KIRK 2	* HERBERT GATES 5
HORACE L. WAITE 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in seven Plain methods.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

* FREDERICK W. HAZELL ... Treble	JOHN E. ROOTES 4
* CHARLES DYKE 2	EDWIN JENNINGS 5
* PERCY L. PARLOW 3	* FREDERICK W. ALLEWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.

* First peal of Minor.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

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

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* GEORGE BERNY Treble	* HUGH MACKINDER 4
LESLIE W. JARVIS 2	WM. A. KITCHENSIDE 5
FRANK H. HICKS 3	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. S. RICHARDS.

* First peal in three methods.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYNFARCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

* WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble	GEORGE LRD SHAM 4
* FRED HARTMAN 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS 5
* PERCY SWINDLEY 3	FRANK VARTY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK VARTY.

* First peal in seven methods.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SIMMONS ... Treble	LESLIE EVANS 4
* JOHN D. WOPSEY 2	STANLEY T. YAPP 5
AUSTIN T. WINGATE 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a 25th birthday compliment to Leslie Evans.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of Old Doubles, Plain Bob and St. Simon's, four six-scores of Canterbury and 14 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

* LINDSAY SARGENT ... Treble	* CECIL BROWN 3
SIDNEY MUNTON 2	RICHARD ABRAMS 4

GEORGE BROWN Tenor

Conducted by S. MUNTON.

* First peal in five methods. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. A. J. R. Norton, after the induction service.

ALWALTON, HUNTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of April Day, Canterbury Pleasure and St. Simon's, and 1,440 each of Grandsire and Bob Doubles. Tenor 11 cwt.

* HERBERT COCKERILL ... Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 3
JOHN J. JUTSON 2	HERBERT GOAKES 4

WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal and a local man.

LANGLEY MARISH, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, BURNHAM, BUCKS.)

On Monday, December 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Reverse College, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Reverse and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

MARTIN A. BLAMEY ... Treble	* BRYAN O'NEILL 4
GORDON W. LIMMER 2	* JOHN E. TAYLOR 5
CYRIL A. BURGESS 3	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in seven methods. † 25th peal. First peal on the bells. Rung to mark the 25th year of incumbency of the Rev. F. T. H. Shepherd, M.A.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob, called differently.

JAMES BETTS Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 4
BERT CHILVERS 2	GEORGE BROWN 5
* LESLIE FOSTER 3	* RUSSELL WARD Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BETTS.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

BEENHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

W. GREETHAM Treble	A. ARLOTT 4
A. CHURCHILL 2	E. WALLACE 5
E. RICHARDSON 3	G. FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by G. FOWLER.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 7, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Alnwick, Chester, Carlisle, London, York, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 7½ cwt.

FRANK LORD Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	GEORGE DOBBS 5
ERNEST BRITAIN 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods by all and for the branch. A birthday compliment to the Vicar, also a farewell to him and Mrs. Allin on their leaving the parish.

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LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles (10 callings), 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM G. COOPER... .. 2	ALFRED J. FORD 3
*GEORGE BERRY 2	GEORGE R. FINCH 4
P.C. HENRY J. VINCE Tenor	

Conducted by A. J. FORD.

* First peal of Doubles.

MAULDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 8, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDMUND WAGSTAFFE Treble	LEWIS H. BYWATERS 4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD 2	REGINALD J. HOUGHTON 5
C. HENRY HARDING 3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. E. JEFFRIES.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Charles W. Sinfield, churchwarden.

GARVESTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven extents: (1) Norwich Surprise; (2) Cambridge Surprise; (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (4) Double Oxford; (5) St. Clement's; (6) Double Court; (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor reputed 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*A. HECTOR HOLLIDAY Treble	*JOHN A. GODFREY 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	*HENRY TOORE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in nine methods.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 9, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 12 callings. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

HOWARD HOWELL Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
*SIDNEY O'C HOLLOWAY 2	*FRANK E. HAYNES 5
*DANIEL T. MATKIN 3	*HARRY V. PARDOR Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal in the method.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and four different 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS Treble	JOHN J. WEBB 4
*ERNEST F. SALMONS 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
† WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal in four methods. † 125th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 7, 1937 in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

At 9, PEMROKE ROAD

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MISS KATHLEEN L. BOWLING 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON... .. 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	JOHN AMBLER 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

100th peal as conductor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 10, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Paulinus' Church,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

DEREK M. SHARP 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
FREDERICK G. GROOMBRIDGE 3-4	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7-8
EDWIN BARNETT 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 12, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

In the Old Parish Room,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWIN A. BARNETT 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
DEREK M. SHARP 3-4	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 7-8
ALAN J. HOPPER 9-10	

Composed by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Conducted by D. M. SHARP. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal of Royal. Fiftieth peal together by E. A. Barnett and G. V. Murphy.

A WORCESTERSHIRE RESTORATION.

BISHAMPTON'S GREAT EFFORT.

Very largely by the untiring efforts of the Vicar (the Rev. T. Wilkinson), the tower and bells at St. James Parish Church, Bishampton, near Pershore, Worcestershire, have been restored at a cost of nearly £1,000. The extensive work to the structure was completed last year, and now the bells have been set in order by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

The dedication of the bells was preceded by a parochial tea, at which the Vicar spoke of the progress of the fund for the restoration work, and the Bishop of Worcester paid a warm tribute to the valuable work which the Vicar had done in collecting such a large sum for the carrying out of the scheme. Alderman J. Hemming (Hampton), on behalf of the Worcestershire Association, congratulated the parish on the restoration.

There was a large congregation at the dedication service, which was conducted by the Vicar, who expressed his gratitude to all who had contributed to the fund. General Sir Francis Davies and Major W. H. Taylor (Birlingham) read the lessons.

The dedication took place in the belfry, and before returning to the chancel the Bishop unveiled a marble tablet commemorating the restoration.

The Bishop, in his subsequent address, spoke of the history and uses of bells, and referred to the extraordinarily rich inheritance which we have in England in our old parish churches. 'Not only,' he said, 'are they often real gems of architecture, but more than that you find they are witnesses to the past love of God on the part of our forefathers, and they are witnesses to-day that God is the ruler of the universe, of this nation and of each single individual.'

The opening ringing was done by J. D. Johnson (hon. secretary of the Worcestershire Association), J. Hemming (Hampton), H. Middleton (Norton), J. W. Heath (Willersey), G. A. King (Badsey) and J. Hall (Bretforton).

Others who attended were Messrs. F. Spiers (Gower Moor), W. Shelton (Birmingham), S. T. Holt (Crowle), C. Camm (Upton-on-Severn), C. W. Cooper (Stourbridge), B. Ashford (Clent), J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), C. H. Webb (Coventry), E. T. Newbury and W. H. Harris (Beckford), J. E. Newman and Miss I. D. Barner (Hinton-on-the-Green), H. Hurdman (Burton-on-Trent), S. Jones (Derby), G. N. Baylis and J. Beasley (Norton), E. S. Beasley (Stourbridge), Mr. J. P. Fidler (representing Messrs. John Taylor and Co.) and the members of the local band, G. A. Ainge (captain), B. Ainge, H. Ainge, P. R. Ainge, F. J. Ansell, E. Hemming, C. V. Harris, J. Harris, J. G. Ludlow, C. J. Salisbury, W. T. Shelton and F. Spiers.

Most of the bells were cast in 1690 and they have been tuned and rebung in a new frame. The tenor is 10½ cwt. and the inscriptions are:—

1. Gvlielmvs Keyt. Baronot. Hvns Maneris 1690.
2. Robert Gaywood and William Farly Churchwardens 1690.
3. William Gruit 1690.
4. William Bagley Made Mee 1690.
5. Rd. Sanders Made Mee William Powell Churchwarden 1705.
6. Feare God Honnor the King 1721.
- Sanctus Bell. G. Dugard, R. Fairley 1721.

LADY CONDUCTS QUARTER-PEAL.

Miss Hilda Snowden, ringing the tenor, conducted a quarter-peal of Bob Major on Sunday, December 12th, at St. Mary's Church, Woodford, for evensong: B. Weaver 1, C. Snowden 2, F. Corney 3, A. Boyack (first quarter-peal of Major) 4, S. G. Peck 5, S. Webb 6, C. R. Morris 7, Hilda G. Snowden (conductor) 8. It was arranged for the ringers of 2 and 8, who were on a visit from Halstead. The band thank the ringer of the 5th, who comes from Southgate, for standing in at short notice.

A PLYMOUTH RINGER'S JUBILEE.**PRESENTATION TO MR. G. H. MYERS.**

The 850th anniversary of St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, provided an excellent opportunity of commemorating the 50th year of service there as a ringer by Mr. G. H. Myers.

At an 'At home' held in the Abbey Hall, Mr. Myers was presented by the Bishop of Plymouth, on behalf of the Church Council, with a solid silver bell, complete in oak frame and suitably inscribed.

His Lordship commented on the fact that Mr. Myers rang at St. Andrew's for Queen Victoria's Jubilee, the Accession and Coronation of Edward VII. and George V., the Silver Jubilee of George V., the Accession of Edward VIII. and, for the Coronation of our present King and Queen, participated, together with his three sons, in a peal of Bob Royal at St. Andrew's. This peal was conducted by Mr. T. G. Myers, and, incidentally, was the only peal rung in Devon for the Coronation.

The Bishop, in conclusion, wished Mr. Myers many more years of ringing at St. Andrew's, and the recipient suitably responded.

C. L. G.

Mr. Myers recalls that he was laughed at for suggesting that change ringing should be practised in Devon, but in spite of that he persisted in his endeavours and can proudly point to the fact that he has now under his charge the most progressive band in the county, who can ring Surprise methods for Sunday service. That, in a part of the country where call change ringing is practically the order of the day, says much for his perseverance, enthusiasm and excellent teaching ability.

He has been captain of St. Andrew's band for the last 25 years, and, although not a prolific peal ringer, has rung about 100 peals (of which he has conducted about a quarter). Most of these are credited to the Devon Guild.

In celebration of the 850th anniversary of St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, a quarter-peal of 1,259 changes of Grandsire Caters was rung on Sunday evening, November 28th: C. Holmes 1, Mrs. Guy (longest length on 10 bells) 2, Allen Weatherby 3, J. Gluyas 4, A. W. Myers 5, A. Mitchelmore 6, W. Hamlyn 7, S. O'Shaughnessy 8, G. H. Myers (conductor) 9, G. Marshall 10.

A DATE TOUCH.

At the Parish Church, Middleton, Lancashire, on November 29th, a date touch of 1,937 Bob Major in 1 hour and 5 minutes: Ogden Moores 1, William Berry (composer and conductor) 2, Thomas K. Driver 3, Alwyn Taylor 4, Tom A. Ogden 5, James Ogden 6, James H. Bastow 7, Abraham Ogden 8.

RESTORATION OF ANCIENT WARWICKSHIRE RING.**'PLAINTIVE MELODY' OF CORLEY BELLS UNTOUCHED.**

The village of Corley situated about four miles north-west of Coventry has an ancient church (dedication unknown) in the Norman and early decorated style with a small central tower of wood built in the roof and containing five bells, which were in an unsafe state for many years. The bells have now been rehung in a new steel frame and new fittings, and on Sunday, November 28th, at evening service, were rededicated by the Rev. E. G. Bowring, M.A., five members of the Warwickshire Guild ringing a plain course of Grandsire Doubles as an opening touch.

The Rector (the Rev. T. Goring) expressed his gratitude to all who had helped with the work.

After the service 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung: C. H. Webb 1, M. C. Melville 2, J. W. Taylor 3, J. H. White (conductor) 4, W. A. Stote 5. A number of ringers were present, including the president of the N.U.T.S., who had arrived the previous day and had obtained a ladder to get on to the roof of the church to find his way to measure the tenor bell. He, however, found this a difficult job, as the bells are hung in the centre of the nave, and it is only by going through a small trap door in the roof of the nave that one can get to the bells. However, through the kindness of a well-known ringer, late of Croft, he found access on the Sunday afternoon.

The bells are inscribed:—

- 1.—1641 Hugh Watts.
- 2.—1410 John De Colsale.
- 3.—1702 H. Bagley. Recast by Taylor and Co. 1937.
- 4.—(Ancient bell founder unknown, no marks).
- 5.—1631 T. Hancox, Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, in their usual excellent manner. The firm was represented by Mr. J. P. Fidler.

The bells are a quaint ring not in perfect tune, but the architect requested that the 'quaint plaintive melody' of Corley bells remain unaltered.

SWANSEA RINGER'S DEATH.

At St. Mary's, Swansea, on Sunday, December 5th, as a last tribute to the memory of Mr. James Hoare, a ringer and chorister at this church, who passed away suddenly the previous week, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Reeves') was rung half-muffled by A. Edwards 1, J. Williams 2, Reg Dobbins 3, Haydn Dobbins 4, J. Hanson 5, W. Dobbins 6, A. W. Dobbins (conductor) 7, A. Rose 8. Ringers of 1 and 8 belong to Swansea, the rest to Gorseinon.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. Stephen Wood, of Bristol, is a 'colt' among 'ringers' in the 'Antient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers' in that Antient City. The funny part about it is that Mr. Wood is the only member who knows anything about ringing, for he is the first practising ringer to be admitted since 1648!

The Antient Guild, which existed in Queen Elizabeth's time, and was granted a charter in 1620, has never ceased in its beneficent work of maintaining and beautifying the fabric of St. Stephen's Church and upholding the ordinances of its charter. Perhaps Mr. Wood can now induce some of the members to become interested in the art they have so long neglected.

Despite the proximity of a Surrey meeting at Betchworth (three miles away), the meeting of Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild attracted 35 ringers, and the ringing included courses in five Surprise methods as well as humbler stuff.

The only complaint about the 'clash' was from a ringer who, at 7 o'clock, learned of the Betchworth meeting for the first time and regretted he did not know of it earlier. He was promptly told to 'Take "The Ringing World,"'

The many friends of Mr. John H. Cheesman will be sorry to hear that he has had the misfortune to break an arm, and will wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. Cheesman is one of the best known North Kent ringers, and is one of the comparatively small number who have rung over a thousand peals.

The Hobart Holy Trinity Bellringers' Association have lost two of their members by removal to other parts of Tasmania. This is a serious blow to progress in a place where change ringing has as yet only a precarious existence.

Under the heading of 'Campanology,' the 'Henley Standard' of December 3rd complimented the Wargrave ringers upon a selection of hymn tunes given on the bells on the previous Sunday morning and evening and asked for more. 'There was a good attendance of ringers,' said the newspaper, 'and they are to be heartily complimented upon the able way in which they rang the bells.'

The ringers of the four towers in Oldham have decided to reform the Oldham and District Society. They will, of course, retain their membership of the Lancashire Association.

DEATH OF MR. A. T. BAKER.

'IRENÆUS PISTOR' PASSES ON.

Years ago, in the early days of 'The Ringing World,' there were frequent contributions by an anonymous correspondent, 'Irenæus Pistor,' who wielded a trenchant pen, and, with his somewhat cynical humour, added relish to many a discussion. It is long now since 'Irenæus Pistor' was able to write for this paper, for the terrible affliction of blindness overtook him. And now Alfred Townsend Baker is dead.

When Mr. Baker wrote for 'The Ringing World' he was living at Hillsborough, Sheffield, but when he was no longer able to work he removed to Ilkeston, Derbyshire. About two years ago he lost his wife after a long illness, and this was a severe blow to him.

On December 4th he had a seizure, and, without recovering consciousness, passed away in the early hours of December 7th, at the age of 60 years.

Through 'The Ringing World,' which was faithfully read to him week by week, Mr. Baker kept contact with what was happening in the Exercise and was always keenly interested in the doings of his friends. It seems strange that only the night before his attack his nephew finished reading 'The Nine Tailors' to him.

The funeral took place at Kirk Hallam Church on Thursday week. The sympathy of all will go out to Miss Muriel Baker, the only child, who is left to mourn her loss. She has been her father's constant companion and solace during his affliction.

The bells at St. Mary's Church, Ilkeston, were rung half-muffled for both services on Sunday as a mark of respect.

'BELLS OVER LONDON.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with some surprise Mr. P. W. Cave's letter in the current issue of 'The Ringing World,' and I suggest that it must have been written rather hastily or he would hardly have allowed himself to indulge in a personal attack on Mr. Roughton without, as he seems to admit, knowing much of the facts. His reference to the 'exclusiveness' of the College Youths is, according to my hearing, the exact opposite to the facts, for, as I heard Mr. Roughton, he emphasised that the College Youths were *not* exclusive, except only as regards the Sunday ringing at St. Paul's. I hardly think, too, that many will agree with his remark that Miss Dorothy Sayers (however clever her book) has done more for ringing than Mr. Roughton.

As to the withdrawal part of the business, I do not propose to enter into much discussion at the moment, as the matter appears to be 'sub judice,' but I would suggest that it would be more in accord with the best traditions of ringing if those who apparently disagree with Mr. Roughton were to withhold judgment until they have heard his side of the question; for I think that there is no one who has worked harder in the past on behalf of the College Youths, particularly in regard to broadcasting, than he has, and if and when the true facts appear, it may be realised that Mr. Roughton has not been too well treated.

December 10th, 1937.

'A COLLEGE YOUTH.'

NORTHFLEET'S YOUNG RINGERS.

BOYS AND GIRLS RECRUITED TO MAKE NEW BAND.

The shortage of ringers in many places is a source of serious concern to those who are responsible for maintaining service ringing. Nearly everywhere the cry is that there are so many counter-attractions in these days that young people will not give to ringing the time necessary to make themselves proficient—indeed, they will not come into the belfry at all.

This year at Northfleet it was decided to try to form a band of juniors, and the Vicar was approached regarding the choirboys and the girls of the Bible Class. At first two choirboys came along, but within two weeks there were 10 boys and girls on the register.

Great credit is due to Mr. George Bulcher, an enthusiast, whose activities are well known in North Kent. With one or two helpers he



THE YOUNG RINGERS IN THE BELFRY AT NORTHFLEET.

Back row (left to right): Kenneth English, Eric Butler, Herbert ('Tiny') Taylor, Stella Snelling, George Vanderpeer. Sitting: Phyllis Stacey, Joyce Argent, Kathleen Butcher, Donald Stacey, Alma Perry, Beatrice Sparks.

[B. Marshall, Photographer, Gravesend.]

At Northfleet, Kent, however, a remarkably successful effort has been made to recruit the company with young people. During recent summers there was a decided slackness amongst members of the band. For about three months in the summer of last year no practice was possible, only two or three turning up; even Sunday service ringing was out of the question on some occasions. The neighbouring tower of Gravesend was in a similar plight, and eventually it was decided to have a combined practice, to be held on the usual practice night of the respective bands on alternate weeks. This, although of help to the enthusiasts, only gave the 'slackers' the opportunity of an excuse on the Gravesend night, in the winter months, and also did not solve the problem of Sunday service ringing.

has put in an enormous amount of time teaching these youngsters, who now number twelve. It was a great day when, on the occasion of the dedication festival on October 10th, the juveniles rang entirely unaided as a band, their average age being under 14 years. Fifteen-year-old Phyllis Stacey rang the 16½ cwt. tenor. Service ringing is at present confined to well-struck 'Stoney.' The band is also making good progress with tune ringing on handbells, and the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Page) is arranging for them to give a short programme of carols in church on December 26th.

Although the Vicar knew nothing of bells and ringing when he went to Northfleet three years ago, he has taken a deal of interest in the activities of the band and gives all the encouragement he can.

THE BELLS OF ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST.

LONDON RECTOR'S APPEAL FOR HELP.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As the 'History of the College Youths' mentions that, in the early days of hellinging, important peals were rung at the Parish Church of St. George-in-the-East, I should be most grateful if you will allow me to appeal to your readers and to all those interested in hellinging for their kind financial help to enable the eight bells of St. George-in-the-East to peal once again.

They are, and have been for some years, in a very bad state, and to put them into thorough ringing condition will cost £317. Towards this sum I have been promised £180, so that there is £137 still required. The parish of St. George-in-the-East is one of the poorest in East London, and our own people have done their best and have given all they can.

I do, therefore, ask—with confidence—for the assistance of any friends. All contributions should be addressed to the Rector, the Rectory, 16, Cannon Street Road, St. George-in-the-East, E.1, and an acknowledgment and a receipt will be sent to every kind donor.

R. BRUCE EADIE, Rector, St. George-in-the-East.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Cirencester Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association held its annual meeting at Cirencester on Saturday, December 4th. Although the weather conditions were very bad and most of the ringers had to come from some distance, the meeting proved very successful. The following towers were represented: Northleach, Chedworth, Lechlade, Maiscy Hampton, Fairford, South Cerney, Withington and Cirencester, and there were visitors from Christ Church and St. Mark's, Swindon, Faringdon and Rodbourne Cheney.

Tea at Messrs. Viner's Restaurant was followed by the business meeting, the Rev. N. E. Hope presiding.

The hon. treasurer's report for the year was considered very satisfactory.

The officers were elected for 1938 as follows: Chairman, the Rev. N. E. Hope; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. H. Hayward; member on Management Committee, Mr. J. Hope.

Watermoor bells were open in the afternoon and the Parish Church bells (12) during the evening. Methods rung ranged from Grandfire Triples to Bob Royal and some rounds on the twelve bells.

BRISTOL'S ANTIENT RINGERS' GUILD.

ELIZABETHAN SOCIETY HOLDS ITS FEAST.

Mr. S. H. Wood, First Ringing Member for Nearly 300 Years.

For the first time since the year 1648 the Antient Guild of St. Stephen's Ringers has a practising ringer among its members. The old Bristol organisation, founded under a charter of 1620, which exists to preserve the fabric of St. Stephen's Church, this year elected Mr. Stephen H. Wood as a 'colt' or 'apprentice.'

Queen Elizabeth extended her royal favour to the society, which, on the occasion of a visit which she paid to Bristol, gave her a welcome by the ringing of St. Stephen's bells. The charter was granted in the reign of her successor, and the Antient Guild still maintains some of the quaint customs of its early days.

Every year it holds an annual feast, at which its ordinances are solemnly read and a new Master installed in traditional manner by being carried to the chair.

But although ringing now forms no part of the Guild's activities, its work for St. Stephen's is of a very practical kind. For example since 1875 no less than £11,000 has been devoted to the restoration and enrichment of the church.

On the Sunday preceding the feast a service was held, in accordance with custom, in St. Stephen's Church. The Master (Mr. G. H. Boucher) presided at the annual dinner, which was attended by the Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Bristol, Lord Waldegrave and the Dean of Bristol.

The traditional toasts were honoured, that of 'The Antient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers and the Master' being proposed by the Lord Mayor.

The Master, in responding, said: 'Never has this society been regarded more highly in the public esteem than it is to-day. People do appreciate the honour of being one of the 100.'

During the last 20 years they had put the tower into first-rate order for a period, they were told, of 100 years. The very beautiful north porch was being put into perfect order and the vestries had been completely restored.

