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EASTER MEETINGS.

The Easter meetings were this year of a very gratifying kind. For the most part they were attended by almost record numbers, and in the few cases where the gatherings failed to come up to expectations in point of attendance they certainly provided satisfactory evidence that the work of the past year has been one of steady advance all along the line. And, after all, while a big gathering at an annual meeting is an excellent indication of the vitality of a society, it is the progress spread over the whole year which forms the chief testimony as to whether an association is a really live one. In the case of the Hertford County Association, both the large attendance at the festival and the splendid progress which the Hon. Secretary was able to report testify to the growing enthusiasm and the uninterrupted advance which is being made in this well managed society. It is most interesting to notice how individual bands are forging ahead, and the promise of the future of the association is most encouraging. The Kent Association, holding its meeting in one corner of the county, failed to attract as large a gathering as usual, but the report of the Hon. Secretary showed what splendid work had been done during the year.

It was only to be expected that at many of the Easter meetings reference should be made to the new Parochial Church Councils. Thanks to the prompt warning given by Canon Baker, which roused the Exercise to action, and the unexpected intervention of Lord Phillimore, the proposed severance of the ties between ringers and incumbents was removed from the Councils (Powers) Bill, but the fact that the ringers are to remain under the control of the clergy, as they have been through the past centuries, does not remove the desirability of their being represented upon the Church Councils. The ringers are a not unimportant body of Church workers, and they should do their best at every church to see that they have representation upon the new Church authority, if only for the reason that some clergy, desiring voluntarily to place the management of everything connected with the personnel of the Church in the hands of the Council, or, at any rate, to consult it in all things, may be inclined to act, with regard to the ringers and ringing, upon the suggestions of the new authority. In such cases it is essential that the ringers' views should be heard, and therefore the warning uttered by numerous recent speakers, that ringers should see that they are placed upon the parochial electoral roll, and that one at least of their number in each parish is nominated for a seat on the Council, is not entirely unnecessary. Ringers are, for the most part, a slow-moving body, but here is a matter which seriously concerns them, and they should realise their responsibilities and act up to them.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.
On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5191 CHANCES:

Tenor 26 cwt.	
GEORGE ORCHARD Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS 7
FRANK COLE 2	WILLIAM HALL 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	ALFRED HANNIS 9
CHARLES J. GARDINER 4	WALTER FARLEY 10
THOMAS BALDWIN 5	JOHN F. BALLINGER 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	RUPERT SHARP Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

CHELMSFORD.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,
AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES:

Tenor 34 cwt.	
*HAROLD W. CLARK Treble	*JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
*JOHN THOMAS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	*WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9
*WILLIAM HEWETT 4	*ALBERT W. COLES 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	REuben SANDERS 11
ISAAC G. SHADE 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside' also first peal in the method in the county.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.
On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5021 CHANCES:

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.	
FRANK COLE Treble	HARRY SMITH 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 7
HERBERT SCRIVENS 3	GEORGE ORCHARD 8
WALTER FARLEY 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER 9
ALBERT WRIGHT 5	ALBERT SMITH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

CHELTHENHAM.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5017 CHANCES

Tenor 23 cwt.	
WILLIAM T. PATES Treble	HAROLD HOLFORD 6
GEORGE H. PHILLOTT 2	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 7
ALBERT W. HENPHRIES 3	GEORGE WALTERS 8
JOHN AUSTIN 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9
JESSE GILLET 5	WILLIAM W. BASTIN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)
On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES:

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.	
ARTHUR E. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
PERCIVAL W. CAVE 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 8
EDWIN J. RIDLER 4	GEORGE CONDICK, SEN. 9
HARRY BROWNJOHN 5	GEORGE CONDICK, JUN. Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BERFORD. Conducted by G. CONDICK, JUN.