He was glad to say that the portion of the buildings now being demolished in Colston Avenue, adjoining the church, would be, by the goodness of the owners in conjunction with the city, set back some 16ft. so that people would be able to see the tower from the base right to the top so that the full glory of the tower would be exposed. The society would, he thought, be able to put the west end, which would be fully exposed, into good condition and to everyone's satisfaction.

Mr. Sidney Clifford (senior warden) proposed 'The Rector and Churchwardens of St. Stephen's Church,' and 'The Preacher of the Day.'

The Rev. S. E. Swann (Vicar of Redcliffe) replied. He said that St. Stephen's and St. Mary Redcliffe were closely associated in many ways. They had a ring of 12 bells at St. Mary Redcliffe for 40 years, but on all ceremonial occasions St. Stephen's ringers rang their peals, rang them well, and for which they were grateful. He confessed he would like to have his own band of ringers, and he ventured to suggest that some of the distinguished members of the society instead of continuing to be 'speculative' ringers might become active ringers.

The Master proposed the toast of 'The New Master and New Wardens.' In the traditional way the new master (Mr. Sidney Clifford) was installed by being carried to the chair. Mr. J. R. Ware was installed senior warden, and Mr. H. G. Treasure junior warden.

FALSE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Kenneth Lewis, in his reply to me, has attempted to read into my letter something which was not intended to be there. I did not in any way impugn the honesty of any composer. A treasurer does not consider his honesty or integrity in any way questioned by having his account submitted to audit—on the contrary, he would probably insist on it. My suggestion was the pre-audit of peal figures.

It is a fact that practically all the peals withdrawn as false have been published. If they had not been published the error would probably not have been discovered. For instance, the records at Painswick and Southwark would probably still be accepted as true peals. Certain associations, e.g., Gloucester and Bristol, and Lincoln, always publish their peal figures. Why should not all do this?

The percentage of false peals to true is undoubtedly small, but there is a percentage of such false figures, and it is probably higher in unpublished figures than in published, since the figures by a known composer are given wider circulation than those by an unknown and usually find their way into print.

If the Central Council insist, as they rightly do, that false peals must be withdrawn, then they should insist that peal figures are made known or certified by some authorised body.

Mr. Lewis says this only interests a small section of the fraternity. It is of interest to every peal ringer—might I say of much more interest than, perhaps, hours of discussion over a word such as 'spiced.' But, of course, this was not a waste of valuable time.

I must apologise for again using your valuable space, but felt that I could not allow the accusation that I was questioning the good faith of any composer to go uncorrected.

J. K. ARMSTRONG.

TEACHING BEGINNERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. F. E. Dawe's letter in your issue of November 19th in which he points out that I had misunderstood the meaning of his previous letter.

It is quite true that he did not specifically mention my name or the article which I had contributed to your previous issue, but his letter appeared between two others which quite definitely did relate to my article, and I confess that this led me—and incidentally a good many others as well—to read his letter in a similar light.

However, Mr. Dawe has given his assurance that this was not his intention, and it appears, therefore, that I did him an injustice in including him in the remarks I felt bound to make regarding the tone of the letters concerned. If this is the case, I owe him an apology which I willingly make, because when I disagree with my elders—as disagree I must with Mr. Dawe on this subject—I would very much rather do so in an amicable spirit.

Turning now to the rest of Mr. Dawe's letter, I notice that he is of the opinion that the idea of starting beginners on even-bell methods emanates mainly from inexperienced members of the rising generation. I question whether this is so; in the first place, I would point out that it is possible to have had quite a lot of experience of instruction and still be a member of the younger generation; and in the second place I could tell Mr. Dawe of many ringers of all ages who share my views on this matter and who, moreover, put them into practice regularly—and successfully—with their pupils. If he will turn to your issue of October 22nd he will find a letter from your correspondent 'Interested' who states that he has had 44 years' experience—almost as long as Mr. Dawe himself—and 'strongly advocates starting beginners on the even-bell methods first.'

I am sorry if I appeared to speak slightly of old times, but possibly there is a little misunderstanding on Mr. Dawe's part here. What I intended to convey, was that views held 50 years ago should not necessarily be accepted without further argument to-day. There is much that can be said in favour of both systems of instruction, but they should be considered on their own merits, and irrespective of any bias towards one method simply because it was the usual practice two generations ago.

The opinions I have expressed are the results of my own practical experience—short though it has been—of both systems. The most astonishing statement in Mr. Dawe's letter is that in all his vast experience he has only come across three cases in which Plain Bob was used as the first method. In view of this I hope he will forgive my asking him (with all respect and in a perfectly friendly spirit) to consider carefully whether he is really qualified to judge between the respective merits of two systems of instruction, of one of which—on his own showing—he is almost completely ignorant.

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

Bristol.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRING.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Surrey Association was held at Betchworth on Saturday, December 4th. As a meeting was being held at Dorking at the same time, some of the ringers were able to visit both towers in their 'flying squad' cars. Ringers were present from Reigate, Redhill, Mersham, Buckland, Lingfield, Horley, Betchingley, Crawley, Tunbridge Wells, Beddington, Croydon, Uckfield, Oxford and Thornton Heath.

Service was conducted by the Rev. E. H. Kennedy, who gave a warm welcome to the ringers to Betchworth. A very welcome tea was served at the Dolphin Inn, and afterwards the business meeting took place, the Master (Mr. D. K. C. Birt) presiding.

The hon. secretary (Mr. W. Claydon) referred to the death of Mr. Thomas Whitmore, of Horley, who passed away on October 22nd. The members expressed condolence with the relatives by standing for a few moments in silence.

It was proposed to attempt the next quarterly peal at Buckland, the conductor to be Mr. R. Fuller.

The secretary intimated that owing to pressure of business he would not seek re-election. He thanked everyone for the support they had given him. Several names were received for the secretaryship and committee. Election will be by ballot at the annual meeting, which will be held at Horley on Saturday, January 22nd.

The bells were kept going till 9 p.m., ringing ranging from Grand-sire Triples to Bristol Surprise Major.

BOURNEMOUTH'S NEW BELLS.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the new bells at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, by members of the Sunday service band on December 5th for a Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Southampton: H. Osborne 1, L. V. Davis 2, F. Frankland Rigby 3, H. Roberts 4, A. V. Davis (conductor) 5, C. E. Forfitt 6, P. W. Witham 7, H. Garrett 8.

The bells were dedicated on November 20th, and prior to this service and in honour of the occasion a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. James Church, Poole.

It is hoped to hold a meeting of the Christchurch District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Bournemouth early in the new year.

PEAL NOTES.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT PERFORMANCES AND RINGERS.

Some names given to methods sound, at first, a bit odd. To some people Boveney Surprise may be among them. But Boveney (pronounced Buveney) is an ancient parish near Windsor, and was adopted as a method name when first rung by the enterprising band whose activities centre round the royal borough.

The method is by George Baker and is a half-brother to Ashtead. It is, in fact, Ashtead without 7th's place. Only one peal had been rung before last Saturday, when the Guildford Guild (who rang the first peal of Ashtead) rang the second of Boveney at Ewell.

It provided another example of the vexed question of authorship of compositions. The 5,024 was an adaptation of half a peal of Double Norwich by George Williams. Can it be said that George Williams composed the peal? Boveney had never been heard of when he set down the figures to Double Norwich. Boveney has a 4th's place bob, while Double Norwich has a 6th's place bob; consequently the course ends are not the same. A bob at 5 in Double Norwich brings up the course end, a bob before in Boveney cuts it out. But the calling of the peal of Boveney was taken from George Williams' peal of Double Norwich. So what about it?

Alan Pink called both peals of Boveney, and in the two peals there have been 15 firsts in the method. Incidentally it was Mr. Pink's one hundredth peal as conductor, and these peals have been rung in a large number of methods—something like 25 Surprise methods among them. And here is another interesting point. With the exception of a peal of Edmonton Bob he has called a peal in every Major method he has rung.

A distinctly fine performance was put up by William G. Newberry in this peal. He came to ring the treble, but owing to the indisposition of one of the band a new trebleman had to be obtained (it was Mr. Arthur Hadley, who was for many years in charge of the tower at Arklow, Ireland), and Bill Newberry, with a knowledge of Ashtead, learnt the method in the tower before taking on the 7th.

Another ringer to score his one hundredth peal as conductor in recent days is Mr. William Barton, of Pudsey, who reached his century with a peal of Bob Major on handbells, rung on December 7th. It was a belated birthday compliment to Mr. P. J. Johnson, but this was the first opportunity of thus celebrating the natal anniversary of Yorkshire's former secretary.

EIGHTY AND STILL GOING STRONG.

A peal of Double Norwich Major was rung at North Stoneham on December 9th to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Melville.

Mr. Melville was for many years a member of Holy Trinity, afterwards the Cathedral, band, Guildford, where he was steeplekeeper for a time. He was also a very active District Master of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.

Since his retirement from Messrs. Dennis Bros' motor factory, he has been living at King's Worthy, near Winchester. Since taking to a country life he seems to be growing younger, but he finds gardening on a chalky soil as hard as the work in a blacksmith's shop.

Mr. George Williams, who called this 'wedding peal' and reached a total of 1,450, must be the oldest active conductor. He was 80 in May, but he still keeps going, and since registering 'four score' has rung 28 peals and called about a dozen of them. He is one of the very few ringers who have conducted over a thousand peals.

Mr. John Stuart, an old member of the Gateshead band, whose death we recorded last week, was buried on November 29th, and a half-muffled peal was rung after the funeral. He was leader of the local company for many years and is deeply mourned.

The North Lincolnshire band, of which Mr. Jack Bray is a leading spirit, rang their first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods on December 7th. And it was, also, the first by the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. They rang the peal at Elsham as a birthday compliment and a farewell to the Vicar, who is leaving the parish.

A peal in seven Minor methods at Hope, Flintshire, on December 4th, marked the 17th anniversary of the bells, which were installed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. in 1920 and constitute the village war memorial.

The six bells at Beenham, Bucks, have recently been rehung, and the first peal on them since they were reopened was rung on December 6th by a local band, who are all ex-Service men. The peal consisted of three methods of Minor, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford and three of Plain Bob. The 720's were rung alternately.

Two sisters, the Misses W. E. and D. L. Ditcham, members of St. Giles', Norwich, tower, were among the three ringers who rang a peal of Double Norwich Major at the first attempt at St. Giles' Church on December 1st.

CANON HELMORE'S BIRTHDAY.

Mr. Thomas E. Sone, of Paddock Wood, Kent, on Saturday rang his one hundredth peal of Kent Treble Bob. This was at Aylesford, and he has now called a peal from all the bells in no fewer than six towers.

The peal was a birthday compliment to Canon F. J. O. Helmore, of Canterbury, who was hon. secretary of the Kent County Association for over 30 years. Canon Helmore is 86. A peal of Double Norwich in honour of the event on the preceding Saturday at New Romney unfortunately failed.

With the peal of Stedman Triples on December 8th, Mr. C. H. Perry has conducted peals from each bell at St. Illtyd's, Bridgend,

and is believed to be the first to do so in any tower for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. The variation of Brook's peal, which was the composition used, starts as suggested in 'The Ringing World' recently, with rounds the last row of the six.

To call a peal of Bob Royal on handbells from 3.4 as the first attempt at calling a peal of Royal is the notable performance of Derek Sharp, at Crayford. At the same time two other of the younger Crayford members, Teddy Barnett III. and Geoffrey V. Murphy, rang their fiftieth peal together.

Two peals of Yorkshire by the Yorkshire Association on the same day! It is another testimony to the growing popularity of this Surprise method. These two peals were rung on December 11th at Handsworth and Eckington.

After a peal in honour of the golden wedding of the Earl and Countess of Harrowby, at Stone, Staffs, on Saturday, the band were hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Willis Buckley.

Three sixteen-year-old ringers of St. Peter's Society, Burnham, took part in the first peal on the bells at Langley Marish, Bucks, on December 6th, when seven 720's of Minor in seven different methods were rung to mark the 25th year of the incumbency of the Rev. F. T. H. Shepherd, through whose generosity the bells were increased from five to six.

Of the three youths, John E. Taylor rang his 25th peal, and Bryan O'Neill his first peal in seven methods. The third, Martin Blamey, rang the treble.

The Rector of Alwalton, Hunts, where there is a ring of five bells, is anxious to stir the interest of the parishioners into forming a band of ringers. On December 4th, at his invitation, a visiting company rang a peal in five methods of Doubles as a piece of propaganda work, and afterwards were entertained to tea by the Rector (the Rev. E. G. Milnes). Visiting ringers are sure of a warm welcome at any time at Alwalton.

CORNWALL'S YOUNGEST CONDUCTOR.

A very young conductor called the peal of Doubles at Wendron, Cornwall, on December 4th. He celebrated his 12th birthday only the day before, and his performance was worthy of anyone much older in years and experience, as he only rang his first peal just twelve months ago. Since then, however, he has taken part in several, and is a very capable ringer of Grandsire Triples and Stedman—surely an achievement for a child.

In honour of the centenary of the College Youths, Lancashire members rang a peal of London Surprise at Westhoughton on December 4th.

What should have been a birthday peal at Holbrook, Suffolk, on December 3rd, was turned into a peal of mourning for the death of Brig.-Gen. E. Hunter Rodwell, churchwarden and an honorary member of the Suffolk Guild.

It was Ronald Steward's 17th birthday, but the muffles were put on and Doubles substituted for Minor. It was the first peal of Doubles by all the band.

It is of interest that Miss Sylvia Bowyer, who took part, has now rung peals on all numbers from Doubles to Maximus.

Three of the Sunday service ringers at Siltan took part on November 26th in the first peal on the five bells at this Dorset village. It was their first peal, too.

The first peal of Minor on the bells at Bodenham, Herefordshire, was rung as a 25th birthday compliment to Mr. Leslie Evans, one of the ringers.

A peal in two hours and fifteen minutes, even of Doubles, on a ring of six church bells is good going. At Rushall, Staffs, 42 six-scores of Stedman were rung in this time on December 9th. It was the quickest peal on the bells, the tenor of which is just under 7½ cwt.

The conductor, Mr. Frank E. Haynes, who is Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, has now called and Mr. D. T. Matkin has rung peals of Stedman from Cinques to Doubles. This peal, by the way, was rung for the Staffs Archaeocentry Society.

COMPOSED IN EGYPT.

Mr. Bernard Swinson, who resided for some years in Egypt, worked out while there a variation of Carter's odd hob one-part peal of Stedman Triples. It was called for the first time on December 9th by Mr. Maurice F. R. Hibbert at Bushey. Mr. Hibbert, like that other Maurice—Maurice Swinfield, of Burton—has a penchant for calling difficult peals.

The first peal of Major on the bells since they were restored was rung at Netherseale, Derbyshire, on December 4th.

The first peal on the six bells at Wheathampstead, Herts, since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. was rung on December 4th and was a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Golding, Miss Richardson and the conductor (Mr. Walter Ayre).

Messrs. C. V. Ebberson and Nolan Golden rang their fiftieth peal together when they took part in a peal of Minor in nine methods at Garveston, Norfolk, on December 9th (the first in more than one method on the bells) as a birthday compliment to Mr. John A. Godfrey, Ringing Master of the West Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association. It was the 80th tower in which Mr. Ebberson had rung a peal.

The new Vicar of Pytchley, Northants (the Rev. H. A. J. R. Norton) was welcomed with a peal of Doubles after his induction on December 4th. It was rung in five methods.

It did not take 3 hours and 50 minutes to ring the peal at Gorton, as recorded last week, but only 2 hours 50 minutes.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. WESTERN DIVISION AT NORTHOWRAM.

In spite of the very wintry conditions which existed practically all over the country, the Western Division of the Yorkshire Association held a very well attended meeting at St. Matthew's, Northowram, on Saturday, December 11th. It speaks well for the enthusiasm of the members, when upwards of 60 attended from a very wide area. There had been a heavy fall of snow the previous evening, and on several days during the week, so that travelling facilities were not at their best.

The beautiful modern church was greatly admired, and a special item of interest was the 'Children's Corner.' The bells, which are a very musical ring of eight, were kept moving throughout the day in a large variety of methods, from call changes to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. A very gratifying feature was the number of young ringers who were present—a good augury for the future.

A short service was held during the afternoon, and Canon Watkinson, in a most delightful and interesting address, welcomed the visitors to Northowram. He touched upon the many old customs of ringing from the most early times and concluded with an example of the early morning ringing on Easter Day—a custom which he hoped would never lapse.

A splendid tea was served in the Schools, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the vice-president (Mr. P. J. Johnson) and supported by Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A., and Canon Watkinson.

The Chairman intimated that the main business of the meeting was the appointment of a new member of the committee, the vacancy having been caused by the elevation of Mr. T. W. Strangeway to the Ringing Mastership. On the motion of Mr. John Ambler, supported by Mr. W. H. Senior, it was unanimously agreed that Mr. William Ambler, of Queensbury, be elected.

The vacancy on the General Committee of the association was filled by the appointment of Mr. Hy. Armitage, of Huddersfield.

Canon Marshall, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for kindly granting the use of the bells, and for the splendid reception, especially thanked the Vicar for his most interesting address, which he was sure everyone had greatly appreciated. This was seconded by Mr. William Ambler and supported by the chairman.

Mr. H. Lofthouse, in a neatly worded speech, thanked the local company for their splendid arrangements, which he knew had not been accomplished without a great deal of thought and effort. This was seconded by the secretary, who included another unseen worker in the vote—the organist who so ably officiated at the service.

Mr. Albert Hancock replied for the local company, saying that they had all been pleased to welcome the association and would like to see them again whenever it was convenient.

Six new members were elected as follows: Frank Mosby, of Kildwick; C. Nichol and K. Dobson, of Northowram; Vernon Bottomley, of Halifax; Arnold Cole, of Hunslet; and Harry Lamb, of Sowerby.

After the meeting, the members inspected the new schools and then adjourned to the tower, where further ringing was enjoyed until after 9 o'clock. At this time it was still snowing heavily, but in spite of this various members were very reluctant to leave the village.

It is hoped to arrange the next meeting, which is the annual divisional meeting, in March next, at East Ardsley.

The towers represented at the meeting were as follows: Armley, Tatley, Bolton (Bradford), Brighouse, Denholme, Drighlington, Elland, Halifax (St. John's and All Souls'), Haworth, Headingley (St. Michael's and St. Chad's), Kirkburton, Leeds Parish Church, Idle, Pudsey, Queensbury, Rothwell, Ripponden, Shipley, Sowerby, Sherburn-in-Elmet and the local company.

TALGARTH RINGER'S EARLY DEATH.

It is with regret that we have to record the death on Wednesday, November 24th, of Mr. Stanley Charles Powell, at the early age of 32 years after only a short illness.

Deceased was a very faithful member of the Talgarth Church bell-ringers, always regular at practices and for Sunday service ringing. He had only rung two peals. In addition to being a bellringer, he was also a sidesman, a member of the Parochial Church Council and of the C.E.M.S.

The funeral took place on Saturday, November 27th, when there were between 300 and 400 people present. Mr. J. P. Hyett (district secretary) represented the Northern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, and Mr. M. T. Davies, who is a member of the Central Council of the C.E.M.S., represented the society. Deceased's fellow-bellringers, Messrs. D. H. Bennett, B. H. Davies, C. M. Davies, J. L. Gwynne, S. L. Speake and D. J. Griffiths, acted as bearers, the undertaker being Mr. W. D. Griffiths, who is also captain of the local ringers. Among the 65 wreaths from the family and friends was one from the bellringers, in the shape of a floral bell lying on its side.

After the service some six-scores of Grandsire Doubles and call changes with the bells half-muffled were rung as a last tribute of respect to one whose place will be hard to fill. On December 1st a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung as a last tribute of respect.

'BELLS' IN NEW ZEALAND.

DORKING CURATE DESCRIBES SUBSTITUTES.

In spite of the wintry weather, about 40 ringers put in an appearance at Dorking on Saturday week, when the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held the last meeting for the year, a welcome visitor being Mr. Alan Pink, from Hanwell, a former secretary of the district.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. H. Hunt), assisted by his senior curate (the Rev. A. Dawson), and Mr. Coles, the organist. The address was given by the Rev. A. Dawson, who said he thought the bells of England were taken—almost subconsciously—as an accepted factor, and it was not until he went away to New Zealand that he realised what a real part they played in English life. He went on to describe some of the substitutes he found in the country districts out there, one place being well off with a set of iron bars of various lengths. It was not unusual, however, to hear an iron bedstead or an empty kerosene can being banged to signify that it was nearly time for service.

Tea was served in the Church Room, and, although there were home-made cakes, the party of 35 failed to finish the course. The Vicar was present and took the chair for the ensuing business meeting.

The retiring officers were all renominated, the names of Messrs. W. James and W. J. Whiting being added to the representatives on the General Executive Committee.

The district secretary (Mr. A. H. Smith) advised the members of the Guild's dinner on January 8th, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the service and use of the bells, also for presiding, and to the Rev. A. Dawson for an interesting and unusual address.

After an interlude with handbells, the tower bells were again made full use of until close on 9 o'clock. The variety of methods ranged from rounds, through Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob to Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol and Yorkshire Surprise.

LADIES' GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN BRISTOL.

A very successful meeting of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild was held at the Parish Church, Clifton, on December 11th. The attendance was good, members being present from Bath, Bristol, Abbotsleigh, Duffield, Mangotsfield, Portishead, Stoke Gifford, Westerleigh and Wrington. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung during the afternoon. The service was conducted by the Vicar, who extended a hearty welcome to the Guild.

Thirty-two members and friends assembled afterwards in the Parish Hall, where Mrs. Gregory had provided an excellent tea. This was followed by the business meeting, Mrs. Edwards, the vice-president, being in the chair. Miss Violet Smith, of Westerleigh, was elected a member of the Guild, and Mangotsfield was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on the second Saturday in March.

At the conclusion of tea a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Hedley Gregory for playing the organ, to Mrs. Gregory for providing the tea, and to those members of the local band who had kindly made all the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

A disappointment was experienced after tea. It had been arranged to ring at St. Mary-le-Port in the evening, but on arrival at the church it was discovered that one of the bells was out of order and ringing impossible. After various efforts had been made to secure another tower, Miss Annie Brown came to the rescue and carried off a large party to ring at St. Philip's, where they spent a very happy hour, and rang, among other things, a nice course of Cambridge.

BRAINTREE VETERAN.

For over 50 years Mr. H. E. Hammond has been a Sunday service ringer at St. Michael's, Braintree. On Saturday he celebrated his 72nd birthday, and in honour of the event a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung for morning service on Sunday: S. Warne 1, B. Redgewell 2, H. Hammond 3, R. Martin 4, G. Lindridge 5, H. Felton 6, L. Wiffen 7, A. Wiffen 8. In spite of his age, Mr. Hammond is still the 'life' of the Braintree company, and his 'striking' is as near perfect as possible. He is an old member of the College Youths.

NORTON RECTOR'S SILVER WEDDING.