**EPSON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb.

JOHN BEAMS Treble	JOHN WHITE... .. 6
*ARTHUR MASON 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 7
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN HOYLE... .. 8
THOMAS MILES 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
JOHN HOWES 5	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

First peal on the bells. Great credit is due to Mr. T. Miles who, in his 73rd year, rang perfectly throughout, his first peal in this tower being on April 23rd, 1869—the celebrated peal of four fathers and four sons. * First peal of Grandsire Caters.

**FULHAM, LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

*On Thursday, March 31, 1921, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble	GEORGE C. ILES 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 2	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
WILLIAM H. WOOD 3	ARTHUR HARDING 8
HORACE BELCHER 4	ALBERT W. COLES 9
WILLIAM E. JUDD 5	*PERCY E. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Mr. W. E. Judd was elected a member of the Middlesex County Association previous to starting for the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, March 25, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HENRY DANIELS Treble	CHARLES DYSON 5
WILLIAM HARRIS... .. 2	SAMUEL NEWMAN 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	THOMAS BALDWIN 7
JESSE GILLET 4	WILLIAM DRINKWATER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal was rung with the bells muffled. Grandsire was substituted after meeting short for Stedman Triples.

**FLEXTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, March 26, 1921, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD F. DEAL Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 2	SAMUEL WOOD 6
ROBERT J. DAVIES 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
SAMUEL GREENHALGH 4	WRIGHT JOHNSON... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Herbert Collier, a member of the local company, to Miss E. Podham. The band was subsequently entertained to tea at the home of the bride.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, March 26, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5
ALFRED B. PECK 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
ARTHUR MASON 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by KEITH HART.

**CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.**

(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, March 26, 1921, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

†REGINALD POLE... .. Treble	*SAMUEL SNELSON 5
†JAMES E. LILLEY 2	*ALBERT L. SHORT 6
†GEORGE W. BROWN 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. 4	WILLIAM D. WASE Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells, also on eight bells and first attempt. J. E. Lilley is only 13 years of age. He is the youngest ringer to ring a peal for the Salop Guild, in the county of Salop and the Hereford Diocese.

**GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

*On Easter Day, March 27, 1921, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
JOSEPH LAST... .. 2	ALBERT A. FLEMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
CHARLES E. FISHER 4	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

**PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

HARRY HALL Treble	CLEMENT J. MORE 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM C. REMSEY... .. 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. REMSEY.

**BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

HARRY OVERTON... .. Treble	JOHN W. DAVIES 5
FRANK FOX 2	ARTHUR NEWELL 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	*EDWIN VICKERS... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal and made a member of the Guild.

**TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	REV. W. R. INGHAM 5
HARRY F. HOLDING 2	HARRY OVERTON... .. 6
JOHN W. DAVIES... .. 3	ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 7
FRANK FOX 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by WM. SHIPWAY. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

**FRESTWICH, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL GREENHALGH. ... Treble	FREDERICK PAGE... .. 5
SAMUEL WOOD 2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN. 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, JUN.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HARRY PAGE... .. Treble	FREDERICK LASBURY 5
GEORGE WINES 2	JAMES CROSS... .. 6
WILLIAM BISS 3	TOM PAGE 7
FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN ... 4	WILLIAM PAGE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by H. PAGE.

First peal in the method by the ringers of 3 and 4, who hail from Cardiff. Rung as a birthday compliment for the conductor, and also for T. Page, jun., and Miss M. Page, son and daughter of the ringer of the tenor, and Miss Winnie Biss, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd. The conductor entertained the band after the peal.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.	Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.
CHARLES TRIBE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 2	WILLIAM WENBAN 6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 7
*CHARLES H. SONE 4	*OWEN HODGES Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
LEONARD J. WYMAN 2	GEORGE BASFORD 6
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 3	*JOHN R. MAIN 7
GEORGE LINES 4	WALTER PERKINS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell. First in the method on the bells.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM COOK Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 2	GEORGE COOK 6
ARTHUR MASON 3	ALFRED H. WINCH 7
ALFRED H. BROWN 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

100th peal for Surrey Association by A. H. Winch.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