After an unsuccessful attempt for a peal at St. James' Church, Norton, near Sheffield, on November 27th, to celebrate the silver wedding of the Rector (the Rev. J. S. Pegge), a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung by S. Briggs 1, J. Moss 2, J. E. Turley 3, J. Sykes 4, R. Payne 5, A. Gill 6, J. J. L. Gilbert 7, N. Chaddock (conductor) 8.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. John the Baptist's, Aldenham, on Sunday, December 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Miss Ellis, for many years connected with the church: G. J. Bishop 1, H. J. Wright 2, S. Jones 3, C. Evans 4, C. H. Horton (conductor) 5, W. Inwood 6, W. Giles 7, V. Lawrence 8.

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MAISEYHAMPTON, GLOS.—On Sunday, Dec. 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1,260 changes (10½ six-scores each called differently): E. H. Pearce 1, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 2, L. W. Cuss 3, N. G. Pearce 4, J. E. Godwin 5, W. A. Godwin 6. First quarter-peal and first attempt by the ringer of the treble, who is aged 14 years.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Monday, December 6th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes): Miss L. Fernley (longest length) 1, J. Fernley 2, L. Clough 3, Rev. F. Bonner 4, J. Whittaker 5, J. W. Hartley 6, C. K. Lewis (conductor) 7, J. Worth 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles', Camberwell, for Sunday evening service on December 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: A. Hughes (first quarter-peal) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss B. Mills 3, Miss H. Mills 4, Miss O. Ashbrook 5, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 6, P. A. Corby 7, E. J. King 8, A. Diserens 9, Frank Hopgood 10.

LONDON.—At St. Lawrence Jewry for evening service on December 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. A. Hughes (first quarter of Bob Major) 1, G. A. Parsons 2, R. W. Cousins 3, G. T. Moody (first quarter of Bob Major) 4, R. Allen 5, F. C. Shorter (conductor) 6, J. A. Waugh 7, E. Murrell 8.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Sunday, December 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Smith 1, T. M. Roderick, Newton Porthcavi (first quarter-peal of Triples and first attempt) 2, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 3, S. E. Eoper (Croydon) 4, W. J. Norton 5, C. Mathers 6, E. Stith 7, F. E. Stone 8.

MERE, WILTS.—On December 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: V. Hill 1, E. Coward 2, J. Paul 3, G. Bunce 4, J. Gray 5, W. Keates 6, F. A. Coward (conductor) 7, H. Jordan 8. The first quarter-peal of Stedman by the local band on the bells. Thanks are due to Mr. E. Rowe, of Stourton, for his help from the band's first 120 of Grandsire Doubles upwards.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, November 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): P. C. C. Austin (first in the method) 1, H. Worboys 2, W. Beard 3, E. G. Collis 4, C. Penn (conductor) 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, R. Penn 7, C. W. Faulkner 8.

KIRKBY STEPHEN, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, November 28th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Wharton 1, K. Burnett 2, A. G. Morland 3, T. Martin 4, J. Bradberry 5, A. Wilkinson 6, E. Burnett (conductor) 7, F. P. Nicholson 8. The first quarter-peal for all the ringers with the exception of the conductor.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, November 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): A. W. Dix 1, S. H. Hoare (conductor) 2, F. Bullock (first in the method) 3, W. Norris 4, H. L. Long 5, C. N. Leman 6, H. G. Casimore 7, R. G. Bell 8.

A DOUBLE BAND FOR SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

ROCK FERRY'S EXAMPLE.

On Sunday week two 720's of Minor were rung at St. Peter's Church, Rock Ferry, by two entirely separate bands and all are members of Rock Ferry tower, five of them having commenced to learn only in March of this year.

Six of the band, whose average is 15½ years, are members of the choir, whilst two others are ex-choirboys. Two more are learning, making a total of 14, and on practice nights it is usual to have at least 16 in the tower at once, but everyone gets a fair share of the ringing. During this year 720's in 27 methods have been rung, including 24 Surprise methods.

Sunday's 720's were as follow: For morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. J. Williams 1, D. Parry 2, Mrs. M. Poole 3, J. Leslie 4, A. V. Andrews 5, W. Dean (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob: H. Andrew 1, J. H. Cooke 2, C. O. Eulse (first 720 of Treble Bob) 3, A. J. Martin 4, J. Cooke (conductor) 5, F. T. Perry 6.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. E. H. Noott). All ringers welcome.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Poulton, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Come and hear the new octave, tenor 8 cwt. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The last meeting for 1937 will be held at the Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room 4.30 prompt. Short service at 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome, especially Loughborough District members, at this meeting.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

SHAUGH PRIOR, S. DEVON.—Ring of six bells, tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.—Rededication service by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth on Saturday, December 18th, at 3.15 p.m.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, December 18th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Address by the Rector, Rev. E. C. Harris. Tea in the Church House, 5.15, followed by the usual business.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

MAWGAN, NEAR HELSTON, CORNWALL.—The bells, restored and augmented to a ring of six by John Taylor and Co., will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro on Saturday, December 18th, at 3.30 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, December 18th. St. Peter's bells (10) available from 3 p.m. until 5. The Cathedral bells (12) after tea. Tea arrangements are being made. Will all those who can please attend this meeting, especially the committee for the district?—W. Nash, North Mimms, Hatfield, and H. V. Frost, 4, Kimberley Road, St. Albans, Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available 3 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. at 1s. each.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Calne on December 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Ringing friends welcome.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Sawley on Saturday, December 18th. Arrangements for tea on the spot. Service 4.30. Please turn up and let us have a swagger Christmas meeting.—Tom Clark, Dis. President.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, December 18th. Tea at the Garden Cafe at 5 p.m. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—M. Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Ex-hall, Coventry.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Next meeting at Wisbech on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. The members of the district committee are asked to meet at 4 p.m. Please help to make the last meeting of the year a great success.—W. W. Cousins, Dis. Sec., Terrington, St. John, Wisbech.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next practice has been arranged at Old Windsor on Saturday, December 18th, at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday, December 18th. Tower opens 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held to-morrow, December 18th, at St. John's, Old Hackney (Mare Street). Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea, etc., 5 p.m. A good attendance is specially requested.—James G. A. Prior, 31, Limerston Street, S.W.10.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Watford, Saturday, December 18th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea at 5.45. Annual business meeting. Election of officers for 1938. Ringing after till 8.30. Excellent train or coach service to Watford, from all parts.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. City 4270.

SPREYTON, NEAR BOW, DEVON.—Ring of six rehung on ball bearings by Gillett and Johnston. Rededication by Rural Dean, Saturday, December 18th, at 3 p.m.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—St. Peter's Church. The peal of eight, tuned and rehung with modern fittings in strengthened frame by Gillett and Johnston, will be rededicated by the Rural Dean on Saturday, December 18th, at 2.30 p.m. Bells available for ringing after the service. Tea provided in St. Peter's Schoolroom, Croxton Road. All ringers invited.

PLYMSTOCK, S. DEVON.—Rededication of the ring of six bells, tuned and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co., will take place on Monday, December 20th, at 7 p.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Plymouth.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Dec. 23rd; *St. Giles', Cripplegate (instead of Bow), Dec. 21st (7.30 p.m.); St. Andrew's, Holborn, Dec. 30th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

BROADCLYST, EXETER.—The ring of eight bells, recast and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton at 7 p.m. on Tuesday next, December 21st.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 1st, 1938, at St. George's, Southwark, S.E. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. All those requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, December 30th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 1st, 1938, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Ringing at St. Martin's Church from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, January 8th, 1938, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each, from J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey.

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ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

MEETING AT SOUTHWARK.

A quarterly meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at St. George the Martyr, Southwark, on November 20th and was attended by about 25 members and friends, chiefly from the London area.

Ringling took place during the afternoon on the recently retuned and rehung peal of eight, and ranged from rounds to Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise.

A shortened form of evensong was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Cooke, and was followed by tea at the Express Dairy, London Bridge. The Rector also presided at tea, and those present were entertained by a course of Grandsire Caters on Mr. C. W. Taylor's excellent peal of handbells.

The business meeting was held in the vestry, the Master (Mr. G. H. Cross) taking the chair.

The elections of two new members prior to a peal were ratified.

It was decided to hold a dinner early in 1938 on the lines of that held in March, 1937, and the third Saturday in March was put forward as a suitable date.

The Master referred to the passing of the Rev. 'Dick' Sheppard, mentioning that he was a member of the society. The meeting stood in silence for a few moments as a tribute of respect.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for granting permission to ring and for conducting the service, and also to Mr. W. Bottrill for his assistance in making arrangements.

Upon returning to the tower, further ringing was indulged in, methods to suit all being rung until 9 o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal.

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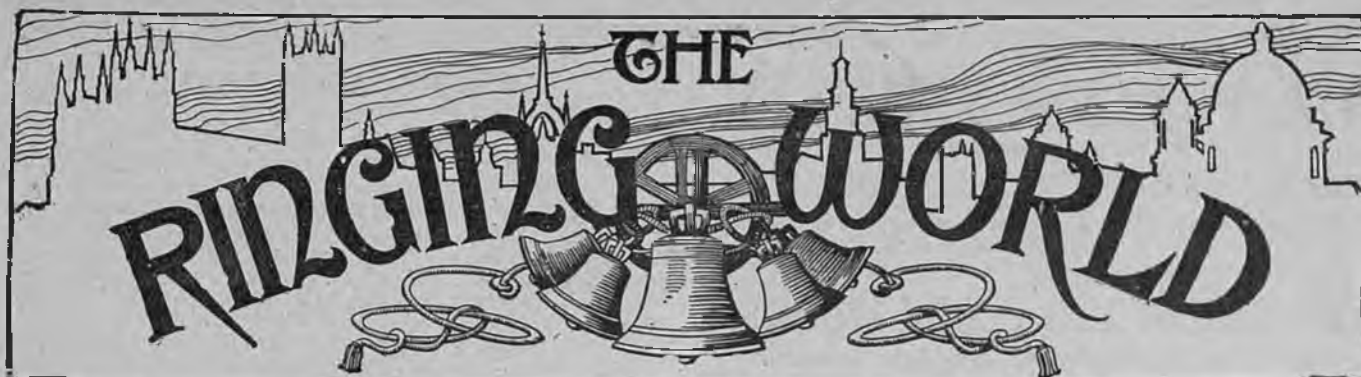
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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S MEMBERSHIP.

The annual report of the Lancashire Association, which has just been published, states that the subscriptions received from ringing members in the past year account for only 718 out of the 1,122 on the roll, that 87 are two years in arrear, and that 54 have been crossed off. Knowing something of the work which is put into the association by its officials, this seems to us a rather lamentable state of affairs. Making every allowance for financial stringency among members in an industrial area like Lancashire, that more than one-third should be in arrears with their subscriptions points to a lack of appreciation of the relation which the members hold to the association. No wonder, therefore, that the committee appeal to all the members to be loyal to this side of the association's work.

In these days the banding together of ringers into associations for the promotion of their art and interests is so well established, that no one questions the necessity of it or the advantages to be derived. The growth of ringing to its present standard and the level of recognition which ringers have attained has been largely due to the organisation of the belfry personnel into a wider union than merely local bands, giving an impetus to the art and a higher conception of the ringers' duties both on the part of the ringers themselves and of the Church authorities. Without the associations the fabric of the Exercise would quickly crumble, but they can only exist by the support of the individuals. In every instance, of course, it is the enthusiasts who bear the brunt of the task and very largely carry the organisation to whatever success it may attain. And this is done often in the face of many discouragements.

Not everyone, perhaps, has the opportunity to put into a cause the energy which others are able to exert, but every ringer should feel it a duty to do the least that is required of him—pay his small annual subscription promptly. It may be that in many cases failure to do so is just negligence, but that does not make it any easier for the officers to carry on their work, and when the proportion of subscriptions left unpaid is as large as that in the Lancashire Association it becomes a severe handicap to the activities of the organisation. The 'defaulters' continue to enjoy all the privileges of membership, but do not contribute their share to the funds—and the individual subscription is such a small share, too. It should be a matter of honour among ringers, not only in Lancashire but everywhere, to pay their dues promptly, as it is only by their so doing that the organisation can be kept efficient and carry on the work which it exists to perform.

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CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in C sharp.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	*FRANK E. MITCHELL 7
FRANK E. DARBY 2	†GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES 8
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 3	DANIEL D. COOPER 9
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 10
HERBERT J. SKELT 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
*ROYDON DAVIES 6	CHARLES H. KIPPEN Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DANIEL D. COOPER.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal in the method.
First peal of Stedman Cinques as conductor. Ring to commemorate
the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

SHOREDITCH, LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	ERNEST W. FURBANK 7
*ARTHUR RADLEY 2	THOMAS BRVAN 8
GEORGE N. CROSS 3	STANLEY SHELLOCK 9
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	EDWARD J. BEER 10
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES 5	HARRY HOVERD 11
THOMAS NEWMAN 6	GEORGE W. STEERE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques and first attempt. First peal of
Cinques as conductor and first attempt. Ring in honour of the wed-
ding of Miss Kathleen Beer and Mr. Stuart Sandford, two members
of the society, who were married on the 16th inst.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JOHN COOK 6
*WALTER J. BATTLE 2	JAMES MORGAN 7
KENNETH LEWIS 3	RICHARD D. LANGFORD 8
HARRY PARKER 4	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH 9
JOHN E. BIBBY 5	JOHN WORTHE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Royal. First peal on the bells since they were aug-
mented to ten by the Guild in celebration of its jubilee. Mr. J.
Morgan's 250th peal.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 7
*FRED DAVISON 3	WILLIAM WOODHEAD 8
†ARTHUR ARMITAGE 4	JOHN AMBLER 9
†HARRY DAVISON 5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS

* First peal on ten bells and first peal in the method. † First peal
of Royal and first peal in the method. † First peal on ten bells.

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On Thursday, December 16, 1937, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ERNEST STITCH Treble	FRANK ROWSELL 6
GEORGE TALBOT 2	GEORGE POPNELL 7
*HOWARD L. MORGAN 3	THOMAS J. SETTER 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	JOHN PHILLIPS 9
GEORGE LARGE 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by GEO. T. DALTRY. Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a compliment to the tenor ringer on his 61st birthday.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

*MISS CONSTANCE T. DITTON Treble	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 6
MRS. EDITH K. FLETCHER 2	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 7
GEORGE GRAY 3	STANLEY A. CARTER 8
MRS. FRANCES BOTHAM ... 4	ERNEST BRIT 9
JOHN H. BOTHAM 5	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by GEORGE W. DEBENHAM.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method on these bells and by all the band, except by the ringers of 2nd, 7th and tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, December 4, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Aidan,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN H. ELLIOTT Treble	*THOMAS W. DODDS 5
*CHRIS. T. LAMB 2	RICHARD OLIVER 6
*ROBERT CLARK 3	†HENRY RAWLINGS 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	GEORGE WILKINSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. Ringers of the 3rd, 6th, 7th and tenor are regular service ringers at St. Aidan's. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mrs. Annie Lee, 91, donor of the bells, who was buried on November 11th, 1937.

WHITTLESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM ROSE Treble	*HERBERT GOAKES 5
*WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 2	†FRANK WARRINGTON ... 6
FRANK CREASEY 3	WALTER H. FREEMAN ... 7
*LEWIS BUSH 4	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal of Grandsire away from the tenor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. E. T. Newman, M.A., Vicar of St. Andrew's since 1907. A birthday peal to Mr. Rose.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES A. HUGHES ... Treble	*FRANCIS D. BISHOP ... 5
*DENNIS BROCK 2	ERNEST W. PYE 6
*NORMAN H. MANNING ... 3	ALFRED PRIOR 7
ARTHUR C. CHAPLING ... 4	ERNEST W. FORBANK ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ALFRED PRIOR.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung half-muffled on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the death of the Rev. John Strype, Vicar of Leyton for 68 years. Also as a tribute to the late Right Rev. Guy Bullen, Assistant Bishop of the Sudan and a native of Leyton.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	ALFRED BALLARD 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
SHIRLEY BORTON 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

*A. HECTOR HOLLIDAY ... Treble	*JOHN A. GODFREY 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	CLAUDE COUSINS 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	WILLIAM CLOVER 7
WALLACE W. COUSINS ... 4	HENRY TOOKE Tenor

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.

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

TADCASTER, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HENRY CLAYTON Treble	ERNEST LINDLEY 5
FRED. E. ADDISON 2	ROBERT LANCASTER 6
WALTER HICK 3	NORMAN BARTON 7
ALAN DENNISON 4	ALFRED BARKER Tenor

Composed by Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by F. E. ADDISON.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar (the Rev. R. Jones), who is retiring.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Treble	JOHN BASS 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	*WILLIAM DAVIES 6
ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 3	*STANLEY PRESTIDGE ... 7
JOHN LLOYD 4	ALFRED DAVIES Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Treble	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... 5
*JOHN BEST 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 6
*FRED HARTMAN 3	PERCY SWINDLEY 7
STANLEY HARRISON 4	†WALTER PRICE Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Jones, sen., of Eccleston.

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GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

CYRIL W. HAMMOND... .. Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 5
JOHN WHEADON 2	E. GEORGE MORRAD 6
GEORGE J. BUTCHER 3	JAMES E. BAILEY... .. 7
HORACE H. BARDEN 4	RICHARD A. CONSTANCE ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Major.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 13, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM MADDOCK Treble	THOMAS ROBINSON 5
JAMES ROBINSON 2	JOHN ROBINSON 6
HERBERT LUDKIN 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON 7
*ARTHUR MADDOCK 4	JOHN W. GARDNER ... Tenor

Composed by H. LUDKIN.

Conducted by J. W. GARDNER.

* First peal and first attempt. The first peal of Major by the local band.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 15, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

REGINALD V. JOHNSON ... Treble	NELSON ELLIOTT 5
KEITH HART 2	JACK M. CRIPPS 6
KENNETH SNELLING 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
RAYMOND OVERY 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 17, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MONEWDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in this method, Lindoff's No. 67.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	GEOFFREY V. MURPHY ... 5
RENE REDPATH 2	EDWIN A. BARNETT 6
ALAN J. HOPPER 3	DEREK M. SHARP 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	WILLIAM E. BOND ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to William E. Bond.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

KENNETH SNELLING Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
C. ERNEST SMITH 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*HARRY G. RIDGWAY Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
THOMAS E. ROBERTS 2	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 6
ERNEST C. LANBERT 3	JOHN A. GREEN 7
A. NUNNELEY WOOD 4	ALBERT J. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ALBERT J. GREEN.

* First peal in the method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 1, C.C. Collection. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. BATTIN Treble	BERNARD V. COLLISON ... 5
ERNEST J. LADD 2	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN ... 6
ALBERT WORSFOLD 3	ALEC E. RICHARDSON 7
MRS. F. W. HOUSDEN 4	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

First peal in the method by all the band.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	HENRY H. FEARN 5
C. HOWARD STANLEY 2	THOMAS HEMMING 6
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT (No. 20)

Conducted by W. CARTWRIGHT

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to James Dowler, for upwards of 50 years a ringer at this church.

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On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
**A PEAL OF SPICED LONDON BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE & SUPERLATIVE
SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE FLINTHAM Treble	JACK L. MILLHOUSE 5
JOHN FREEMAN 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3	*WALTER TOMLINSON 7
FREDERICK W. STOKES 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN

* First peal of Major. First peal of Spiced Surprise Major by all the band, in the county and by the Guild. This peal contains 2,944 London, 608 Bristol and 736 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 111 changes of method.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES

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

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JOHN COOK 5
RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 2	ERNEST J. AYLIEFF 6
PETER CHARMAN 3	JOHN H. B. HASSE 7
THOMAS ADAMS 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIE GREEN Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
HAROLD CHANT 2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT 6
TOM BROTHWELL 3	ARTHUR GILL 7
REGINALD PAYNE 4	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. NASH.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

HUGH J. BALCOMBE Treble	RICHARD G. RICE 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
JOHN NOBES 4	ERNST MOLFORD Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID WRIGHT Treble	REUBEN CHARGE 5
WILLIAM H. JOINER 2	CHARLES POTHECARY 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
JOHN HOBDEN 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by C. POTHECARY.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE BELL Treble	DENNIS F. BELL 4
JACK N. A. PUMFREY 2	WALTER C. MEDLER 5
ALFRED W. KING 3	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD.

Bung with half-muffled bells as a tribute to Miss Margaret Jewell, aged 86 years, whose remains were interred at Buxton earlier in the day.

TRYSULL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores of Reverse Canterbury, 12 of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ARCHIBALD CLARKE Treble	BARNABAS G. KEY 4
*SIDNEY HOLLAWAY 2	HOWARD HOWELL 5
†CYRIL TABERNER 3	†JAMES DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by B. G. KEY.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal away from tenor.
‡ First attempt for a peal.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

HERBERT C. READ Treble	ERIC DORRANT 4
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD 2	WALTER C. MEDLAR 5
R. WILLIAM BARBER 3	GEORGE BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

First peal on the bells since they were augmented and rehung by Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

ALGARKIRK, LINES.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS LOIS M. NEAL Treble	ARTHUR YOUNG 4
*MISS C. NEAL 2	WILLIAM WILKINSON 5
JOHN R. YOUNG 3	GEORGE W. BURRELL Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG

* First peal of Cambridge away from the treble.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and one each of Kent, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD Treble	CHARLES L. SMITH 4
*RAYMOND G. CARLTON 2	WILLIAM J. LANCEFIELD 5
*KENNETH J. CARLTON 3	EDWARD S. RUCK Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD S. RUCK.

* First peal in six methods 'inside.' Rung to celebrate the 88th birthday of Mr. F. Exell, Rector's warden for nearly 40 years.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON.—A quarter-peal of Bob Triples, the first by all the band, who are all Sunday service ringers, was rung for practice on Tuesday, October 26th, at Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-on-Avon: J. A. Print 1, W. Rawlings 2, H. Price 3, F. Lyne 4, C. R. Steed 5, H. Brooks 6, V. B. Hunt (conductor) 7, R. Chapman 8.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
Cecil Radon	Treble	Reginald W. Worrall ...	4
*Robert Hulser	2	Albert H. Booth	5
†Walter Allman	3	Harry W. Howard	Tenor

Conducted by H. Howard.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HINDERCLAY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 12, 1937, 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, Double Court and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
Frederick C. Roper	Treble	Albert G. Harrison	4
Walter Elsey	2	Charles V. Orves	5
Arthur Cook	3	Eric G. Bennett	Tenor

Conducted by E. G. Bennett.

WAVERTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, each called differently.		Tenor 8 cwt.	
Robert Sperring	Treble	Walter Thomas	4
J. William Clarke	2	John Griffiths	5
Albert E. Richards	3	James Morgan	Tenor

Conducted by James Morgan.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of a peal of Bob Minor at Pulford on December 12th, 1887, in which Mr. Morgan and Mr. W. Thomas both rang their first peal.

HOLMER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, three extents of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob.		Tenor 11 cwt.	
*Austin T. Wingate	Treble	Walter S. Evans	4
*John D. Worsey	2	William Duggan	5
George T. Cousins	3	Ernest F. Salmons	Tenor

Conducted by Ernest F. Salmons.

* First peal of Minor in three methods.

NUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.		Tenor 8 cwt.	
Oliver J. Kidby	Treble	George R. Finch	4
Percy K. Parker	2	Henry J. Vince	5
Alfred J. Ford	3	William J. G. Brown ...	Tenor

Conducted by William J. G. Brown.

WOOL, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt, 24 lb.

Harold C. R. Vine	Treble	† Robert Wake	4
* Arthur G. Chubb	2	William C. Shute	5
H. Dennis W. Bishop ...	3	† Philip H. Toccock ...	Tenor

Conducted by W. C. Shute.

* First peal of Minor in seven methods. † First peal. ‡ First peal in seven methods.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the South-Eastern Division of the Essex Association, which was held at Writtle, was a very successful and pleasant gathering, there being present 55 ringers from 18 towers. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods, including rounds for the beginners.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Upton) conducted the association form of service, and at the commencement of a very encouraging address warmly welcomed the ringers to Writtle. He trusted that the temperature of the church (the heating apparatus having broken down) would not be taken as a sample of the welcome.

The singing of the hymns was lead by the deputy organist, and the lesson read by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. W. Shadrack).

After a very welcome tea at the Rose and Crown, the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar.

The hon. secretary reported that during the year two members had passed away, Mr. W. Sharlington, of Galleywood, and Mr. A. G. Maskell, an hon. member, of Chelmsford. Nine ringing and one honorary member had been elected, and five meetings had been held with an average attendance of 32, this representing 16 towers in the division and visitors from 16 other towers. Fifteen peals had been rung, the methods being Superlative, Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, St. Clement's, Plain Bob Major, Stedman and Grand sire Triples, 1 each; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; and Minor in four methods, 1. The conductors were G. Green, L. J. Clark and P. Green, 3 each; H. Edwards, 2; W. Keeble, E. P. Duffield, E. Kemp and H. Mansfield, 1 each. Five members had rung their first peal, 28 their first in the method, and two their first as conductor in the method. The peal of St. Clement's Major was the first in the method for the association.

In conclusion, the hon. secretary thanked the Divisional Master and hon. general secretary for their help and assistance, and the tower masters and secretaries and all those who had helped at and attended the meetings and made them successful.

Mr. H. Mansfield was re-elected Divisional Master, and Mr. H. W. Shadrack re-elected hon. secretary.

Four ringing members were elected, C. F. Jaguard, of Boreham, E. Clark and D. A. Symons, of Chelmsford, and A. Hubble, of All Saints', Maldon.

It was decided, subject to permission being granted, to hold the next meeting at Broomfield on February 12th.

The visitors were welcomed by the Divisional Master (Mr. H. Mansfield), and the Master (Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips) thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address, the organist and organ blower, and Mr. T. Lincoln for making the arrangements for tea. The towers represented were Great Baddow, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Danbury, Goldhanger, Maldon, Rettenden, Springfield, Little Waltham, Widford and Writtle, and visitors were present from Sudbury, Braintree, Halsted, Sible Hedingham, Bocking and Harlow Common.

'BELLS OVER LONDON.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter signed by P. W. Cave, Mr. Roughton, or anybody else for that matter, has a perfect right to collaborate in a broadcast on the Ancient Society of College Youths, and he has an equal right to withdraw from it if he wishes to do so. Such an arrangement is an entirely private affair between Mr. Roughton and the B.B.C., and is for them, and them only, to agree or quarrel about as they choose. It would be different if Mr. Roughton had been nominated as the society's spokesman and had been instructed to withdraw on their behalf, but this is not so and there should be no misunderstanding as to the rights of the individual in these circumstances.

If Mr. Cave thinks deeply enough he will find that the most deplorable aspects of the whole thing are, firstly, the failure of the B.B.C. to obtain agreement with participants before publishing their programmes; secondly, the readiness of the daily Press to disseminate private differences, and, thirdly, the readiness of some individuals to make mountains out of molehills, especially when concerning themselves over business which is in no way their own. It is very difficult also to see what earthly good can come from making spiteful personal references to the individuals concerned. Clear thinking and considered speaking are indeed virtues.

Also your correspondent, Mr. W. A. Birmingham, seems to be making over much of Mr. Lewis' references to the Leander R.C. and the M.C.C. It must have been obvious to most people that our president was trying to illustrate the fact that ringers value membership of the A.S.C.Y. on account of its history and traditions. He said nothing to indicate superiority as such, and, indeed, I cannot see how any one of a number of well-organised associations can, of itself only, possess superiority over the others. It is traditions that impart a degree of distinction, and Mr. Lewis is fully justified in trying to point out to his audience that the A.S.C.Y. possesses them.

J. A. WAUGH.

Woodford. December 13th, 1937.

[This letter reached us too late for insertion in our last issue.—Editor, 'Ringing World'.]

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ABERAVON.

The annual district meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Guild was held at Aberavon, when about 40 members attended. The eight bells were raised in peal and then a touch of Stedman Triples was followed, with further ringing. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Jones), assisted by the curate (the Rev. G. T. Vadden). Mr. H. Cound presided at the organ. Tea, in the Schoolroom, had been kindly provided by the churchwardens and a few ladies of the church, who also waited at the tables.

The Vicar presided at the meeting, at which a vote of condolence was passed by the members standing in silence with the relatives of two members who have recently passed away, Mr. H. Morse (Sketty) and Mr. J. A. Hoare (Swansea), also with the secretary on the death of his father.

Mr. E. Stith was re-elected district secretary, Mr. D. Williams was elected auditor, and Swansea was chosen for the next meeting in March.

One new life member was elected and a few new members elected for 1938.

A hearty welcome was extended to all the visitors who were present, and votes of thanks were accorded with acclamation to the Vicar, curate, churchwardens, ladies and the organist.

Ringling was afterwards carried on till about 8.30, when the bells were lowered in peal, thus bringing to a close one of the best attended meetings of the district.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on Saturday, December 4th, when members attended from Battle, Brede, Heathfield, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hailsham, Northiam, Hastings (St. Clement's and Christ Church). The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, Mr. W. Haigh, of Etchingham, and Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, were also present. Good ringing practice was put in during the afternoon and evening.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. James Morgan), who gave a most interesting address on bells and ringers.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards presided at the tea and business meeting which followed, and was elected a non-resident life member. Mr. A. H. Kemp, of Northiam, was also made a member.

Mr. A. C. Pankhurst (hon. secretary) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards for presiding, and also to Mr. Piper for bearing the cost of the tea. The members then returned to the tower and kept the bells going until 8 o'clock.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held its final meeting of the year at Uxbridge on Saturday, December 11th. Conditions and circumstances indicated a good meeting, for the weather was kind and there was no competition from similar events! The attendance, however, was disappointing, the total not exceeding 25. Ringing at St. John's, Hillingdon, in the afternoon included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, while later, at St. Andrew's Church, a little more variety was obtained when only an octave was in use.

Evensong was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Home). During the service a brief pause for silent prayer was made when the congregation were asked to remember three members of the association who had died recently—Edward Cornwall Jones, priest, Henry Folkard and James Lucas. The first named was an hon. member and Vicar of Ruislip. He was present at the association meeting held at his tower in September. He had been in indifferent health for some time, but his decease came on November 13th, after only a short period in a nursing home.

After tea, the quarterly business was quickly completed. Notice was given of the sixth annual supper and social to be held at Heston on Saturday, January 22nd, while the district annual general meeting would be held at the same place on February 12th. It was decided to hold the meeting in March at St. Mary's, Ealing, probably on the 12th.

Before returning to the tower, several touches were rung on handbells.

Tickets for the supper are now on sale, price 3s. 6d. each, and may be obtained from association officers.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SWINDON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, December 11th, when good use was made of the ten bells in ringing, ranging from rounds to Kent Treble Bob Doyal.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. L. Colledge, and Mr. W. H. Truman presided at the business meeting, at which all the officers were re-elected. No meeting was fixed for January, while Blunsdon and Rodbourne Cheney were the towers proposed for February and March respectively.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We extend our heartiest greetings to all our friends and wish them sincerely 'A merry Christmas.'

There is talk of yet another peal being increased to twelve. Efforts are being made at Beddington, Surrey, to get permission to add two trebles to the existing peal of ten. The tenor at Beddington is 18½ cwt.

The annual report of the Lancashire Association for 1936-37 has just been issued. It covers nearly 90 pages.

Broadcasting from Croydon Parish Church will be resumed in January. On the first Sunday in alternate months the bells will be heard on the National long wavelength, at 9.25 a.m. In the alternate month, the bells of Lichfield Cathedral will be heard prior to service. Dr. Woods, who, as Bishop of Croydon, formerly conducted the services at his Parish Church, is now Bishop of Lichfield.

A RINGER IN INDIA.

GOOD WISHES FROM KASHMIR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I once again wish you and all readers 'a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.' I also hope to hear over the 'air' some good 'striking' at Christmastide. How homely bells do sound to us so far away!

I have enclosed a few photos that I hope may interest you. I often think how W.H.F. would love to unearth some of the mysteries these old places must hide. I often delve deep to find that my search is in vain for 'Invincible Peal Shoes'!

I have tried to get information re bells from Burmah, Tibet, Russian and Chinese Turkestan, etc. Hindus have given me information, obtained from their priests, where to get information. I have sent stamped addressed reply envelopes without any result whatsoever.

Not having seen, as yet, any replies to 'Ringer's Wife,' my advice to her would be, 'Learn to ring and so keep your husband company.' I fail to see where one can complain of man having his few hours' ringing. He certainly is safe and in good company. Three weeks ago I had to leave my wife and children for a journey over dangerous mountain roads, as I often have to, but never a word of complaint. I returned to find my house cracked and cornices fallen down by a terrible earth-shake. How 'Ringers' Wives' can differ is evident to me.

I fail to see how some correspondents in their letters advance the art of ringing. Constructive criticism helps, but when it comes to throwing mud at each other it leads nowhere. Possibly 'Francis Bacon' has met this type of ringer, as he seems to have caught a swarm in his net. His opinion as to ringers is the opposite to that of

LEONARD H. BAYBUT.

Srinagar, Kashmir.

November 30th, 1937.

[The photographs which Mr. Baybut has so kindly sent us include pictures of the mountainous country in Northern India and of the ruins of ancient temples.—Editor, 'Ringing World'.]

NEARLY, BUT NOT QUITE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whilst not wishing, even in the smallest degree, to depreciate what 'C.L.G.' writes in to-day's issue of your paper about ringing at St. Andrew's, Plymouth, I feel that it is only doing justice to my own band to point out that the peal at St. Andrew's was not 'the only peal rung in Devon for the Coronation,' seeing that on Coronation Day we scored the first local peal of Minor ever rung on the bells. With reference to the further remark that 'Mr. Myers . . . has now under his charge the most progressive band in the county who can ring Surprise methods for Sunday service,' my band—all the members of which live within the ecclesiastical parish of about 280 people—has just scored its first 360 of Cambridge Surprise Minor, and has recently rung this method for Sunday services. We do not claim to be more progressive than St. Andrew's, but we would like to feel that we were allowed to share with St. Andrew's this progressive spirit, which I sincerely hope may spread in the county. Already there are signs of this spirit in a few other towers.

May I conclude my letter by bearing my testimony to the magnificent work which Mr. G. H. Myers has been doing, in the cause of change ringing, for so many years, and place on record the esteem in which he is held by all members of our Guild.

E. V. COX,

President of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers,
and Captain of Brampford Speke Ringers.

The Vicarage, Brampford Speke, Exeter.
December 17th.

A DATE TOUCH MIXTURE.

At All Saints' Church, Rettendon, on December 13th, a date touch was rung in 1 hour 7 minutes. It consisted of 359 of Cambridge Surprise, 432 of Woodbine Treble Bob, 240 of College Exercise, 288 of Kent, 288 of Oxford Treble Bob, 240 of Plain Bob, 60 of Double Court and 30 of Grandsire Doubles: Frank C. May (composer and conductor) 1, Harry Jay 2, William May 3, Gerald Frost 4, Charles Jay 5, Frank Jay 6.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH J. PARKER. A GREAT COMPOSER.

We much regret to record the death of Mr. Joseph J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, Bucks, who, after having been in failing health for some time, passed away early on Tuesday morning at the advanced age of 84 years.

To the present generation his name is chiefly associated with the famous Twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which has become something of a classic, and, for its simplicity and symmetrical qualities, has gained a popularity among conductors unequalled by any other peal in the method.

Joseph J. Parker was one of the little group of men who, fifty or sixty years ago, seriously set their minds to the then unsolved problems of composition. His work was contemporary with that of men like C. D. P. Davies, Arthur Heywood, A. B. Carpenter and Earle Bulwer, whose researches were laying the foundation upon which much present-day knowledge is based.

Mr. Parker devoted himself principally to Triples methods—the most difficult of all in which to get true peals—and he produced compositions in Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob, Court Bob and Union. Because of their more general practice his peals of Grandsire and Stedman are best known, and, indeed, his work in both these methods won high praise from the composers and writers of that time. They showed an unexcelled insight into the subject and an unsurpassed ingenuity of construction. Mr. Parker has left a legacy to the Exercise the value of which it is impossible to over-estimate.

His services to practical ringing were also great. Attached all his life to Farnham Royal Church, he not only kept a band going in his own tower, but went far and wide teaching change ringing at a time when pioneer work was an uphill struggle. He was one of the founders of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, served on its committee and was one of its most esteemed members.

He was devoted to his Parish Church, and, in addition to being the leader of the belfry for many, many years, sang in the choir for forty years. Ill-health and the increasing infirmity of age kept him from his beloved bells for about three years, but his interest in ringing was sustained to the end.

The funeral took place at Farnham Royal yesterday (Thursday).

OLDHAM AND DISTRICT SOCIETY REVIVED. FOUR TOWERS' ACTION.

As was briefly mentioned in our last issue, the four towers in Oldham have resuscitated the Oldham and District Society. Ringers of the four belfries held a meeting on December 10th at Whitehead's Cafe, and after discussion decided to take the necessary action to re-form the society.

The meeting was presided over by the Vicar of St. Mark's, Glodwick, and was well attended. In the effort that is being made the clergy are behind the project; in fact, they were the instigators of the meeting, to see if there could be some means of improvement in the social side of ringing, by bringing the ringers together more often. It is hoped, by making a push in that direction, also to improve the ringing capabilities of the members, thus making for individual progress, team spirit and service. Membership of the Lancashire Association will still be retained.

Mr. Ogden Moores, of 31, Ronald Street, Clarksfield, Oldham, is the hon. secretary of the revived society, which includes the towers of St. Mary's (12 bells), and Glodwick, Leesfield and Moerside (each 8 bells).

MUFFLED BELLS.

At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, Suffolk, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): M. T. Symonds 1, L. Poulson 2, W. Faiers 3, L. Pryke 4, F. Boreham 5, J. Offord 6, W. R. J. Poulson 7, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. B. Lennox-Conyngham, widow of the late Rector, the Rev. G. Lennox-Conyngham.



MR. JOSEPH J. PARKER.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES DOWLER.

OLD SELLY OAK RINGER.

It is with regret that we have to record the death on Friday, December 17th, of Mr. Ernest James Dowler, of Selly Oak, Birmingham.

'Jimmy' Dowler commenced his ringing at St. Mary's, Selly Oak, in 1884, on the old peal of six, and was an active member of St. Mary's Guild up to 1922, when ringing was stopped at St. Mary's Church owing to the tower being reported unsafe. Some time after this his health began to fail, and, in consequence, he had been absent from ringing circles for the last few years, although he has made one or two appearances since the bolls and tower were restored.

He has rung peals in all the standard methods from Grandsire to London Surprise. He had occupied the position of Ringing Master at Selly Oak, and was for some time secretary of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Association, retiring from this latter office in 1919.

In addition to a half-muffled peal of London Surprise Major rung at Selly Oak on December 18th, there was rung at the same church on Sunday, December 19th, for evensong, also half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by C. H. Stanley 1, J. L. Boylin 2, H. Haslam 3, William B. Cartwright (conductor) 4, N. J. Goodman 5, Harry Withers (composer) 6, V. G. H. Hemus 7, Ed. Holt 8. (This quarter-peal starts at backstroke, i.e., with the 3rd in the hunt and the 2nd making 3rd's.)

RINGERS' TRIBUTE TO LATE MAYOR.

NORTHAMPTON LOSES CHIEF MAGISTRATE.

On Tuesday, November 9th, at the Guildhall, Northampton, Alderman J. V. Collier, J.P., was elected Mayor of that borough for the succeeding twelve months. Suddenly within 34 days of his installation he was taken ill and died. Mr. Collier, who was 67 years of age, was the principal of a firm of engineers and ironfounders. He was interred on Thursday, December 16th, in the family grave at Duston, Northampton; the funeral being attended by the civic authorities amidst many impressive scenes. As the family mourners left the graveside, the following rang a quarter-peal of Doubles, 1,260 changes (comprising 720 of Grandsire and 540 of Plain Bob), upon the Duston Parish Church bells, with half-muffled clappers: F. Burgess 1, P. Amos 2, J. Dunkley 3, J. Clifton (conductor) 4, G. E. Perkins 5, D. Lovell 6.

It is sad to relate that only nine days before the tragic occurrence Mr. P. Amos paid a personal visit to His Worship, at the latter's home, for the purpose of soliciting his support towards the fund for the new bells for St. Andrew's Church, Northampton—the scheme for which Mr. Amos has initiated and had the satisfaction of seeing adopted by the Church Council. Mention had been made of inviting His Worship to give one of the new bells to commemorate his year of office. For many years Mr. Collier represented the ward in which St. Andrew's Church is situated on the Town Council. Of recent years tragedy has seemed to overhang the Mayoralty in Northampton. In 1933 the then Mayor (Councillor Percy F. Hanafy) collapsed and died while at a public function five months after taking office, and in 1931 a deputy was called upon to take the office of one who had been selected as Mayor and died a few days before his formal election.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the interests of historical truth, it would be a good thing if we were told what authority there is for the statements made in your last issue. I should think that it is extremely unlikely that the society severed its connection with the belfry so long ago as 1648, and the legend that it was founded by a charter promised by Elizabeth and granted by James I. is based, I believe, on no sounder foundation than some man's fancy. At any rate, there is no record among the patent rolls of any such charter having been granted.

I possess a notebook written by Osborn in which is the following entry: 'Queen Elizabeth arrived at Bristol on Saty Augt 14 1574 and the St. Stephen's Bells were rung to congratulate her on her arrival, for which she promised the ringers a charter web was afterwards granted by James 1st bearing date 17 Novr 1620. She was reed by John Young, the then Mayor of Bristol (afterwards Sir John Young)—he resided at St. Augustine's back Bristol.'

This has all the appearance of being fiction founded on fact. Why should Elizabeth reward the ringers? It was an understood thing that, wherever she went, the bells should be rung. If they were not the parish was fined.

The last occasion I know of on which a parish was fined for not ringing for royalty was at Twickenham in 1647. Readers who have studied seventeenth century history will realise the significance of the date. The King at the time was a prisoner and was passing by under escort.

Probably the so-called 'charter' was really the code of rules, which the St. Stephen's company, like the other societies of the time, drew up to regulate their proceedings. There is nothing unique about them.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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A RESTORED CHESHIRE RING. HALLOWING OF CHEADLE BELLS.

In February last, it was decided to cease ringing the peal of eight at St. Mary's Church, Cheadle, Cheshire, in consequence of their dangerous condition. Estimates were obtained for a complete restoration, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were entrusted with the contract. The work was made possible by the munificent offer of Mr. Percy H. Shiers, of Brookfield, Cheadle, to defray the entire cost in memory of his wife, Hilda Shiers, who died in March, 1937.

The popular Rector, the Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, M.A., does nothing by halves. This was demonstrated when the bells were reopened by a whole week-end of thanksgiving. Saturday was given over as a ringers' day, when upwards of 40 stalwarts from various towers in the district foregathered at Cheadle. The number would undoubtedly have been considerably greater but for the coincidence of the jubilee dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild occurring on the same day.

The ceremonies opened on Saturday afternoon with a few rounds by the local band, led by Mr. A. Carr, who has recently been presented with an illuminated address by the parish in recognition of his 50 years of service as a ringer.

Following short touches, which included two well-struck courses of Stedman Triples, a special service for ringers was held in the church, a great number of the parishioners also attending. The sermon was preached by the Rev. R. D. Humphries, Rural Dean of Stockport and Vicar of Norbury, who took as his text 'In that day there shall be upon the bells holiness unto the Lord,' from the book of Zachariah.

After the service full justice was done to an excellent tea provided in the Church Hall, Mr. W. Wolstencroft expressing thanks on behalf of those present to the Rector and his people. Ringing was then resumed and continued until a late hour.

On Sunday morning the hallowing and rededication was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon of Macclesfield, Canon J. H. Armitstead, M.A., assisted by the Rector.

The Archdeacon, clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the tower for the ceremony, at the conclusion of which the bells were rung in rounds by the local band: A. Cailins 1, H. Cook 2, L. Burrows 3, H. Claydon 4, P. Cook 5, A. Mulliner 6, F. Carr 7, A. Carr 8.

The Archdeacon, addressing the crowded congregation, told of the uses of bells and their importance to the Church. He further said that the people of Cheadle were indebted to Almighty God for putting the thought into the mind of Mr. Shiers to restore their bells in memory of his wife. He could think, he said, of no better form of memorial, and on behalf of the parish he thanked Mr. Shiers, who was present, for his generosity.

At the evening service another large congregation listened to a most interesting talk on bells, given by the Rev. F. H. Gibbs, B.A., Rector of Christ Church, Salford. Mr. Gibbs, who is himself a ringer, naturally gave a most able exposition of the arts of bell founding and bell ringing.

The bells were set going again after the service, the Rev. Gibbs himself taking part, thus happily concluding an interesting week-end.

Mr. S. Roper, who represented Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, was heartily congratulated on all sides on the splendid manner in which the firm had carried out the work of restoration, and for the great improvement in the tone and tune of the bells. In spite of the long draught of rope, the 'go' and clapping of the peal is perfect.

Cheadle now possesses one of the finest rings of eight in the county, and with a tenor of 13½ cwt., of a most handy size. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have rehung them with the most modern fittings in a new electrically welded steel frame of special design, ensuring an exceptionally rigid construction.

INSCRIPTIONS.

The back six were cast by Abel Rudhall in 1749, and the trebles added in 1882 by Taylor and Co. The inscriptions are:—

Treble.—Let him that heareth say Come. Isaac Broome, Donor, 1882.
2nd.—The Spirit and the Bride say Come. Isaac Broome, Donor, 1882.

3rd.—Vigint Eccllesia Anglicana. A.R. 1749.

4th.—Floreat Episcopatus. A.R. 1749.

5th.—Pereat Schisma. A.R. 1749.

6th.—Abigatur Infidelitas. We were all cast at Gloucester by Abel Rudhall. 1749.

7th.—Pristina Fidelitas Restauratur. John Robinson, Peter Starkey, Thos. Gracegirdle, Churchwardens. A.R. 1749.

Tenor.—Gloria Deo in Excelsis. Thos. Egerton. A.R. 1749 (13 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp).