LEONARD SHAW Treble	WILLIAM HARRISON 5
ALBERT HELLIWELL 2	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... 6
SAMUEL HARRISON 3	*GEORGE HILL 7
ARCHIE BREARLEY 4	*JOHN R. BREARLEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. R. BREARLEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells, and the first in the method ever rung in the county of Derbyshire. Rung as a memorial peal on the first anniversary of the death of the late Mr. David Brearley. All the band hail from Bolsterstone with the exception of George Hill from Hoylandswaine, and all owe their best thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for so kindly providing tea afterwards. No. 1477 of the Y.A.C.R. Report.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRONDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
FRED COLCLOUGH Treble	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 5
WALTER GRINSELL 2	JAMES ADAMS 6
BENJAMIN COUGH 3	JOHN A. BROWN 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD 4	THOMAS JUSTICE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. BROWN.

This peal was rung as the quarterly peal for the above Guild, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Fred Colclough, also in honour of his election as honorary Secretary to the above Guild. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Colclough, and wish to take this opportunity of expressing their sincere thanks to them for their kind hospitality.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
†CHARLES F. SAYER Treble	*FREDERICK WADE 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 2	ALFRED H. WATSON... .. 6
*EDGAR BAILEY 3	ERNEST LINCOLN 7
THOMAS BECKETT 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BORTON. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.

† First peal. * First peal of Major on tower bells. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor's 100th peal. Composition No. 116 C.C. Collection, and has only 5 and 6 in 6th's at course-ends.

BARNES, SURREY.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.) (SOUTHERN DIVISION.)
On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.
ERNEST H. COOK Treble	RALPH MACKRILL 5
*HARRY BARRETT 2	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... 6
FREDERICK H. CROOK ... 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... 7
WILLIAM H. WOOD 4	*JOHN WILLMOTT... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples, and first peal in the method on the bells.

POPLAR, E.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Two Hours Forty-two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.	Tenor 12 cwt.
THOMAS H. HAWKINS... .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
JOHN THOMAS 2	*WILLIAM H. DAYNES ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of Treble. * First peal of Stedman.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ in E.	
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble	WILLIAM TAYLOR 5
JAMES ARMSTRONG 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... 3	ROBERT SANDERSON ... 7
ARTHUR BAILEY 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by EDWARD ARMSTRONG.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. William Martin, father of the Branch Sec., who was interred at Walton-le-Dale on the above date.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*TRAYTON BOOTH Treble	FREDERICK I. LAMBERT 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	*THOMAS HOAD 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	*WILLIAM H. HOAD 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First attempt for a peal of Major. Mr. Booth, the captain of the local band, has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Four Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 7488 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ARTHUR CATTELL Treble	FRED STANFORTH 5
TOM TENBUTT 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 7
FRED WILFORD 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Longest peal on the bells and in this method by the Association. The composition with parted tenors has 22 courses each 648, 658, 678, and now rung 'in full' for first time. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and local company for having all in readiness for the peal.

BROMLEY, KENT
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ALFRED JAMES Treble	ARTHUR MASON 5
GEORGE DURLING 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
GEORGE F. JAMES 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	GEORGE HUXLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 29, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

BENJAMIN FORKETT Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	WILLIAM J. NEDDS 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	HARRY KILBY 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	GEORGE M. KILBY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

SAM THOMAS Treble	J. E. L. COCKEY 5
WILLIAM BURGAR 2	JAMES EVINSON 6
JOSEPH OSGUTHORPE 3	JAMES A. DIXON 7
FRANCIS WARD 4	CHARLES HAYNES Tenor

Composed by E. TAYLOR.

Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This peal was arranged for the 40th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, March 19th, 1881, but was unsuccessful. Messrs. W. Burgar and J. A. Dixon rang the same bells in both peals and the composition was also the same.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 19, 1921, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 4
ALBERT FLEMING... .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 4
WALTER PERKINS 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE... .. 5
LEONARD J. WYMAN 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(NOTTINGHAM BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS HORTON... .. Treble	JOHN W. KIRTON... .. 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	HENRY CLOXTON... .. 5
ARTHUR WARD 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who is a native of East Bridgford, and whose first attempt it was to ring a peal.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.

THE ELY AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, March 28, 1921, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, in 10 different callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE BOSWORTH ... Treble	THOMAS TOWNSEND 4
FRANK W. LACK 2	THOMAS H. TOWNSEND 5
DONALD SMITH 3	GEORGE FRANKLIN Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TOWNSEND.

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

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 30, 1921, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS ... Treble	†JACK SADDINGTON 4
*RONALD F. LAWRENCE ... 2	†ERNEST PALMER... .. 5
†R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 3	CECIL CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by CECIL CHAPMAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor on an inside bell.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 31, 1921, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 120's called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*RONALD F. LAWRENCE ... Treble	JACK SADDINGTON 3
MATT. HOBBS 2	R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE 4
CECIL CHAPMAN Tenor	

Conducted by MATT HOBBS.

* First peal of Doubles.

ANCIENT LONDON BELLS RESTORED.

THE PEAL AT ST. ANDREW'S, HOLBORN.

The famous bells of St. Andrew's, Holborn, were reopened, after thorough restoration, on Sunday morning, and, in the opinion of those competent to judge, now form one of the noblest peals in London. The ceremony was incorporated in the morning service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Edwin Bedford, M.A. The sermon was preached by the Rector of St. Clement Danes (the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, M.A.). After the reading of the second lesson, the clergy, preceded by the choir, proceeded to the west end of the church, where the dedicatory prayers were read, followed by a short touch on the bells by eight members of the London County Association, under the leadership of the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender). — The Rector, in his address, reviewed in a most interesting manner the history of bells, the growth of change ringing, and the increase of bell restoration work, remarking upon the great work and reforms carried out all over the country by the Change Ringing Associations. He mentioned that St. Andrew's had especial interest for him as the neighbouring parish, and especially owing to the many points in common between the two churches. The restoration of the two buildings was carried out under the supervision of the same architect, Sir Christopher Wren, their previous organs were built by the same man, their Communion tables were of similar design, and each tower possessed a Sanctus bell cast by Robert Mot, of the Whitechapel Foundry, the one at St. Clement's dated 1588, and that at St. Andrew's, 1587. Lastly, both rings of bells had been restored by the same eminent firm.

At the conclusion of the service, the bells were rung to various methods, including Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob.

The bells are a peal of eight (tenor 27 cwt.) in the key of C sharp, and were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1731. They were a recast of a former ring, and it is known that bells were rung in this tower to celebrate the victory of Agincourt.

When the existing bells were hung in 1731, they were put back into the old framework, which was altered and rebuilt to accommodate the recast ring. When the present restoration was taken in hand by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the tenor and 5th were found to be cracked in the crown, and the old framework in too poor a condition to satisfactorily carry the bells. The tenor and 5th have now been recast, the other bells cleaned of all corrosion, and the whole ring tuned and rehung with entirely new fittings and framework. The bells are hung with iron headstocks, and the bearings are of new grease retaining type. The framework is a massive cast iron structure, mounted on a foundation of steel girders, the foundation being amply cross braced to form one unit, and the whole frame is perfectly rigid. The 'go' was very favourably commented upon, and the tone of the bells, after their cleaning and tuning, was considered to be exceptionally fine, especially the recast tenor, and many who were present were of the opinion that the bells constituted the finest eight in London.

Arrangements are being made to have the bells regularly rung for Sunday services.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

SUFFOLK BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The first annual meeting of the Suffolk Branch of the Norwich and Ipswich Association was held at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Dinner was served at Day's Restaurant, followed by a business meeting, presided over by the Rev. Canon H. A. Douglas-Hamilton (Vicar of St. Mary-le-Tower), who was supported by the Rev. W. Pearson (Henley), Rev. H. Drake (Ufford), Rev. W. B. Lilley (Bramford), Rev. C. A. Barnes (St. Matthew's, Ipswich), Mr. E. F. Hollamby, Mr. J. Mott, (Ringing Master), Mr. E. Evans (Branch Secretary), Messrs. F. C. Lambert, C. E. Fisher and Wm. Rose (District Secretaries), etc.