A SURFLEET TRAGEDY

Many ringers who have visited Surfleet will regret to hear of the death, under tragic circumstances, of Miss Emma Wander, who for many years was housekeeper at the Vicarage to the late Rev. H. Law James, and had since had the care of a cottage for his brother, the Rev. E. Banks James. She was 66 years of age.

It appears that on Friday evening she went out of the house and walked straight across the road and into the side of a passing car. She only lived a few minutes.

The funeral took place on Monday, when, among the wreaths, was one 'In respectful memory, from the St. Laurence Church Bellringers, on behalf of the many ringers of England who, in the past, have been entertained at Surfleet Vicarage.'

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BIRSTALL.

The November meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at St. Peter's, Birstall. Ringing was enjoyed on the magnificent peal of eight bells. Owing to the fact that there is no cafe near the church, the ringers were invited to have tea at the church sale of work, which was being held in the Day Schools. The business meeting was held in the tower in the evening, the president (Mr. Senior) being in the chair.

Two new members were elected, Messrs. J. H. Brothwell, of Rotherham, and William Hawley, of Sherburn-in-Elmet.

Mr. W. H. Senior proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Birstall and to the local company for the excellent arrangements throughout the day. This was seconded by Mr. R. H. Vigor, and Mr. H. Peel replied for the local company.

The next meeting will be held in January, and members are asked to watch the columns of 'The Ringing World' for details.

Members and friends were present from Armley, Batley, Bradford Cathedral, Burley, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's and St. Michael's), Idle, Leeds Parish Church, Rotherham, Rothwell, Sherburn, Shipley, Handsworth and the local company.

Methods rung were Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise and London Surprise Major.

LADIES' GUILD.

CENTRAL DISTRICT AT ISLEWORTH.

A meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at All Saints, Isleworth, on a recent Saturday, and was very well attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith, assisted, at the harmonium, by Mrs. Shepherd-Smith.

A very enjoyable tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, the Vicar being present among the party, numbering 35.

Following tea a short business meeting was held, Mrs. R. F. Deal presiding.

St. George's, Southwark, was confirmed as the place of the next meeting, to be held on January 1st.

Erith was proposed for the meeting to be held on the second Saturday in March, providing permission be granted.

Mrs. Fletcher (the general secretary) announced that she would have the annual reports out in about three weeks' time.

A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. Fletcher for the presentation she received at the Guild dinner.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his services, and to Sister Cates for the tea.

The members then adjourned to the tower, where further ringing took place until 8 p.m.

Three leads of Treble Bob Royal were rung by a complete band of ladies, and a course of Cambridge Royal, about two-thirds of the band being members. Grandsire and Stedman Caters were also rung, with the addition of a few rounds for beginners.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GRATIFYING ATTENDANCE AT SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING.

The meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association, held at Putney and Fulham on a recent Saturday, was exceptionally well attended, as during the afternoon and evening some 45 members and friends appeared, which was a considerable improvement on previous meetings, and an encouragement to the officers. Ringing commenced at Putney at 3 p.m. and continued until 5 p.m., when the business meeting was held in the tower, the District Master, Mr. H. Mance, presiding.

Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. W. W. Webb, of Heston, and Mr. F. Wicks, of Putney. The place of the annual meeting was fixed for St. Giles', Camberwell, the date being Saturday, January 15th. As the Bishop of Southwark has kindly promised to preach at the service, it is hoped that as many members and friends will attend as possible.

Mr. J. Herbert was appointed the auditor of the year's accounts.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicars of Putney and Fulham for the use of the bells at their respective churches, and also Messrs. T. Bolton and H. M. Page, the towerkeepers, for their kind welcome. A party of 30 sat down to tea at Lyons'.

At 7 p.m. the bells of Fulham were available for one hour, and good use was made of them, the belfry being filled to overflowing.

During the day the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Major and Royal. It is hoped that the good attendance at this meeting will be continued at every meeting during 1938.

A FIRST 'SPLICED' 720.

At St. Werburgh's Church, Kingsley, Staffordshire, on November 9th, a 720 Spliced Treble Bob Minor in five methods, viz., Capel, Sandal, Oxford, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, was rung by H. Carnwell 1, E. Twigg 2, T. Edwards 3, J. G. Cartledge (conductor) 4, W. Edwards 5, W. Carnwell 6. This was the first spliced 720 by all the band.

PEAL NOTES.

FIRST PEAL ON CHESTER CATHEDRAL TEN.

Each branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was represented in the first peal on the ten bells at the Cathedral, rung on December 11th for the first anniversary of His Majesty's accession.

The two treble bells, it will be remembered, were given by the Guild to commemorate its jubilee. A previous attempt for a peal was lost through the Dean inadvertently switching off the electric light.

The peal, successfully rung, on Saturday week was not without incident. When the ringing had been in progress for about half an hour, the seventh and its clapper parted company. Repair work was commenced immediately, and after pressing a piece of wire into service the bell was pronounced safe. It was then 6.20 p.m. The important question was 'Is it too late to start again?' but Mr. J. Worth's reply that he would 'push her along' decided the matter, and a good peal was brought round in the rather astonishing time of 3 hours 24 minutes. Great credit is due to the 'back-enders.' The tenor is 30 cwt.

This peal was Mr. James Morgan's 250th and rung almost exactly on the fiftieth anniversary of his first, which was a peal of Bob Minor at Pulford on December 12th, 1887.

On Tuesday of last week he fittingly celebrated the 'jubilee.' Mr. Morgan, who called his own first peal, called the same extents at Waverton and again rang the tenor. Mr. Walter Thomas, who had also rung his first peal at the same time, 50 years ago, once more rang the fourth in the commemorative performance.

It must be a matter of satisfaction to these two veterans to have the pleasure of celebrating together the fiftieth anniversary of their first peal.

Mr. Morgan's 250 peals consist of 1 of Doubles; 38 of Minor; 51 of Triples, in ten methods; 141 of Major, in 23 methods; 6 of Caters; 11 of Royal; and 1 each of Cinques and Maximus.

FALSE PEAL REPLACED.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob at Netherton on December 11th was specially arranged to replace the false peal (F. Robinson's composition in shortened form) rung on December 9th, 1907, at this church. The available original members of the band (except Mr. Harry Price, who could not stand in at the last minute, and Mr. C. Rollinson, who has given up ringing) took the same places as they did 30 years ago. These were Messrs. Perkins, Matthews, Whatmore and Bass, the remainder of the band being made up by local friends. It was regretted that Mr. Price was not present, as it was at this church he rang his first peal 40 years ago this month.

Rector's warden for nearly 40 years, Mr. F. Excell, of Willesborough, Kent, has just celebrated his 88th birthday, and a peal of Minor was rung in honour of the event on December 11th.

The birthday of another churchwarden, Mr. Charles W. Sinfeld, of Maulden, Beds, was also commemorated with a 5,040 of Minor at his Parish Church. It was Reginald J. Houghton's twenty-fifth peal.

On the 200th anniversary of the death of the Rev. John Strype, aged 94 years, who was Vicar of Leyton for 68 years, a half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung at St. Mary's Church on December 11th. Previous to the peal the Leyton Antiquarian Society commemorated the bi-centenary with a service in the church.

The peal was also a tribute to the memory of the Rt. Rev. Guy Bullen, Assistant Bishop of the Sudan, who was killed in an air crash on December 7th. Bishop Bullen was a native of Leyton. The Vicar of Leyton is having a tablet placed in the church to record the peal.

'ALL TENORS.'

The bells of the village of Privett, Hants, on which a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung on Saturday, were something of an 'exhibition piece' when they were put up some fifty years or so ago. They were one of the best peals of eight of their day, and, despite the fact that they are on the 'light' side, were described by Henry Huley, a great authority on bell tones, as 'a peal of all tenors.'

'Stars' attached to names in peal reports are always interesting. If, as was indicated last week, they do not always mark the stages of a ringer's progress, they indicate something fresh. Mr. Frank Warrington, who is the leading conductor in the Over district of Cambridgeshire and has called methods up to London Surprise, 'wears a decoration' this week for his first peal of Grandsire Triples away from the tenor!

He called Taylor's Six-part at Whittlesey on December 10th as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. T. Newman). A previous attempt for the peal on November 20th came round at the end of the fourth part.

Twice during the peal of Bristol Surprise at Barwell, Leicestershire, on Saturday, the electric light went out, after well over a half of the peal had been rung. Happily it was only out for the duration of a few changes on each occasion, and although there were one or two faulty blows during the total darkness, the light came on again just in time to save the situation.

Mr. Seymour R. Barker, who was honoured with a birthday peal at Cardiff on December 16th, has rung nearly a hundred peals on the tenor. He has had charge of the bells at St. John's Church for many years and the 'go' of them speaks well for the way he has cared for them. It is between thirty and forty years since Messrs. Taylor restored them. There is always a hearty welcome at St. John's, Cardiff, by Mr. Barker to any ringer.

The first peal of Major by a local band at Halewood, Lancashire, was rung on December 13th, when 5,088 Bob Major was brought round. It was not only rung by the local band, but also composed by one of them (Mr. Herbert Ludkin).

The donor of the bells at St. Aidan's Church, Blackhill, Co. Durham, Mrs. Annie Lee, of Seymour House, Consett, died recently at the advanced age of 91 years. The first half-muffled peal on the bells was rung to her memory on December 4th, and included in the band were four of the regular service ringers, one of them, Mr. Henry Rawlings, ringing his first peal at the first attempt.

Another lady who gave great service to the Church has passed away at Buxton, Norfolk, at the age of 86 years. She was Miss Margaret Jewell, who spent her life in helping others, and after her funeral on November 20th a half-muffled peal was rung at Buxton.

The bells at Ranworth, Norfolk, were augmented to six and hung in a teak frame by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The first peal on them was rung on December 11th in four Minor methods, and the band who took part are extremely grateful for the welcome extended to them by the Vicar (the Rev. E. D. Everard).

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL COMPANY'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Congratulations to the Lincoln Cathedral company upon securing their first peal of Spliced Surprise Major. It is still a rare performance for a band belonging to one tower to ring a peal of this kind, which is an outstanding achievement at any time.

We are asked to say that the band desire to associate with the peal the name of Donovan White, a member of the Cathedral company. Mr. White is one of those keen ringers whose occupation prevents him from ringing peals on Saturdays, but he has been a very great help on practice nights.

It was the first Spliced Surprise peal in the county of Lincoln and by the Diocesan Guild as well as by all the band, and was rung on the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Walden.

A peal at Gravesend, Kent, on December 11th, was a delayed birthday compliment to Mr. E. G. Morrad, a peal, previously arranged, having had to be postponed at the last minute. Mr. Richard Constance, who rang the tenor, has now rung a peal on each bell in the tower.

Mr. B. G. Key rang his fiftieth peal for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford when he called a peal of Doubles in three methods on December 11th at Trysull, Staffs.

The peal of Treble Bob Royal at Bradford Cathedral on December 14th was arranged for Mr. G. J. Hemming, who was on a visit from Evesham, Worcestershire.

Mr. Joe Broadley, one of Yorkshire's oldest ringers, still 'keeps his end up' with the rest and rang the treble to this peal. He has rung over 400 peals for the Yorkshire Association, which he joined in 1879! The care of Bradford Cathedral bells has been one of Joe's greatest joys in life.

HARWELL'S OLD BELLS.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Harwell, Berks, on Saturday, was intended to be rung for the College Youths to commemorate the tercentenary, but owing to various reasons it was found impossible to get sufficient members to complete the band.

J. W. Washbrook, whose composition was rung, always held a high opinion of the Harwell tenor, which he 'turned in' to Minor in the first Minor rung on the bells, when they were rehung in 1886 by Bond and Son, of Burford, and when they were rung from the ground floor. The rest of the band consisted of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, the late W. Newell (Reading), the late W. Napper (Hagbourne), the late A. Thomas (Harwell and Birmingham) and R. T. Hibbert (Caversham).

There was a ring of six at Harwell in 1615, and these bells are the same now as then, with the exception that they have had their cannons removed and been tuned.

Mr. Raymond Wood, jun., on Saturday, 'completed the circle' of the tower at Warnham, Sussex, which recalls the fact that the Editor of 'The Ringing World' (long before there was a 'Ringing World') did the same thing in this tower, in eight consecutive peals rung in seven visits to the village.

Oxford Bob Triples is receiving more attention than it used to do, and on Saturday a band ringing at Tunbridge Wells all scored their first peal in the method at the first attempt. Oxford Bob is an interesting change from Grandsire. The peal was a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. J. Battin, whose husband rang the treble.

Battle, Sussex, where a peal of London, the first peal in a Surprise method on the bells, was rung last week, is one of the few places outside the Cathedrals of the country where the incumbent has the title of Deau. Mr. George Williams will very probably recall the fatal interruption of 'the Very Reverend' almost at the end of what would have been the first peal of Stedman on the bells, just about forty years ago.

The Helmingham men have added another to their long list of peals of 'first ever,' in the Surprise class, by ringing 'Monewdon' Surprise last Friday. The method is Mr. Gabriel Lindoff's No. 67 and was given its name at the request of Mr. Joseph Tarrant, an old ringer at Monewdon. Mr. J. H. Arbon, who took part in the peal, also belongs to that parish.

Monewdon is the twentieth new method on tower bells rung this year.

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INSTRUCTION

SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE BEGINNER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—While agreeing with the arguments in Mr. Stephen Wood's excellent articles, I cannot agree with his conclusion. Although he rather toys with the idea of four and six bell ringing, evidently he really thinks every ringer should begin his change ringing on eight bells.

Now just think what this means. First, it is absolutely essential to have eight ringers who are sufficiently expert to ring correctly with a beginner, and, moreover, who are willing to spend time in doing this. There may be two or three such hands in this county. Then you have to bring the beginners to them. In this county the distance may be anything up to 40 miles. A little calculation will show that if the teaching bands were to do nothing else but teach beginners, and were to spend every night of the year at it, including Sundays, they would not be able to keep our present numbers going. No, I fear that the ringers who can learn to ring on eight bells must always be so small and select a band that their tuition can never be an example to others. If Mr. Wood were to say that beginners should learn all their early change ringing on four bells I should be with him all the time.

I think most ringers about here must have smiled when they read what he wrote about the majority of ringers starting their change ringing on Grandsire Triples. While it is possible that one or two in this county have done this, it is practically universal here to begin on either Grandsire or Plain Doubles. Again, practical considerations have to be taken into account. Plain Doubles are only rung where it is traditional to ring that and nothing else, and need not further delay us. But Grandsire Doubles is rung as the first method in all other towers for the simple reason that a Doubles method with two hunts only needs three working ringers for the other bells. When good ringers are few in number, and are needed for practising higher methods, the fewer that can be employed for teaching beginners, the more advance there will be made by the band as a whole. My argument, and I gather I shall have Mr. Wood on my side, is that four bells takes no more skilled ringers than five, and is infinitely superior in teaching good striking. No pupil of mine goes on to hunting on higher numbers until he knows how to strike his bell in 'the Eight,' i.e., the eight changes of plain hunting on four bells. And, if possible, none goes on to an inside bell on higher numbers until he can ring any bell in the 'Four and Twenty' on four. I say if possible, as so often circumstances prevent one following the ideal order of teaching.

Twice Mr. Wood says emphatically that we ought to tell people that they are bad ringers. But he omits to say what possible good that can do. If I were told this, my reaction would be to think how stupid it was to say anything so unhelpful, and I should not be likely to pay any very great attention to such an instructor in future. If I am open to receive instruction on, say, ringing, it means that I know that I am a bad ringer, and to tell me that I am is, to say the least, a waste of time, when I am anxious to be told what to do to improve matters. If I am not anxious, being told that I am a bad ringer is the last thing that will make me any better.

We all know men who are good ringers, but who are impatient with beginners, usually without knowing it. We have to do our best to keep them apart! Also there are those who have found learning easy and have never understood the difficulties that others find. I always think that the best teachers are those who (like myself) have found ringing very difficult, and have made such slow progress that they can not only sympathise with each difficulty a beginner meets with, but have not forgotten the remedy. On the other hand, there are those who are at the top of the tree themselves, and are able and willing to tell to others who are nearly there what course to follow if they are to succeed. In other spheres we call these latter 'coaches'; and it would, I think, be greatly to the advantage of ringing if we had two classes of instructors—teachers and coaches.

There are a few of our number who are not only capable of both spheres of work, but do carry both out with success. But is it not always a waste both of manpower and of time? At first sight one would say that there are not enough of us to go round as it is. But the result would actually be that not only would there be a greater number of good ringers, but there would be a more regular succession of learners and experts. Each tower would have two companies of ringers, not necessarily a full company in either case; indeed, often the junior company would contain only one or two members, with a separate practice night, when the bells would usually be rung silent; and sometimes a service on Sundays would be allotted to round ringing only. Many towers have already some such arrangement, which works very well, and might be in universal practice. What is new is the suggestion that every tower should have both a recognised Teacher as well as a Coach.

Now with regard to the unknown teacher who has my initials. I have known bands who profess to have begun with Stedman, and have wondered how it is done. 'H.D.' however, it seems, does not really begin with Stedman, but with the first seven changes of Plain Minimus. I can suggest a way in which beginners would really start with Stedman. Our conductor lately, anxious not to lose any time, when only three ringers had arrived, showed how we three could ring

the 36 changes of Stedman, including the full slow and quick work on each of the three tower bells. A teacher could by this teach two beginners all the front work of Stedman (if necessary, each could be taught by himself). When someone else arrived he might be put to ring the tenor behind. When a fifth has come, two ringers can be taught double dodging, with the three bells in front ringing rounds. Would this satisfy Mr. Wood? Although it would seem to fill most of his requirements, the beginner starts on an odd number of bells.

It is, however, time to get to the true conclusion from Mr. Wood's arguments. It is that every ringer should be carefully taught how to ring changes on eight bells, and not allowed (as at present) to fall into any habits, good or bad, that may be in his way. Speaking for myself, I was never taught anything on this difficult step; and though I have watched quite a number of ringers taking this step for the first time, never once have I heard any special instruction given them. In whatever part of country I have happened to be. It seems to be thought that if anyone has got as far as seven bell ringing, they may be then safely left to themselves to find out what is necessary. It would hardly do to treat them, now they have got so far, as beginners, or even as learners.

In my own case the result is that I can now tell, by listening outside the tower (if I can take my time), whether it is Stedman or Grandsire which is being rung; at any rate, I have some idea what the music of the two methods should be in each case. This, of course, helps me in the tower. I see where I ought to pull my rope, and, having done so, and while looking for my next place, I am listening to the music of the changes, and I hear whether my bell has dropped slick into its place, as it should have done, or not.

This is so, provided the bells are nicely quiet. If the bells are noisy in the tower, I cannot distinguish my own bell, and am content to rely only on sight; the result is not always very pleasant! I expect this may be a defect of my hearing, as some ringers seem to prefer noisy bells!

But on eight bells, no one has told me what to listen for, and try as I may, I cannot distinguish the music of the different methods. I can, of course, tell if the bells are well rung or not, but do not distinguish even the leads, or where to start from in listening. The result in the tower is that I have to ring only with my eyes; I do not even know when I am leading properly. Perhaps I am exaggerating. One does not always exactly know one's own reactions. But, at any rate, I cannot manage eight bell ringing as I should like to do. It may be that eight bell ringing is a taste that has to be acquired, for I know some very good ringers who are not ashamed to confess that they do not care either to ring it or to listen to it. At present I am decidedly of that opinion!

I do not see how it would help matters to teach eight bell ringing before seven bells; even if it were practically possible, which it is not. It would mean that in the case of some of us we should never learn change ringing at all, as the first step would be such a difficult one. I can imagine that there are some ringers who would heave a sigh of relief, and say, even if under their breath, 'so much the better.' Indeed, it may have been Mr. Stephen Wood's fell purpose to try to keep the Exercise to the select few, as in years gone by. If, however, this is not so, and we bunnies may still be allowed to ring, and even to teach, may we be told what it is we ought to look out for in order to lead properly with eight bells? I have never rung with Mr. Wood, and it may be that he is more of a coach than a teacher, and can only say, 'You must look out for the lead and keep an even distance.' In that case will someone who can see my difficulty try to solve it? If so, I think I know some helpful exercises.

In the meantime would it help, if it were made the practice, never to let a ringer attempt five, or a higher number of bells, in changes, until he was fairly satisfactory in leading, in the changes on four bells, without any bell or bells as cover?

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RINGING IN DISTANT LANDS. THE ART OVERSEAS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read the letter of Mr. A. E. F. Trotman and your article of September 17th last with great interest. To those resident in the British Isles, who love the art for its own sake, the subject is of vital importance, for all such inevitably desire to see campanology spread to other lands. In the main, I agree with the views expressed, but one point, I think, has been overlooked. It is this. When bells have been received in Australia, hung in the tower and duly blessed or consecrated, those in authority and in whose care the bells were placed by generous donors, in most if not all instances appear to lose interest therein and fail to recognise any responsibility for their upkeep or ringing in changes. In this State of Victoria, except in one instance (the Ballarat City Hall), this refers to church authorities.

Here in this great city of Melbourne bells, as you are aware, are rung in changes in two places of worship only—(1) at St. Paul's Cathedral, and (2) at St. Patrick's Cathedral. At the latter place the bells are not attractive, and the 'go' of five bells out of the ring of eight is unsatisfactory. But we have three other peals of eight in or around Melbourne, and in each instance the bells are chimed. At Geelong and at Bendigo attractive peals of eight exist, and at Ballarat two peals exist, one of six bells and one of eight, and at each place the bells are also chimed. Thus, out of a total of nine peals of bells in Victoria, no less than seven of them are subject to the woeful system called chiming. In Sydney a similar state of things exists. In Queensland there are two instances—one at Brisbane and one at Maryborough. It is incredible to think that, did church or other authorities realise the vast ocean between chiming and change ringing, they would be content with or even permit the former. Yet such is the case, and the question arises how can this state of things be remedied? How many of these peals of bells are now fit for changes I cannot state off-hand. As bells left hanging in a tower year after year without receiving the slightest attention soon become unfit for ringing, probably none of these 'chimed' peals could now be rung without first receiving a thorough, and probably costly, overhaul.

Personally I often think that did we possess one or more ringing parsons among us the position would in time right itself, and so far as possible I have made an effort in this direction, but to date without effect. I went to the extent of turning up 'The Ringing World' containing a full account of the last splendid, earthly tribute paid to the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies at Tewkesbury Abbey some three and a half years ago by the ringers of the British Isles. Further, I mentioned something (a little only, for 'The Ringing World' did the rest) of the great work he did so well; how he loved and worked unceasingly for the science, and for those who rang the bells in changes. I also mentioned the visit of the Rev. E. Banks James with the tourists of 1934, nine men who travelled 25,000 miles at their own expense to show us ringers in Australia what could be done and to try to help us do it. I then mentioned that a cleric, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, was the first man to ring 1,000 peals, and that the number who had taken up the art and become active ringers themselves was legion. All saw nothing derogatory in change ringing and mixed with men as ringers and equals, and made time to do it. All this was for the good of the Church, of the science and of all ringers concerned, whether clerical or lay. It failed, however, to move the gentleman in question. If other means exist of changing the state of things here briefly narrated, many ringers here would be glad to know thereof, and any help or suggestions through the columns of 'The Ringing World' would be gladly welcomed.