The Secretary reported that since the adoption of the branch scheme by the Association, general meetings had been held at Henley, Woodbridge and Leiston. Meetings for practice had been held at 24 towers. Since the last general meeting the brothers Bailey, of Leiston, had added to their long list of performances double-handed peals of Stedman Caters, the first by five brothers in any Association. The Company at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, had rung a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal and one of Maximus, thus being the first in post war to score a peal in this method on 12 bells, and they were now looking forward to scoring a peal of Double Norwich Maximus. The Association closed the year 1920 with a membership of 990, and a total of 178 peals, of which number Suffolk could claim 111. It was a matter for congratulation that the proposed inclusion of bell ringers in Clause 6, Section 3, of the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Bill was not carried, and that they were still under the control of clergy in charge of parishes, who alone could withhold permission for the bells to be rung.

The retiring officers were elected en bloc: the Revs. Hamilton, Barnes, Lilley and Powell, with Mr. E. F. Hollamby, were elected honorary members, and Messrs. Ward, Berry, Botwright, Smith, Ling, Field, Lee and Thompson ringing members.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION AND THE ASSOCIATION'S FINANCES.

Despite the inclement weather prevailing on Easter Monday, the annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association at Burgess Hill was well attended by a fairly representative gathering. The musical ring of eight was kept going during the afternoon and evening in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise. A bright service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. B. Jameson, M.A.), who, choosing as his text, Numbers x. 7, 'When the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow,' recalled the use of the silver trumpet for assembling the children of Israel, which office was performed solely by the priest as being one of a very high order. So, too, was the office of the church bell ringer to-day. The preacher emphasised the need for ringing the bells for Divine service in a frame of mind suited to the occasion; and pointed out the far-reaching effects of this branch of church service.

After a collection in aid of the Benevolent Fund, the organist gave a brief, but greatly appreciated, recital on the fine-toned instrument, of which the church is justly proud.

Tea, generously provided by those interested in the ringing locally, was served in the Parish Hall, and was enjoyed by a company of some forty persons, the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. J. Emerson, the churchwarden. Addressing the gathering at the conclusion of the meal, the Vicar said he was desirous of expressing his appreciation of the honour which he felt the association had given to his parish in holding the annual meeting of the Central Division there. He sincerely hoped it would encourage the local band (sadly depleted by the war) to push on to greater things, and that they would have the pleasure of again welcoming the association at Burgess Hill.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in granting the use of the bells and conducting the service, and to the churchwarden for his kindness in arranging tea, was passed with acclamation.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman), supported by the Rev. Cecil H. Clarke, of Chiddingly. Messrs. Geo. Masters and Alfred Gander, of Hurstpierpoint, were elected new members. The election of the following members was then confirmed: Messrs. P. J. Spice, Bromley, Kent; A. J. Trapitt, Wallington, Surrey; A. Mason, West Croydon. The following officers were re-elected: Mr. A. D. Stone (hon. secretary), and Messrs. R. J. Dawe, E. C. Merritt and Wm. Watts (committee).

A statement of the division's accounts was then read by the secretary, showing the receipts £27 0s. 10d., and expenditure £12 10s. 4d. The balance (£14 10s. 6d.) had been paid over to the general hon. treasurer, together with £1 9s. 9d. for the Benevolent Fund.

The last item of the agenda was the consideration of the financial position of the association.—After lengthy discussion, Mr. Markwell (Henfield) proposed: 'That no increase should be made in the amount of subscription, but that the paying of expenses for district meetings should be discontinued henceforth.'—Mr. E. Bish (Ditchling) seconded, and the motion was carried nem. con. The meeting also considered that the opinion of all members on this vital question should be sought and raised at the annual meeting.