With reference to the suggestion of transferring bells no longer required to Australasia or any other Dominion, unless an absolute guarantee is given that such bells will be cared for and a band formed to ring them in changes, I shall certainly oppose any such scheme; for the last condition would be worse than the first. Further, I will do everything possible to prevent any generous man or woman donating a peal of bells to any church, city or town in Australasia until the guarantee mentioned is forthcoming.

Without going into details, I do not think we Australians can be justly termed a backward race. One has only to look and think a little to prove to the contrary. But in change ringing we have never had a chance, and as shown herein, largely owing to the apathy if not complete indifference of those in whose possession the bells were placed.

Other views might here be mentioned, but, being of a somewhat contentious nature, I refrain for the present from doing so.

ERNEST F. BEHAN,

Member of St. Paul's Cathedral Society, Melbourne.

November 14th, 1937.

ACCESSION DAY.

At St. Mary's Church, Over, Cambs, the usual ringing took place for the anniversary of the King's Accession on December 10th and included a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Ben Norman (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, F. C. Ginn 2, A. W. T. Ginn 3, F. Warrington 4, C. Robinson (conductor) 5, R. Thoday 6.

On Sunday, December 12th, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, in celebration of the anniversary of H.M. King George VI's Accession to the Throne, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (from Washbrook's 20-part peal): J. Beagley 1, F. Hammett 2, G. Upshall 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEXT YEAR'S MEETINGS OF STOCKPORT BRANCH.

A meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held on November 27th at St. Paul's Church, Stalybridge, when some 60 members and friends were present. The bells were busily employed during the afternoon and evening, and service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon B. B. Slater), who also gave a very interesting and encouraging address. He spoke of the part bells play in the religious and civic life of this country. The introduction of watches and clocks into every home had reduced the service of the bells to some extent; nevertheless, they were of great service to the sick and invalids, reminding them of God's mercy, and they undoubtedly comforted those who were unable to attend divine worship.

Tea was served in the schools, and the business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the Vicar, supported by the branch chairman, Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to St. Paul's.

The list of meetings for the coming year was compiled as follows: Cheshire, January 29th; Mossley, April 30th; Knutsford, June 25th; Disley, September 24th; Hyde, November 26th. As Mr. J. Harrison, of Ashton, was prevented by illness from being present at the meeting, and as he attained his 85th birthday on the following day, it was decided to send a message of congratulation to him with the best wishes of the meeting for his speedy recovery.

Reference was made to the passing of a highly esteemed member of the branch, Mr. H. Haythorn, of Disley.

It was decided to send a letter of congratulation to the College Youths and to the B.B.C. on the excellent way in which the broadcast, 'Bells over London,' had been carried out.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and wardens, the ringers, the ladies who prepared tea, and to the organist. These were responded to by the Vicar and by one of the wardens.

Ringling was then enjoyed until late in the evening, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

EDINBURGH.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) was rung at St. Mary's, Edinburgh, for the dedication festival of the Cathedral. Three English visitors took part, viz., Mr. K. Arthur, Mr. H. Griffiths, Wolverhampton, and Mr. H. Chandler, Royal Navy; G. Prior (first quarter-peal) 1, M. A. K. Simpson 2, H. Chandler 3, H. Griffiths 4, H. White 5, B. F. Vernon 6, K. Arthur (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters) 7, J. Marshall 8, C. R. Raine (conductor) 9, J. Pryde 10.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Thursday, October 18th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes): J. George 1, N. J. Goodman 2, C. H. Stanley 3, P. N. G. Rainey 4, S. O. Holloway 5, H. H. Fearn 6, J. S. Mason 7, G. E. Fearn (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—For morning service at St. Margaret's Church on November 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Bray (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Corke (conductor) 2, Miss E. Bedford 3, A. Bray 4, C. Nicholls 5, R. Bray 6, S. Childs 7, Mrs. R. Bray 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday morning, December 12th, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. H. Stevens 1, C. S. Bird 2, H. C. Chandler 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, F. J. Catermole 5, E. R. Gladman 6, F. E. Hawthorne (first quarter-peal of Stedman as conductor) 7, W. W. Webb 8.

PEAL NOTES.—Continued from page 855.

Mr. George Soley has been a regular member of the local band at Holmer, Herefordshire, for 45 years, and on December 16th a peal of Minor was rung there as a birthday compliment to him. It was also a birthday compliment to Austin Wingate and William Duggan. The bells at Selly Oak, Birmingham, were half-muffled on Saturday when a peal of London Surprise Major was rung. Mr. James Dowler, an old member of the local band, had died the previous day.

To commemorate the first anniversary of the dedication of the new bells, the first peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at Croydon on Saturday. Four peals have now been rung on the bells in four attempts, viz., two peals of Grandsire Cinques, one of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and one of Stedman Cinques.

This peal made Mr. 'Bill' Hewett's total up to 450, of which 73 have been on twelve bells.

Another veteran in the peal records this week is Mr. David Wright, of Croydon, whose ringing activities go back farther than those of most living men. He rang the treble on Saturday to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Mitcham.

A peal of London Surprise Major, the first in Ashton-under-Lyne, was rung on Saturday as a birthday compliment to both Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft, and to Mr. W. Stevenson.

The peal of Bob Major at Netherseale on December 4th was rung for the Midland Counties Association and was a composition by J. K. Pritchard. Both these facts were omitted from the report sent to us for publication.

In honour of the wedding of Miss Kathleen Beer and Mr. Stuart Sandford, two members of the society, the Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch on Saturday.

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ST. GILES', CAMBERWELL.—All ringers welcome on Boxing morning, December 27th, 10.30 a.m. till 1 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, December 30th, at 8 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 1st, 1938, at St. George's, Southwark, S.E. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. All those requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, December 30th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnehurst, Kent.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 1st, 1938, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Ringing at St. Martin's Church from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maurice Hall, Colebrook Street, Winchester, on Saturday, January 1st, 1938. Business meeting at 3.15, followed by tea at 4 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15; preacher, Rev. P. H. McGuire, Rector of Leckford. Cathedral bells and St. Maurice's bells available at 1.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, High Cliffe, Winchester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eastwood Church, Rotherham, on Saturday, January 1st, 1938. Tea, 1s. each. Please notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield, 7.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, January 1st, 1938. Bells at 2.30. Service at 4.30.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 8th, 1938, in the City. St. Lawrence

Jewry will be available in the afternoon from 3 p.m., and another tower, probably Bow, after tea. Full details later.—James G. A. Prior, Dis. Sec., 31, Limerston Street, S.W.10.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, January 8th, 1938, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each, from J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Monday, January 3rd?—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, January 8th, 1938. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Reports to hand.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leeds (10 bells) on Saturday, January 8th. Usual arrangements. Everybody welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, January 8th, 1938. Bells (8) available from 2 till 8 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., at 5 o'clock. Please advise Mr. J. W. Thompson, 16, Northalmy Street, Howden, by Wednesday, January 5th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The third general quarterly meeting will be held at Repton, on Saturday, January 15th. Committee meet 3.45. Full details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

GREETINGS.

MR. FRANCIS E. DAWE again extends the heartiest greetings and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all his ringing friends at home and in the Dominions beyond the seas, and hopes that even the many 'Surprises' may be rendered as melodious and well-struck as possible!—Woking, 1937.

S. R. ROPER, of Croydon, sends his heartiest good wishes for a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year to all his many friends.

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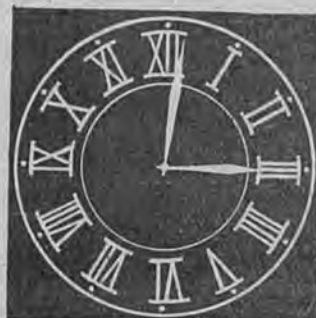
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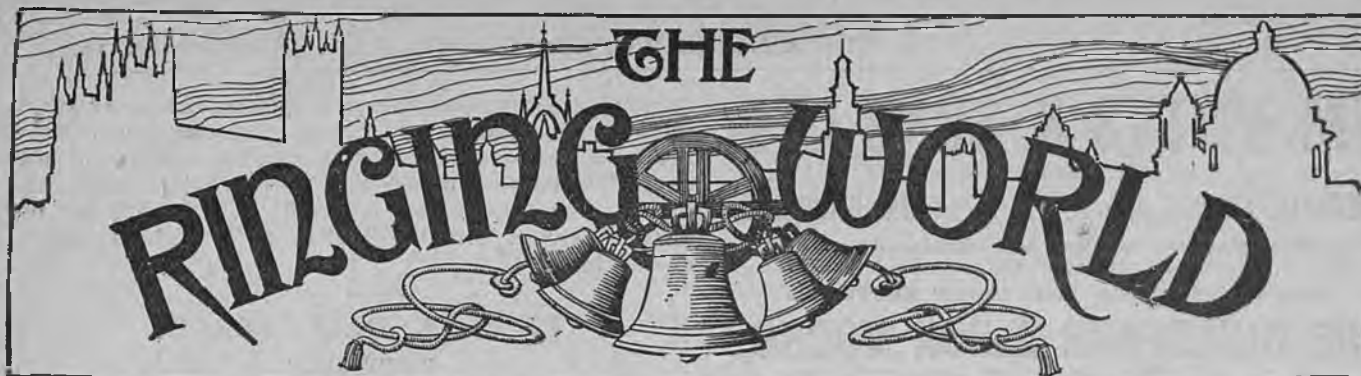
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During the past year there have been a great many losses to the Exercise by death, and this Christmastide has emphasised the toll that has been taken by the passing of two notable personalities, who have, in their respective spheres, rendered inestimable service to the art. Last week we recorded the passing of Mr. Joseph J. Parker; this week it is a melancholy duty to announce the death of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. The former had reached a ripe old age, and his main work for the advancement of ringing was done more than a generation ago. The results of those efforts are perhaps to-day taken for granted, but, in those now somewhat distant years, they were only achieved by patience and diligence. Mr. Parker was contemporary in his work with other great figures in the Exercise, men who left their mark on the art, but in his particular sphere of investigation he had no superior. The peals which he produced in all the Triples methods showed his complete mastery over the problems which many before him had endeavoured in vain to solve. Joseph Parker was another illustration of the fact that in ringing, even on its theoretical side, it is not always the men with the highest educational attainments who achieve the greatest ends. He gained his place in the Exercise by following up a keen curiosity for investigation with a painstaking pursuit of a subject which had previously baffled some of the ablest ringers, and, while his labours were applauded by those who could value his achievements, we doubt if, particularly in recent years, the Exercise has shown the appreciation of his work that it merits. But Joseph Parker was a modest man; he was content in the knowledge of a task well done.

The services which Harold Richardson rendered to ringing were in another category. He was of a later generation, and his work was unobtrusively done in the Central Council. As a member of the Peals Collection Committee, of which in later years he was convener, he undertook the proof of the thousands of Treble Bob peal compositions in the collection in the Council's Library. That in itself was a great task, and, in addition, Mr. Richardson carried on the other work of the committee, and was for some years hon. sec. of the Hereford Guild. Apart, however, from the position which he held in the Council, Mr. Richardson was one of that band of clerical ringers who seem to be rapidly diminishing in the Exercise. They were men who stood out in the efforts they made to put ringers and ringing in the place they ought rightly to occupy, and who were themselves among the leaders of our art. It may be that, in course of time,

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another generation will take their places, but recent years seem to have robbed us of a body of clergy who were honoured, not only because they were members of the cloth, but because of the real service which they rendered to the advancement of ringing and the building up of the Exercise. And the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson was one of them.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

JACK M. CRIPPS Treble	*FRANK SKIDMORE 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 2	HARRY J. SANGER 8
*C. ERNEST SMITH 3	PERCY N. G. RAINEY 9
*RAYMOND OVERY 4	FRANK E. DARBY 10
KENNETH FORD 5	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 11
*FREDERICK A. TARGETT 6	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS

* First peal on 12 bells. First peal on 12 bells as conductor.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 49½ cwt.

GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY 8
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3	RAYMOND G. COUSINS 9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 4	REGINALD WOODYATE 10
GROFFREY J. LEWIS 5	CHARLES CAMM 11
JOHN S. MASON 6	JACK A. WAUGH Tenor

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung as the annual peal for the association.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5232 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FREDERICK J. TILLET Treble	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 7
*BERTHA REEVE 2	*CLAUDE SNOWDEN 8
HARRY R. ROPER 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 9
GEORGE A. FLEMING 4	*JOHN W. WARD 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
*HILDA G. SNOWDEN 6	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*EDWIN A. BARNETT Treble	THOMAS E. SONE 6
TOM SAUNDERS 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 7
†DEREK M. SHARP 3	†HERBERT A. HOLDEN 8
*GROFFREY V. MURPHY 4	GEORGE KENWARD 9
HARRY BAKER 5	PHILIP A. CORBY Tenor

Composed by A. P. CANNON. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal of Treble Ten on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Treble Ten away from the treble.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, December 23, 1937, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Laurence,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*FRANCIS A. WHITE Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
FREDERICK C. WHITE 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE 7
CUTHBERT G. WHITE 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8
HENRY C. WHITE 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
FREDERICK MESSENGER 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5066 CHANGES;

WILLIAM J. NODDS Treble	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
*ARTHUR RADLEY 3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM 8
ERNEST W. FORBANK 4	WALTER AYRE 9
GEORGE RADLEY 5	THOMAS BEVAN Tenor

Composed by F. W. PERRENS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 5
KEITH W. WHITTELL 2	GEORGE MORE 6
WILLIAM S. KINSEY 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
CHARLES SHEMMING 4	HARRY D. LISTER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... Treble	G. GORDON GRAHAM ... 5
WILLIAM A. WOOLER 2	WALTER ALLWOOD 6
ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
PERCY J. JARVIS 4	THOMAS E. LEE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

A birthday compliment to the composer. The composition, No. 219, was rung for the first time.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL... .. 5
MISS HILDA G. SNOWDEN ... 2	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 6
RONALD SUCKLING 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
JOHN W. WARD 4	ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by LEWIS W. WIFFEN.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

*A. JAMES COLLEY Treble	A. ERNEST STEVENS 5
SIDNEY HILLIER... .. 2	GEORGE J. WINTER 6
†SIDNEY GRANT 3	WILLIAM C. WEST 7
†WILLIAM G. MORTIMER ... 4	JESSE STONE Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. West.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Triples. Rung as a welcome to the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Dabbs) and as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes

At the Bell Foundry,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY HARRISON ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP 5
*LESLIE STEVENS 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
RICHARD F. DEAL 3	RALPH NARBROUGH 7
*FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 4	COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal in the method.

NETHERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S THREE-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	ERNEST W. BEARDSMORE ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6
SIDNEY F. PALMER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Maple Hayes, Lichfield.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

*RONALD E. NORRIS ... Treble	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 5
†DANIEL THOMAS HILL ... 2	EDWARD A. G. ALBEN ... 6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
VICTOR A. JARRETT 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NORTH CRADLEY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 14, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

S. WILTSHIRE Treble	F. PENN 4
*MRS. F. PENN 2	P. HARDING 5
*E. SIMONS 3	F. SLATFORD Tenor

Conducted by P. HARDING.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King.

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On Friday, December 17, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	*THOMAS BUSH 4
FRED WIGMORE 2	WALLACE COUSINS 5
*JACK PETCH 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by F. WIGMORE.

* First peal in three methods.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being forty-two 120's, viz.: 4 Stedman, 8 Plain Bob, 10 St. Dunstan's, 20 Grandsire, with 26 callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

SIDNEY HARRISON Treble	J. GEOFFREY GEARY 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	*ARTHUR WILLIAMS 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOHN H. HILL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal and first attempt, aged 13.

WELLAND, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of College Single and Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	HARRY PRICE 4
*LEONARD SHEASBY 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
FRANK LAWRENCE 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

* First peal.

LANGLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

LEONARD SYLWELL Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 4
GEORGE MARTIN 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
WILLIAM WELLING 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. George H. Limmer, of St. Peter's Society, Burnham, and Miss Mary Leach, of Langley, who were married at this church immediately before the peal.

TUDDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three extents of Plain and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES W. PARKER Treble	CECIL H. ALDHOUS 4
JOHN R. CROOKS 2	PERCY K. PARKER 5
OLIVER J. KIDBY 3	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

Specially arranged as a compliment to the ringer of the treble on attaining his 73rd birthday.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN HILSON Treble	WILLIAM STOCK 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	HENRY W. GAYTON 5
LEONARD WILLIAMS 3	DONALD L. COCKINGS Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

The conductor's 300th peal.

THURLASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*GEORGE A. CHARLTON Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOD 5
*JOHN H. BAILESS 3	ALFRED BALLARD 5
*FRANK BAILESS 4	FRANK K. MEASURES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.

* First Surprise peal. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all the band, except ringer of the fifth, and first attempt.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

(1) Cuneacastro; (2) Beverley and Surfleet; (3) Lightfoot; (4) York and Durham; (5) London and Wells; (6) Cambridge and Primrose; (7) Netherseale. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM FEASEY Treble	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4
WILLIAM J. PODDEFOOT 2	*FRANCIS KIRK 5
HORACE L. WAITE 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in 11 methods. There were 54 changes of method. First Surprise peal in 11 methods by all the band, in the county and by the association. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Hilda Palmer.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 22, 1937, 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 Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

SIDNEY FLINT Treble	*GEORGE MASON 4
WALLACE COUSINS 2	LEWIS BUSH 5
FRED WIGMORE 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by F. WIGMORE.

* First peal in five methods on a working bell.

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On Thursday, December 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CLIFFORD A. VESSEY Treble	JOHN FREEMAN 4
*RAYMOND SMITH 2	KENNETH W. MAYER 5
MISS DOROTHY VESSEY 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

BRAMFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 24, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently with the tenors right way. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G flat.

*RONALD W. STEWARD Treble	FREDERICK J. SMITH 4
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
MISS SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3	*URBAN W. WILDNEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

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PEAL NOTES.

AN INCIDENT AT APSLEY END.

The first peal by the Hertford County Association in eleven Surprise Minor methods was rung at Apsley End on December 20th. Four of the 720's were rung with two methods apiece and altogether there were 54 changes of method.

The band, of course, locked themselves in the tower, and at the finish, having lowered the bells in peal, descended the stairs. Someone fumbled with the key; failed to move the bolt of the lock, and then broke the key! The position required a 'council of war,' which was duly convened and the question of escape discussed.

Fortunately the tower is connected to the body of the church by a flat roof. The lightest member of the party was lowered to the ground (about 20ft. below) by a spare rope. He proceeded to the Vicarage, some distance away, for a duplicate key. On arrival—no key! Returning to the outside of the door, he was ordered to go and find a large screwdriver. This he did and the implement was hauled up, taken down and, fortunately, 'did the trick,' being sufficiently strong to remove old screws.

By this time 10 p.m. had struck, which, we gather, was another bit of bad luck.

After a peal of Grandsire Triples on December 18th at St. John the Baptist's Church, Devizes, rung as a welcome to the new Rector (the Rev. E. S. Dabbs) and a birthday compliment to Mr. Jesse Stone, the latter kindly entertained the band to tea. The peal was called by Mr. W. C. West, hon. secretary of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild, and it was his fiftieth peal as conductor.

Derek M. Sharp rang a peal of Treble Ten at Leeds, Kent, on December 18th, and thus completed peals of Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus on tower bells. It was Tom Saunders' 175th peal, and Tom Sene called a composition, not hitherto rung, by Pat Cannon.

Incidentally, Pat was engaged on the same day ringing the 45 cwt. tenor at Beverley Minster to Treble Ten, but the job had to be 'packed up' after two and a half hours owing to the 'go' of the bell.

Mr. William A. Wood rang his fiftieth peal for the Midland Counties Association when he took part in seven 720's of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Thurlston on December 18th. Three of the band rang their first Surprise peal and two others their first of Cambridge Surprise Minor—all of them at the first attempt.

Mr. Henry Gayton, of Harrold, Beds, rang his 300th peal at Sharnbrook, Beds, on December 18th. He called it from the 5th, the bell on which he rang his first and his one hundredth peal.

Clifford Vessey and Jack Millhouse rang their 40th peal together on December 23rd when the latter called the first peal in seven Minor methods on the bells at Nettleham, Lincs.

The Worcestershire Association's annual peal was rung at Worcester Cathedral on Boxing Day, when Mr. Sid Holt called a peal of Stedman Cinques. A peal on these bells is among the 'big jobs,' and Mr. Jack Waugh, who is the junior steward of the College Youths, rang the tenor.

On the same day a party of twelve paid a flying visit to Birmingham and scored a peal of Stedman Cinques in the Bull Ring. Half a dozen went from the London end and the same number from Bristol district, and the peal was rung for the College Youths.

They were given a welcome and a send-off by a number of Birmingham ringers, including Messrs. Albert Walker, Frank Pervin, Harry and George Fearn, and the youthful veteran, James George.

A peal arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, and rung at Netherseal, Derbyshire, has also a somewhat pathetic touch. Mr. Maurice Swinfield called Joseph J. Parker's three-part peal of Stedman Triples (No. 2).

The composition was rung for the first time, and it is thought that this was the last peal of Stedman Triples composed by Mr. Parker, whose death took place only two days before the peal was rung.

The peal of Cambridge Minor at Bramford, Suffolk, on Christmas Eve, was rung at the request of the Rector, and was brought round just before the 11.30 p.m. service. It was Urban W. Wildney's fiftieth peal.

The peal at Holbrook, Suffolk, on December 3rd, was Ronald W. Steward's 17th peal and was rung on his 17th birthday. An interesting coincidence.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Chatham on Boxing Day was rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor (Mr. W. A. J. Knight), and on the wedding anniversary of Mr. C. E. J. Norris, who rang the fifth.

Another White, of the well-known Appleton family, has become a peal ringer. On December 23rd, Francis A. White, son of Mr. Richard White, the bellhanger, scored his first peal, in which seven other members of the family took part, including Mr. F. Stedman White, who rang his first peal of Grandsire Caters 62 years ago.

We hope the newest addition of this family so long associated with the bells at Appleton will prove a worthy representative in the ringing sense. He has started well by the unusual performance of Caters for his first peal.

Incidentally the peal was rung on the 33rd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Fred White and the 32nd anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Arthur H. White.

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FOR BEGINNERS.

INDEX TO ARTICLES.

The pressure on our space in the last few months has caused an interruption in our series of articles for beginners, but we hope to resume them in the new year.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Buckingham on December 4th. In spite of the wretched weather, a snowstorm being in full force, over 30 members attended, and the bells were rung in various methods. Service was conducted by the Rev. C. D. Read, of Tingewick, and at the meeting after tea the secretary reported that he had been approached by the secretary of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association as to whether a joint meeting could be arranged at a later date. He thought that it would do good. It was left to him to arrange the meeting at some convenient date.

The secretary apologised for the absence of the chairman (the Rev. H. Adean Byard, of Newport Pagnell), and thanked the Rev. Read, of Tingewick, for coming at short notice to officiate at the service and for taking the chair at the meeting.

The secretaries of the Central Bucks and Banbury Branch attended the meeting, and a very hearty welcome extended to them.

Ringling varied from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Major.

PEAL NOTES.

(Continued from previous column.)

Another wedding peal was rung on Saturday week at Langley, Bucks, the bride being Miss Mary Leach, of Langley, and the bridegroom Mr. Geo. H. Limmer, member of St. Peter's Society, Burnham.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer and Mr. George Fleming rang their twenty-fifth peal together on Saturday week, when they took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Ipswich.

As a birthday compliment to Chesterfield's veteran composer, Mr. Arthur Knights, a peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung at Eckington, Derbyshire, on Saturday week.

Mr. Knights took part and the peal was called by his son Percival. Another of his compositions, No. 219, was rung for the first time.

A peal of Doubles in four methods was rung on the back six at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on Saturday week. John H. Hill rang the tenor and scored his first peal at the first attempt, at the age of 13 years. The peal was conducted by Mr. Ernest Morris, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, who has now called peals of Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters and Royal on these bells.

THE HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS. THE HISTORY OF AN ANCIENT SOCIETY.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

Hertford possessed one of the earliest peal ringing bands that we know of, and as early as December, 1724, a month before Annable and the College Youths scored their first five-thousand, they rang 'the whole peal of Tripples.' Then follows a blank, and we hear no more about the doings in the town until September 5th, 1767, when some young and excellent ringers formed themselves into a company and called themselves the Hertford College Youths.

They were not a branch of the London Society, and had no other connection with it than that they borrowed its name, a thing at the time not unusual with provincial bands.

They numbered fourteen, and, so far as we can tell, they belonged to much the same class as do ringers today. The principal officer of the company was the Beadle, for, though the society had a Master and Stewards, they were, as we shall see presently, not ringers, and had nothing to do with the the belfry. There was also a Treasurer and Clerk.

Candidates for election as 'steeple ringers' must have previously rung at least 1,000 changes, and they were ballotted for by 'such of the other steeple ringers as shall be particularly summoned for that purpose.' An entrance fee of one shilling was to be paid to the Beadle. All money received for paid ringing was handed to the treasurer and was shared out on the first club night after Christmas, and upon the feast day, but nothing was paid to anyone who had not rung 1,000 changes. The fines and forfeits were spent on the evening of the first Thursday after Christmas.

The Society rang its first peal two months after its foundation, one of Bob Major at All Saints' Church; a month later they rang 7,056 in the same method; and between then and December, 1788, ten more of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Two of these were six-thousands and one was conducted by Thomas Blakemore, the junior partner in the firm of authors who wrote the *Clavis*.

The society shared the exclusive spirit common to the ringers of the time. They paid visits to the St. Alban's College Youths and received return visits, but they did not allow their members to associate with the ringers of the other towers in Hertford, and when it was brought to their notice that Edward Baker had rung several times at St. Andrew's steeple for hire, it was resolved that he be expelled; and he was expelled accordingly.

Like all these old bands they had their quarrels and dissensions. Isaac Spencer, senior, was their most prominent member; at any rate, he was the first to sign the roll when the society was founded. When the first Beadle died he succeeded to the job, but a twelve-month later, at a meeting in All Saints' belfry, it was unanimously resolved that he, having at divers times illiberally reflected upon several members of the society, be expelled; and he was accordingly expelled.

William Hillier took his place, but he did not fare very much better. After three years' service, a meeting, held at the World's End, suspended him from executing the

office of warner or beadle 'for having' ill-treated and abused several members at their meeting last night in All Saints' steeple.'

We can imagine that there was a pretty rough house and not much ringing on that occasion.

However, Hillier made a public submission and was reinstated, but only on very severe terms. 'If in future the said William Hillier shall refuse to obey the reasonable requisitions of the majority of the members or behave to the said members in an unbecoming manner, he shall be immediately discharged and expelled the Society, and if, after such expulsion, any member shall again propose or move for his readmission, such member shall be expelled himself.'

But Hillier had his own party, and later on a general meeting was called which included the stewards, steeple ringers, and handbell ringers, and the last-resolution was expunged. Isaac Spencer was also readmitted.

Another original member, Thomas Phenix, fell out with the company and told them to strike his name off the list, which they did. But some years later he was ringing peals with them.

The steeple ringers were only a section of the Society of Hertford College Youths. There is a reference, noted above, to the handbell ringers who would be tune players, but are not again mentioned. And there were other members whose only interest in the society was the annual feast. In fact, the society was an excuse for a number of the principal men of the town and some of the surrounding country gentleman and parsons to meet once a year and have a good dinner. The first of these feasts was held in 1770, and they continued yearly until 1808. To arrange and manage them there were a Master and four Stewards. The Master, of course, took the chair, and the Stewards were the people who made themselves responsible for the arrangements and the finance.

In the handbook of the Ancient Society of College Youths we are told that the chair was usually taken by the Marquis of Salisbury, supported by Lord Dacre and others of the old country families. That, however, is (to put it mildly) an exaggeration. The chair was not once taken by the Marquis of Salisbury, though that nobleman, when he was as yet only an earl, did attend on one occasion. Lord Fairford was then the Master, and these two are the only noble names that occur, for there is no mention of Lord Dacre. There is mention of a certain Alderman Baron Nathaniel Dimsdale, who was three times Master, but Baron was his Christian name. Three Members of Parliament were Masters and several aldermen, but never one of the steeple ringers.

After the first few years some of the London College Youths attended the feast and sometimes acted as stewards. Thomas Blakemore's name appears in 1776, and afterwards James Darquit, John Lyford, Robert Bly, William Lyford, John Lyford and others. John Briant, the Hertford bell founder, was also a steward on one occasion.

I imagine that what happened here was similar to what happened at St. Stephen's, Bristol. The feast began as a ringers' function, but eventually became an end in itself.

The society made two subscriptions, both for worthy purposes. One of £16 was towards the cost of recasting the two trebles at All Saints'; the other of £10 10s. towards the payment of the National Debt. No doubt this

last amount seems somewhat inadequate to the purpose, but, as was said on an historic occasion, 'every little is a help.'

The last feast was held in 1808, and it seems that before then the ringing in the tower had declined, and soon afterwards practically came to an end; but on Easter Monday, April 20th, 1829, an attempt was made to resuscitate the society and twenty-six men signed as members. They included Edward John Osborn, who was born a Hertford man, and who had already rung his only peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Andrew's. But it came to nothing, and Osborn, who shortly afterwards left for London, wrote lugubriously, 'It is no longer itself. Friendship gone. Pleasure crash'd. Science lost. And all gone for ever.'

Mention has been made of the first Marquis of Salisbury. He was the first respectable member of the family since Robert Cecil, the first earl, and he owed much to a very remarkable wife who, in old age, was burnt to death in a fire at Hatfield. Osborn says that he was interested in bells and ringing and had sent a fat buck to the Hertford College Youths for their feast. In 1786 he recast the six bells at Hatfield and made them into a heavy ring of eight. The London College Youths were invited to ring the first peal. They stayed three days and, owing to the hot weather, had several unsuccessful attempts before they succeeded. The peal was 5,280 changes of Treble Bob. John Povey conducted, Samuel Muggeridge rang the tenor, and the band included James Darquit, William Lyford, James Worster and Joseph Holdsworth. During their stay they were entertained to dinner at the Salisbury Arms by the Marquis, who presided.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MONTHLY MEETINGS IN WIMBORNE BRANCH.

A meeting of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, December 18th, at St. James', Poole, 51 members attending. After the service, at which the Rector gave the address, tea was partaken of at the Church House and was followed by the business meeting.

The hon. secretary's report was very gratifying. It showed a record year, in the course of which 13 peals were rung by the branch. Poole bells had been augmented to ten and one other peal was rung in the branch by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths to commemorate the tercentenary of that society.

The monthly meetings throughout the year had not been too well attended, but it was decided to carry on with them for another year, and all meetings were fixed for the fourth Saturday in each month.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, and each made a suitable reply.

The Guild Ringing Master (the Rev. R. H. Gundry) was present, and congratulated the branch on the year's work. They had, he said, a record to encourage them to even greater efforts for the coming year.

Visitors included Mr. G. Preston, secretary of the Christchurch branch of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, Mr. C. H. Jennings, secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild. Other towers represented were Wimborne, Poole, Bournemouth (St. John's and St. Peter's), Corfe Mullen, Lytchett Minster and Lytchett Matravers, Dorchester, Lulworth and Swanage.

Several new members were elected.

The ringing was of a very good standard generally, and the methods rung were rounds, Grandsire Triples, Cambridge Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal. Many of those present heard the ten bells for the first time, and many remarks were passed about the splendid splice made by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The ten bells were lowered in peal at the close of a very successful meeting.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

The service ringers at St. Stephen's, Hampstead, rang their first 720 of Grandsire Doubles on December 19th for service, also in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hillard: Mrs. G. Francis 1, R. Harman 2, D. Harman 3, D. Pestell 4, T. Bevan (conductor) 5, G. Octell 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all readers of 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. A. B. Peck, hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, wishes all members of the Society and ringing friends a happy and prosperous New Year.

During ringing at Woodstock, Oxfordshire, on Bank Holiday, a gudgeon of the 17 cwt. tenor broke and the bell fell into the frame.

Naturally the ringers had a fright when the crash came, but it was an exaggeration to say, as did some newspapers, that the ringers 'ran for their lives.'

The Bishop of Manchester has appointed the Rev. Arthur Scott, president of the Lancashire Association, to be the Rector of St. Luke's, Miles Platting, Manchester. The Rev. Arthur Scott is at present Lecturer of Bolton and senior curate of Bolton Parish Church.

It frequently occurs that someone loses either a glove or umbrella in a belfry, but after the opening of Thetford bells one ringer found himself in possession of seven hats, providing him with one for each day of the week, unless they have since been claimed.

'RINGERS' HANDBOOK.'

NEW EDITION OF THE EIGHT-BELL VOLUME.

The best evidence that the 'Ringers' Handbook' fulfils a very useful purpose is the fact that the first print of the complete volume has sold out, and the authors (the Rev. E. S. and Mrs. Powell) have published a new edition. The matter has been carefully revised and some slight changes made, notably in the peals of Grandsire Triples. Holt's Ten-Part disappears, Parker's Twelve-Part is given with transpositions, and a peal by the Rev. E. B. James included.

The book is an excellent instructor. It carries the subject from handling a bell up to the four standard methods—Grandsire and Stedman Triples; Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major—and explains the way to call them. A variety of peals, with explanatory notes, is included. This revised edition is published at 2s. 9d., or six copies for 15s. It can be obtained only from the Rev. E. S. Powell, Staverton Vicarage, Daventry. The six-bell section, as a separate publication, has not yet entered a second edition.

CLASHING OF MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see two replies to my letter regarding the clashing of meetings. I am also pleased to hear that Mr. A. H. Smith's meetings are fixed early in the year. As a matter of fact, I knew this already, and consequently as I also know that the Surrey Association meetings are fixed early in the year, it was a still greater amazement to me to see that they would clash. No secretary is asked to know anything about another's meetings of 50 miles distant, but I think it only to the mutual advantage of everyone that they should know something about those held within three miles. It was known that this clash would take place, probably eight months ago, and, therefore, there is absolutely no excuse whatever for either secretary. It showed an extreme lack of co-operation. Anyway, I sincerely hope that both meetings were well attended, and that each tower enjoyed a course of London.

Regarding the Twickenham and Isleworth 'clash,' I am sorry this is the second one this year. Mr. W. G. Wilson apparently thinks he has caught me napping, but I expected someone to bring up about the unfortunate clash between the London County Association, Southern District, meeting at Chiswick and the South and West Middlesex District at Harlington on July 17th. The London County meetings are fixed for the third Saturday in alternate months, and the South and West Middlesex are fixed for the second Saturday. I kept to my Saturday and knew nothing of the Harlington meeting until I saw the notice in 'The Ringing World.' I did, however, mention the date of our next meeting in 'The Ringing World' for June 4th; so facts speak for themselves. Also, as I purposely took note of everyone who attended at Chiswick (it was a very poor attendance, only 18), I learnt that no one at my meeting would have attended at Harlington in any case. Further comment is unnecessary.

I might add, in passing, that I am greatly against any association regarding a tower as in their own territory. A meeting is held at a tower through the courtesy of the local incumbent and the captain of the ringers, and to my way of thinking it matters nothing under whose auspices the meeting is held. But whoever arranges a meeting should first make sure that it does not clash with a neighbouring society, and this can be done by everybody keeping to fixed dates as far as possible, and, if the date has to be altered, getting into communication with the society that has kept to its date. Good feeling will then be retained.

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OLDEST COLLEGE YOUTH.

The oldest member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Master of the society in 1885, Mr. J. Martin Routh, now living at Tilehurst, Berks, celebrated his 91st birthday on Monday.

Members of St. Michael's, Tilehurst, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in his honour on December 26th: J. Marsh 1, H. Hunt 2, E. Langley 3, H. Goodger 4, A. Haines 5, J. Lewendon 6, R. Runham (conductor) 7, D. Sellar 8.

DEATH OF THE REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

HON. SECRETARY OF HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

We deeply regret to announce the death of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Rector of St. Nicholas', Hereford, and hon. secretary of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, which took place on December 23rd at Moorcocks, Brasted, Kent, the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. E. H. Lewis. Mr. Richardson had been seriously ill for some months, and his resignation of the living of St. Nicholas was already in the hands of the Bishop and would have taken effect from the end of the year. He was 55 years of age and leaves a widow and four daughters, to whom, as to his sister, Mrs. Lewis, the sympathy of the whole Exercise will be extended.

Harold Samuel Temple Richardson was the son of the Venerable John Gray Richardson, some time Archdeacon of Nottingham and Rector of Southwell Cathedral. He was at Nottingham High School, and became a Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1901. He took a first class in the Classical Tripos 1904, when he took his B.A., a second class in the Theological Tripos in 1906, and proceeded to his M.A. in 1910.

After leaving Cambridge, where he spent five years, he went to Bishop's Hostel, Bishop Auckland, and was ordained deacon in 1907 and priest in 1908. He was curate of Holy Trinity, Darlington, 1907-8, and domestic chaplain to the Bishop of Durham and head of the Bishop's Hostel, Bishop Auckland, 1908-1911.

He then went to St. Mary the Great, Cambridge, under the late Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, where he spent about a year, and afterwards became organising secretary of the Church of England Sunday School Institute, which position he held from 1912 to 1917. Returning to parochial work, he was curate of St. George's, Camberwell, 1917 to 1919 and curate at Ashburton, Devon, 1919 to 1921. In the latter year he married Miss Edith Bond, daughter of the Vicar of Ashburton, and became Rector of Honesay, where he remained until 1927, when he became Rector of St. Nicholas', Hereford.

Mr. Richardson's interest in ringing began when he went up to Cambridge, where he joined the Cambridge University Guild in the same year as Mr. E. H. Lewis, Dr. F. S. Poole and the late Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake.

He became treasurer of the Guild in 1902 and held the office of Master in 1903, 1904 and 1905. His first peal was rung with the Guild on June 17th, 1903, a peal of Bob Major at St. Andrew's, Cambridge. Afterwards he took part in many peal performances both for the University Guild and other societies.

He was elected an honorary member of the Central Council in 1908 and devoted a great deal of labour to the work of the Peals Collection Committee. Among the tasks he undertook was the proving of the thousands of peals of Treble Bob, from Major to Maximus, which are in the Council's Library. He was not always able to attend the Council meetings, but whenever he took part in debate, his opinions carried considerable weight among the members.

After he took up residence in Herefordshire he was elected hon. secretary of the Diocesan Guild, and he held this office and his membership of the Council up to his death.

The funeral took place at Brasted on Tuesday afternoon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

HELP FOR ST. GEORGE'S BELL FUND.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held on Saturday, December 18th, at the Church of St. John at Hackney. The bells at this church are a peal that go well if the band ringing 'knows them,' so that, as might be expected, the striking at times was not particularly good. Various methods were rung before the tea interval, when the services of 'Lyons' were requisitioned.

At the business meeting, held in the tower, five new members were elected, and it was announced that the district annual meeting would be held in the city of London on January 8th at St. Lawrence Jewry.

The district secretary (Mr. J. G. A. Prior) announced that he would not seek re-election for the coming year.

A discussion took place regarding the appeal by the Rector of St. George-in-the-East for assistance towards the restoration of the ring of eight at his church. A donation from the district funds of 10s. was agreed upon and a collection realised the sum of 30s. Other plans for assisting the appeal were discussed, and a committee of three was appointed to co-operate with the authorities at St. George-in-the-East.

The District Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Frank Start, Master of the Hackney band, for making the arrangements.—This was carried by acclamation, and Mr. Start briefly replied.

Further ringing then took place in methods up to Cambridge and Superlative.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was that the attendance was comprised almost entirely of district members. Visitors are always very welcome at Northern District meetings, but in the past the success of the meetings has depended largely upon the support of non-district members, a state of affairs that had not reflected much credit on the district members.

'BELLS OVER LONDON.'

MISS DOROTHY L. SAYERS AND THE DISPUTE WITH THE B.B.C.

To the Editor.

Sir.—Mr. J. A. Waugh has, I think, in your last issue, put his finger on the real source of the trouble in this unfortunate dispute, viz., 'the failure of the B.B.C. to obtain agreement with the participants before publishing their programmes.' I should like to explain that all I knew of the matter was that I was asked by the B.B.C. to take part in a programme arranged (as I was informed) by them in conjunction with the A.S.C.Y. The passage selected from my book was not my own choice, and I said at the time that I thought it ill-chosen; but I naturally supposed that it had been decided upon by both parties concerned. I knew nothing whatever about any disagreement until I was rung up by 'The Star' and informed, much to my surprise, that (according to 'The Daily Herald') I was involved in a 'row at the B.B.C.' Needless to say, had I imagined for one moment that any objection to my part in the programme had been raised by Mr. Roughton or any other member of the Ancient Society, I should have refused to collaborate. I strongly deprecate the suggestion that has (probably unintentionally) been conveyed that I had or have any intention of putting myself forward as an authority on change ringing: nothing could be farther from the truth. I am extremely sorry that I should have been made to appear in any way discourteous to the society, who have gone out of their way to do me every possible kindness.

DOROTHY L. SAYERS.

Witham, Essex.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

IS IT TOO BIG FOR EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sure your trenchant criticism in the last issue of 'The Ringing World' will be welcomed by all those who have the welfare of the Lancashire Association at heart. The picture is really blacker than you have painted it: silent towers on Sundays (there are at least three in the Manchester area and one in Preston area that I know of); poorly attended meetings with apparently little or no interest shown by most of the towers.

If we exclude the Liverpool area (which is fairly prosperous), then we can say that the decline in Lancashire is pretty general. I am not criticising our officials, but I wonder if they have ever discussed ways and means of combating this insidious lethargy which has taken possession in the county. I ask, in all seriousness, is our association too big and unwieldy for efficient administration? There are three dioceses in Lancashire; would it be better to form three separate guilds instead of one?

Some few years ago my own branch tabled a motion that each branch should be allowed to control 75 per cent. of its own funds. The committee moved and carried 'that the motion be allowed to lie on the table.' Yet this is already done in the most progressive associations. I mention this to show that there will have to be a different spirit from the committee downwards if this decline is to be arrested. Your leader will make the enthusiastic members think seriously. Let us hope their thought will be transferred into vigorous action.

Preston.

E. R. MARTIN.

A NEW EIGHT IN THE FYLDE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Poulton on Saturday, December 18th. The big attraction was the new octave by the recent addition of two trebles to the ancient ring of six. All the bells have been cast by Mears and Stainbank and much interest was aroused in the branch as to the success or otherwise of the 'splice.'

The tenor being only around 8 cwt., Poulton can now claim to have the lightest ring of eight bells for many miles around. Owing to the light weight of the bells and easy running (except the tenor), it took quite a long time to bring round easy touches of Bob Major or Grandsire.

Great enthusiasm exists among some of the local ringers for change ringing, and, although they have not yet scored a plain course of Bob Major, the leader has hopes of scoring a peal by about Easter next.

Touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples were successfully brought round, the bells being rung down in peal at 7 p.m. after an enjoyable meeting.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bispham in January.

A TASMANIAN BELL FOUNDER.

In a letter to a Hobart newspaper, Mr. W. C. Elham, of Sandy Bay, wrote: On the occasion of a reception in England by English bellringers, Archdeacon Blackwood expressed a wish that we had a bell foundry in Australia. It will be news to many to learn that a bell foundry existed in Hobart in the 1860's. It was in Barrack Street, and later was used as an engineering factory by Davidson and Brown. J. Swain was the bell founder, and many of his castings still exist in Tasmania, including two of the most sonorous and full-toned bells in Australia, still in use at the St. Joseph's Church and St. George's Church. The Swain family were staunch adherents of St. George's Church. It is generally understood that Swain was the only bell caster in Australia.

RESTORED PEAL AT THETFORD, NORFOLK.

SUCCESSFUL REOPENING MEETING.

After a silence of nearly two years, St. Peter's bells were heard again on Saturday, December 18th, on the occasion of the rededication of the restored peal by the Rev. Canon H. K. Johnston, Rural Dean, Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, Thetford.

The Rector of St. Peter's, the Rev. S. C. Webb, conducted the service, which took the form of a shortened evensong.

Canon Johnston gave an address, in the course of which he referred to St. Peter's bells as not only being of interest to the parish of St. Peter's, but a personal concern of everyone in the ancient borough of Thetford. He expressed the belief that the tones of the bells mingled with the emotions of all, sometimes gladly sometimes sadly, and everyone rejoiced that the restored peal could now fulfil its accustomed task.

Following the address, a procession was formed, consisting of the Rev. Canon H. K. Johnston (Vicar of St. Cuthbert's), the Rev. S. C. Webb (Rector of St. Peter's), the churchwardens (Messrs. T. E. Rudling and W. C. Goodman), and proceeded to the ringing chamber, where the ringers were waiting.

After the dedicatory prayers, and whilst the clergy and churchwardens returned from the tower, eight local ringers rang rounds to announce that the bells were again in use.

At the conclusion of the service, various touches were rung by visitors, and over 40 proceeded to St. Peter's Church Room, where tea was provided, and the Rural Dean, the Rector, churchwardens, and Mr. S. R. Roper, representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were present.

The bells have been tuned and cleaned and rehung in the strengthened oak frame, complete with ball bearings and modern fittings. Everyone expressed their appreciation of the way in which the restoration had been carried through to a highly successful conclusion and of having the peal in perfect ringing order once again.

Gratification was also expressed at the improvement effected by the tuning of the bells, and the visiting ringers voiced their complete satisfaction with the 'go' of the peal, both of which facts reflect credit on the bellfounders.

After tea all the ringers returned to the tower and indulged in Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

The meeting, which was declared the most successful that could be desired, was attended by three district secretaries of the Norwich Diocesan Association, Messrs. H. Tooke (North), A. G. Harrison (South) and J. G. W. Harwood (East Norfolk), and members from Attleborough, Bury St. Edmund's, Caston, Diss, Elveden, Fakenham, Garboldisham, Garvestone, Great Yarmouth, Gressenhall, Hockwold, Norwich, Redgrave, Saxlingham, Shelfanger, Winfarthing, Wymondham and the local company.

The inscriptions, notes and weights of the bells are as follow:—

Treble.—F. Cum Voco Venite. Thos. Osborn Fecit 1790. 6 cwt. 26 lb.

2nd.—E. Thos. Osborn Founder 1790. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

3rd.—D. Thos. Osborn, Downham, Norfolk, Fecit 1790. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

4th.—C. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

Our voices shall with joyful sound
Make hills and valleys echo round.
5th.—B flat. T. Osborn 1790. 8 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.
In Wedlock hands all ye who join
With hands your heart unite,
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
To laud the Nuptial rite.

6th.—A. T. Osborn Fecit 1790. 9 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

7th.—G. T. Osborn Founder 1790. 12 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

Tenor.—F. Town of Thetford 1790. T. Osborn Fecit. Percute Dulce Cano. 18 cwt. 1 lb.

DEATH OF A DOVER RINGER.

The death of Mr. J. B. Saunders, of Dover, removes one of the band of St. Mary's who decided to plod into the art of change ringing some 36 years ago. Joining the Kent County Association, he took part in the first local peal on May 20th, 1903. For a number of years he was hon. secretary, but recently he had ceased to take an active part in ringing owing to ill-health.

The funeral took place on Thursday, December 16th, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by S. A. Wells 1, T. Durham 2, L. Leach 3, W. Kitchen 4, T. Anderson 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, E. T. Ellender 8.

LLANISHEN LEADER DEAD.

Mr. Harry Nott, leader of the St. Isen's band, Llanishen, where he had been a ringer for 35 years, passed away on December 16th at the age of 66 years.

Members of the local band attended the funeral and acted as bearers. Touches of Doubles with the bells half-muffled were rung for service on the following Sunday as a tribute to his memory by the following members of the local band: Messrs. Aldridge, A. Bassett, G. Chamberlain, G. Champkin, E. Coles, W. Freeman, A. Porter and G. Talbot.

TWO NEW SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS.

WATTFORD.	EASTBURY.	5,120 CHANGES By H. G. Cashmore.				
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24186735	24186735	53624	—	—	—	—
42817653	42817653	62534	—	—	—	—
24871635	24871635	23645	—	—	—	—
42786153	28476153	34625	—	—	—	—
47281635	82741635	42635	—	—	—	—
74826153	87246153	42356	—	—	—	—
47286513	78426513	35426	—	—	—	—
74825631	74825631	43526	—	—	—	—
47826513	47286513	54326	—	—	—	—
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72458361	24758361	53246	—	—	—	—
27543816	27453816	25346	—	—	—	—
72548361	72548361	34256	—	—	—	—
27453816	75243816	23456	—	—	—	—
72543186	57423186	34256	—	—	—	—
27451368	54721368	42635	—	—	—	—
24753186	45273186	42356	—	—	—	—
42571368	42571368	35426	—	—	—	—
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42153768	42153768	54326	—	—	—	—
24513678	24513678	32546	—	—	—	—
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Watford and Eastbury were first rung by the Hertford County Association and the peals were composed and conducted by Mr. Harold G. Cashmore. The same composition was used for both methods. Watford was rung on May 12th, 1937, and Eastbury on November 20th, 1937.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

At Lyme Regis, Dorset, for midnight Eucharist, Christmas Eve, 720 Bob Minor: R. Keeley 1, J. E. Philbrick 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 4, F. E. Blackmore 5, C. W. Powell 6. On the feast of St. Stephen, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss L. Keeley (first quarter of Stedman) 1, G. W. Powell 2, J. E. Philbrick 3, S. J. Philbrick 4, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, H. G. Keeley 6, G. H. Whitmore 7, F. Price 8.

Ringers at the Cathedral, Manchester, carried out their custom on Christmas Day of ringing both at the Cathedral and at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford. For morning service at the Cathedral they rang 820 Grandsire Triples: J. Simpkins 1, H. Hollingworth 2, J. Bolton 3, A. Ridyard (conductor) 4, H. Langden 5, B. Wilshaw 6, R. Longden 7, J. Wright 8. Immediately afterwards they journeyed across the city boundary and rang for morning service at Sacred Trinity Church, Salford. The company extend their greetings to all ringing friends.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

EDINBURGH. — At St. Cuthbert's Parish Church for afternoon service on December 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss Holland 1, Miss Taylor 2, D. Holland 3, Miss Whitson 4, W. C. S. Heathcote 5, J. Marshall 6, G. Marshall (first quarter-peal of Stedman and first attempt) (conductor) 7, J. Ritchie 8.

BURTON HASTINGS. — At St. Botolph's Church in honour of the King's birthday on Tuesday, December 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Noon (Burton Hastings, first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, A. Beamish 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, J. Draycott 4, C. Rayson 5. The four latter are members of All Saints', Chilvers Coton.

LATE START SPOILS PEAL CHANCE

Owing to a late start for a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods at St. Mary's Church, Waverton, on November 13th, the bells were brought round after ringing 720 each of the following: London, Wells and Cambridge: W. E. Fletcher 1, L. L. Gray 2, F. Hartman 3, G. Ledsham 4, P. Swindley 5, F. Varty (conductor) 6.

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WHERE LORD BRERETON IS BURIED.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' FIRST MASTER.

The Parish Church of St. Oswald at Brereton, near Crewe, in Cheshire, has a special interest for ringers, for it was the burial place of William, Lord Brereton, the founder and first Master of the Society of College Youths. Until recently nothing was known about Lord Brereton, but when writing the history of the College Youths, Mr. J. A. Trollope made researches among the state papers and other sources of information, and discovered that Brereton in his time was

at the time; and the Treasury Books contain entries which show how much some of the country gentlemen had suffered and how they expected to be compensated. Lord Brereton asked for a legal office, which apparently he did not get. He also applied for a grant of the customs of French wines at the port of Chester and was refused. He did get a money grant from the King.

There are five bells at Brereton Church, and we cannot doubt that there Lord Brereton did most of his actual ringing, but unfortunately



ST. OSWALD'S CHURCH, BRERETON, CHESHIRE.

[From a drawing by Mr. J. W. Clarke, Chester.]

a person of very considerable importance. He was one of the local leaders of the Royalist party in the Civil War, and after suffering for his loyalty, during the Commonwealth, was rewarded after the Restoration by being made Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire; but he did not live to enjoy his honours very long.

Among the papers at the Record Office are one or two autograph letters of Brereton to the Secretary of State, which throw light, not only on the man himself, but on the political condition of the country

no record now exists of any actual performances by him either in Cheshire or in London among the College Youths. The church contains no memorial to him, but on the tercentenary the College Youths sent a wreath in commemoration of his connection with the society, and a peal of Doubles was rung by Cheshire members of the society, conducted by Mr. Albert Crawley.

Mr. Trollope's book, 'The College Youths,' can be obtained direct from 'The Ringing World,' price 5s. 6d. post free.

A LEICESTERSHIRE RING RESTORED.

COPT OAK BELLS REDEDICATED.

A service of thanksgiving and the rededication of the bells of the Church of St. Peter, Copt Oak, Leicestershire, took place on Sunday, December 19th. The special service, which followed evening prayer, was modelled upon the form used at Leicester Cathedral last April. After intercessions and thanksgivings had been said, Psalm 150 was sung and a procession was made to the tower for the hallowing ceremony, which was performed by the Archdeacon of Loughborough (Ven. W. P. Hurrell, M.A.). After he had charged the ringers to see that the bells were rung with reverence and devotion to a sacred trust, the bells were raised in peal by the following members of the Hugglescote band: H. O. Over 1, W. Johnson 2, J. H. Dean 3, J. Cadle 4, E. J. Tovel 5, A. E. Rowley 6. Meanwhile the procession returned to the chancel. The Archdeacon gave an inspiring address on the history of bells, their uses and their beauty.

After the service short touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor gave an opportunity to all desirous of trying the improvements.

The bells have been rehung on ball bearings and provided with new ropes through the generosity of the Barron Bell Trust, who have defrayed the whole cost. The work has been carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have carried out the work with the highest efficiency.

RINGERS SEE THEMSELVES IN FILM.

PICTURE TAKEN IN LOWESTOFT BELFRY.

Members of St. Margaret's Society, Lowestoft, with the Rector (Canon H. J. Enraght, M.A.), Mr. J. Woodger (secretary of the society) and Mrs. Woodger, had the pleasure of being entertained by a well-known resident, Mr. Sydney Taylor, and Mrs. Taylor at their residence, Hillingdon, Gunton Cliff.

A month previous, by the kind permission of the Rector, and with the assistance of the St. Margaret's ringers, Mr. Taylor took a film of the ringers at work in their belfry, with the result that a very unique film was obtained. The entertainment opened with views in Switzerland taken by the host when on holiday there, then a film of scenes at a recent wedding at Fakenham. The 'piece de resistance' followed, and the ringers expressed the view that it was a success. The ringers who are shown in the film, ringing two short touches of Bob Major, are W. Baldry 1, Miss K. Lewis 2, F. Adcock 3, R. T. Woodley 4, E. Newson 5, D. Carr 6, R. W. Coates 7, A. E. Coleman (conductor) 8. A record of Bow Bells was put on during the time the film was showing. The company afterwards partook of refreshments, and at the conclusion of the evening the Rector, on behalf of the ringers, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Taylor for the entertainment they had provided, and also for their hospitality.

RINGER, KNOW THYSELF!

BY GEORGE L. JOYCE, HORNCHURCH.

It is a great pity that everybody cannot believe that most of us have a genuine desire to better our art, and that we write, perhaps mistakenly, only with the idea of helping. I am grateful for Mr. Lewis' balanced and restrained reply to my letter about 'good striking,' which held nothing intended to be personal to him as a ringer. As 'first ringer in the land' his name was used impersonally, but it so happened that he also is Master of the society which broadcast exhibition ringing that I humbly consider to have been 'poor striking.'

The letter from Mr. Alec E. Richardson is an excellent example of the necessity to 'know thyself.' Devoid of any vantage of constructive matter, it complains that I write without construction! I am prepared to try to construct in its place, but the plain fact is that so many of us think it is all the other fellow, while we, ourselves, are helping toward the imperfection of the whole. And who is there to tell the 'older hands' of this? How many would up and tell a man of the standing and known opinions of (say) Mr. Lewis to 'shove her along at back, dol'—even if the critic were tolerably sure of his ground?

Time and again the 'old uns' bully the youngsters in the circle, or the meekest there—usually there is a 'goat.' I suppose we cannot resist the temptation, but it is an unpleasant fact. My own experience has taught me that it is not meant unkindly. But who has not suffered and feared the big fellow 'on the box,' who bellows '... pull it, man, pull it! ...' to the nervous offender? Or the genial general secretary who, when we try Stedman Cinques once in a while, helps us so little with '... don't drag those little bells ...'? Who does not remember the P.M. of the College Youths who, eyes to the ground, plaintively (yet fiercely withal) would bleat '... stri-i-k'm ...'? Is this sort of thing 'constructive' help? Contrast it with the gentle courtesy of the popular Master of a Middlesex Association, who, from behind, will whisper, '... now third's, and she is a little slow at hand ...' No wonder that he is popular!

I cannot remember ever reading a definition of 'good striking'; in fact, most authorities have shied at one. Constructively to be the fool 'where angels fear to tread,' let me try. Twenty-five years ago I spent a day in Hornchurch Dell and the fields around, reading and lazing in the sun, mainly to please a certain 'lil' ol' lady.' Thus it happened that I, a young and keen ringer, on May 27th, 1912, for nearly ten hours listened to the record peal of Bristol. The monotony of the clockwork striking almost sent us to sleep. Rumour has it that Isaac Shade missed his 1-2-1, and there came a moment when rhythm was broken, quickly to be righted. Say for—what?—a minute or less? Something under a minute in ten hours!

On the other hand. Twenty-five years later a competent musician sat with me and listened to the College Youths' broadcast; although no ringer, he 'knew' ringing. His verdict of the St. Clement's record ran, 'The monotony I should have expected from exhibition ringing was decidedly poor. One bell in particular was in the first quarter of his time-unit the whole way through.' In other words, he was 'shoving her too much.'

This is how I would define 'poor striking.' Not the man who momentarily forgets his places; not the beginner feeling his way; not the youngster who 'drops her' now and then. But that persistent horror of the clip-clip-clip to the bitter end. And the worst of it is the best of us are prone.

A few months back, working in my garden some 200 yards or so from Hornchurch tower, I listened to a peal of Cambridge—four locals and four visitors 'up.' Asked by a local what I thought of it, I said it might have been better if the —th had been rung by a visiting expert. 'But it was, — rang it,' I was told. And so, for three solid hours, a man of wide experience and many peals had clipped his horrid way through Cambridge Major. Curiously enough, two of those visitors have been awarded highest honours.

And the cause of bad striking? Old timers recently have written that it is due to the 'Bradshaw-guide-surprise-jangling,' which, from a broad view, is utter nonsense. I can 'see' anything on six and eight bells, provided I know the diagram and the others 'ring' it. Thus I ring London and Plain Bob with equal facility, and strike the one no worse than the other. A priceless gift to a ringer also, fortunately, is mine—the ability to isolate the mind channel which 'guides' the rope (even to the extent of conversing aside). I believe, in fact I know, that this 'isolation' is an essential step toward the development of the 'listening channel.' On ten and twelve bells it is not so clearly mine. There I am compelled to concentrate on ropes—to 'search' as opposed to 'seeing all' without effort (due, I suppose, to lack of practice). Consequently the listening suffers, and striking is worse than usual.

Much has been written about ears. Ears for what? The average youngster is under the impression that he has to pick out the note of his bell from amongst the jangle. In a belfry I could not do that in a hundred years. What I do hear is the 'thump' (of any old note in tone) which my listening channel registers at a fraction of time after my guiding channel puts the rope into a given place. Thus, when dodging in 3-4 up, I hear: 'dum-dum-Mine'; 'dum-dum-dum-Mine'; 'dum-dum-Mine'—and so on.

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'THE COLLEGE YOUTHS'

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

CHANGE OF OFFICERS IN TAUNTON DEANERY.

Mr. P. Merson Retires from Secretaryship.

The annual meeting of the Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Wilton Church, Taunton, on December 11th. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, the address being given by his brother, the Very Rev. F. S. M. Bennett, formerly Dean of Chester.

Tea was served and the meeting held in the Parish Hall, the president (the Rev. F. L. Grosvenor) being in the chair. The secretary (Mr. P. Merson) presented the balance sheet and gave his annual report.

In his report, Mr. Merson stated that the year had been a quiet one and that the peals rung had reached the lowest figure since the war, only three being recorded. He thanked the president for his services during the past five years and also thanked the various incumbents for the use of their towers and others who had assisted him. He concluded by hoping that some special effort would be made during the coming year to help those towers which were somewhat backward.

The report was adopted and the secretary thanked for his work. The meeting then went on to the election of officers, and the Rev. F. L. Grosvenor announced that he would be unable to carry on as president of the Deanery. In a survey of his term of office as president, he said that he had found ringers were 'not such a bad lot' as he had been led to believe, and expressed his gratitude to Mr. Merson for the help which he had rendered him.

On a proposal by Mr. Coles, seconded by Mr. Merson, the Deanery's appreciation of the president's work for them was recorded.

The Rev. W. H. Heaton-Renshaw, Vicar of St. Mary's Church, Taunton, was proposed by Mr. Merson and seconded by Mr. J. Hunt as president, and his election was carried with acclamation. Mr. Heaton-Renshaw said that his reasons for accepting the post were his admiration of the retiring president and his appreciation of the work of his own ringers at St. Mary's.

Mr. Merson said that after 27 years as secretary he thought that someone else should take on the duties, and proposed by Mr. R. W. Hayward, of Wilton, as his successor. In making this proposal, Mr. Merson said that Mr. Hayward came from an old family of ringers, was himself a good ringer, and, moreover, had youth on his side.—The proposal was seconded by Mr. Hunt and carried.

Mr. Hayward, although nearly overcome by the praise he had heard of himself, managed to thank those present and hoped that he would not let the Deanery down.

Mr. Coles proposed the re-election of Mr. Hunt as Ringing Master, saying that they could not possibly obtain a better one, and this was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. Hunt, Mr. Hayward was elected as representative on the General Committee of the association.

Combe Florey, Wiveliscombe and West Monkton were selected as places for the quarterly meetings for the coming year, with Ashbrittle as substitute if one of these places cannot be obtained.

The President thanked the Vicar of Wilton for his hospitality and those who had provided the tea for their services.

Touches, ranging up to Kent Treble Bob Major, were rung on the bells.

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I believe that this can easily be developed, once the concentrated effort to 'see' has been overcome, provided the learner is told what to listen for. And, with practice, it becomes instinctive. From that point it is purely a matter of physical ability—which I lack to a very marked degree.

There seems to be a lot about me; but who else can I analyse? I am trying to 'know myself.' Go, thou, and do likewise—and Many Happy New Peals to you!

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 1st, 1938, at the Tamworth Arms, Moor Street. Ringing at St. Martin's Church from 5 to 6 p.m. Business meeting at 6.15 p.m. prompt.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, 11.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 1st, 1938, at St. George's, Southwark, S.E. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross, Hon. Sec., 9, Beverley Road, Barnhurst, Kent.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maurice Hall, Colebrook Street, Winchester, on Saturday, January 1st, 1938. Business meeting at 3.15, followed by tea at 4 o'clock. Service in the Cathedral at 5.15; preacher, Rev. P. H. McGuire, Rector of Leckford. Cathedral bells and St. Maurice's bells available at 1.30. Please let us know if you are coming.—G. and Miss Noice, Hon. Dis. Secs., 6, Cathedral View, High Cliffe, Winchester.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eastwood Church, Rotherham, on Saturday, January 1st, 1938. Tea, 1s. each. Please notify Mr. N. Chaddock, 33, Brecklands, Broom, Rotherham. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield, 7.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the West Norfolk Branch will be held at Fakenham on Saturday, January 1st, 1938. Bells at 2.30. Service at 4.30.—W. J. Eldred, Branch Sec., 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for January, 1938: St. Paul's Cathedral, 4th; St. Magnus', 6th; Southwark Cathedral, 13th; St. Mary-le-Bow, 18th; St. Magnus', 20th; all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 27th, at 8 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Dinner, Saturday, January 8th, 1938, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, at 6 p.m. Tickets 5s. 6d. each, from J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec., Southover Cottage, Lower Pyrford Road, Woking, Surrey. Bells of S. Nicolas' Church available 3.30 to 5.30 p.m.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 8th, 1938, in the City. St. Lawrence Jewry will be available in the afternoon from 3 p.m., and Jewry will be available in the afternoon from 3 p.m. Full details later.—James G. A. Prior, Dis. Sec., 31, Limerston Street, S.W.10.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-East Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Tiverton on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Will those intending to be present please notify me by Monday, January 3rd?—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, January 8th, 1938. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Reports to hand.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leeds (10 bells) on Saturday, January 8th. Usual arrangements. Everybody welcome.—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., Egerton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Howden on Saturday, January 8th, 1938. Bells (8) available from 2 till 8 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., at 5 o'clock. Please advise Mr. J. W. Thompson, 16, Northalmby Street, Howden, by Wednesday, January 5th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting at Shrewsbury, Saturday, January 8th. Bells: St. Mary's, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Chad's, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify W. A. Farmer, 6, Mayfield Terrace, Shrewsbury, by January 5th certain.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Divine Service, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—H. Minifie, Hon. Sec., Royston, Uphill, Weston-super-Mare.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes, St. John's, on Saturday, January 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in Parish Room, 5 o'clock. St. James' (Southbroom) and St. Mary's bells also available. A card for tea would oblige.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Southampton District at Southampton on January 8th. Bells: St. Mary's, from 2.30 and after tea; St. Michael's, from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Holy Rood, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Service, St. Michael's, at 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., in St. Michael's Hall. Names for tea by January 6th.—G. Pullinger, 17, Stoke Park Road, Bishopstoke.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Meeting 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Hearty welcome to North Staffs and Derby District members. Don't forget postcard for tea, to be sent to me by Wednesday, January 5th.—Joseph Wm. Cotton, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Stoke Goldington, Saturday, January 8th. 2.30 ring up. 4 service. 4.45 tea.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—E. H. Nash, Hon. Sec., The Talbot, Mells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—All Loughborough District members are expected to attend the annual meeting to be held at the Bell Foundry on January 8th. Tower open 3 p.m. Friends cordially invited. Please make own tea arrangements.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Will those who require tea kindly notify Mr. W. Corfield, The Fields, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, on or before January 5th?—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everybody welcome. Please notify by the 6th for tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Anston on Saturday, January 8th.—R. Towler, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held on January 8th. Ringing on six to 12 bells at Leicester Cathedral will commence at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by January 6th. Meeting at 6 p.m.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, January 8th. Bells from 3 p.m. For tea (small charge) please notify S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ross on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with music and new edition. Tea 5 p.m. (Williams' Central Cafe). Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will all those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than January 5th?—John Clark, Hon. Sec., Fernlea, Ross.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—Meeting at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, January 8th. Bells (12) from 3 p.m. Peel tablets to be unveiled at 5 p.m. Service 5.15. For tea notify Mr. G. Newton, 6, Langham Avenue, Liverpool.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice at St. Giles',

Cripplegate, on Wednesday, January 12th. Bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed. The annual meeting of the North and East District will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 29th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Third quarterly (general) meeting at Repton, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available all afternoon. Committee meet 3.45 p.m. Tea and general meeting 4.45 p.m. in Court Room. Those requiring tea must apply for tickets to J. W. Cotton, Coronation Street, Overseal, Burton-on-Trent, not later than the 12th inst. No ticket, no tea, or cater for yourselves.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, January 12th? Subscriptions for 1938 are now due.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, January 15th. See next week's 'R.W.' for full particulars.—G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting of the Wirral Branch will be held on Saturday, January 15th, in St. Saviour's Parish Hall, Storeton Road, Oxton. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 6 o'clock. Tea, meeting and social evening afterwards. We hope to have a good attendance of members.—Harry S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec., 30, South Hill Road, Birkenhead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church, January 15th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Reports to hand. Come and make this a successful meeting.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 15th. Service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Hon. P. J. Hepburn Scott, M.A., Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham. Tea in St. Paul's Parish Room 4.45. Tickets, 1s., must be applied for by January 11th. Usual ringing arrangements.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Giles', Camberwell, on Saturday, January 15th. Further particulars next week.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DEATH.

TAYLOR.—On December 25th, 1937, at Loughborough, Mary Elizabeth, daughter of the late John William Taylor, sen., bell founder, aged 82.

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