Ringing in the tower was then resumed until eight o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal. The following towers were represented: Aldington, Brighton (St. Peter's), Cuckfield, Chiddingly, Ditchling, Hurstpierpoint, Lindfield, Lewes, Shoreham, and the local branch.

WESTERN DIVISION MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Shoreham on Saturday last, 23 members being present from Brighton, Heene, Steyning, Henfield, Seaford, Pulborough, Billingshurst, Kirdford and the local band. The methods practised ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major. The members attended a service, at which an address was given by the Rev. Holmes Gore, Vicar of Shoreham. An excellent tea was kindly provided by the Vicar at Mr. Street's restaurant. At the meeting which followed the Vicar took the chair, and was elected an hon. member. Mr. Kitchenier, of Kirdford, and Mr. Griffiths, of Hove, were elected active members. Mr. A. W. Groves was re-elected hon. secretary, Messrs. Norris, Stalham and Doick were appointed on the committee.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Kirdford on June 18th.

A discussion took place as to raising the annual subscription by 50 per cent., and on the motion of Mr. H. Stalham, the secretary was asked to circularise each tower to find out through the local secretaries the views of each member, so that the matter can be settled at the general meeting to be held at Brighton on May 1st next.

On the motion of Mr. E. C. Merritt, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for presiding, for the use of the bells, and also for providing the excellent tea.

The Rev. Holmes Gore having suitably responded, a move was again made to the belfry and the bells kept going till 9 p.m., every one agreeing it had been an excellent meeting.

HINTS FOR BEGINNERS.

It is just as well that those who are starting into change ringing with my notes as a guide should have time to digest what I have to say and put into practice the suggestions I have to make. To give them ample opportunity, therefore, to get off the mark, as it were, I will turn my attention this week to one or two subjects which have been raised by correspondents, whose letters the Editor has passed on to me. One writer, speaking of the highly instructive article by Mr. J. W. Parker which appeared recently, suggests that more attention should be given to touches of Stedman Triples containing odd bobs and touches which contain singles. He remarks that there are many ringers who, when a single is called, have symptoms of what the late Master of the Oxford Guild used to term 'single fever,' simply because touches of Stedman Triples containing singles are so seldom rung.

There is a good deal of truth in this last remark. I can remember occasions when at Association meetings Stedman Triples has been rung, but the touch has come to grief by the call of a single, which has left those concerned absolutely floundering. I also recall an incident in the early days of my ringing when, on approaching the half-peal, the Conductor gave the warning, 'Look out for the single.' Nothing, I should imagine, could be more calculated to upset a band than this—at any rate, it put all of us into a fluster, and it only needed the single itself to put an end to our peal.

Now, for those who get nervous over singles, a bit of practice is the best remedy, and for this purpose it is not necessary to have specially composed touches. There is quite a simple way of getting this practice, and although it does not follow that the touches will all be true, that is a matter of little importance in this case. If, instead of any pair of bobs in a touch, the conductor will call a brace of singles, he will give his ringers experience in this feature of the method, and his touches will run round at the same length as if all bobs were called. The reason, of course, is simple, a single reverses the bells dodging in 6-7 (in Triples) and another single at the next six-end puts them back into their original coursing order.

As to the singles themselves, they are not really very difficult, even for a beginner in the method. The only bell that does strange work is the one dodging in 6-7 down. He makes a whole-pull in 6th's, at back and hand stroke over the bell making 5th's, and dodges up, with the bell he had previously been dodging down with. For the rest, the bell dodging in 4-5 up makes 5th's and dodges in 4-5 down as at a bob, and the bell in 6-7 up lies a whole pull behind and dodges in 6-7 down as at a plain six. The difficulty most beginners experience is in knowing whether they are quick

or slow after a single. As a matter of fact, a single does not affect the way you go into the front work. If you would have been a quick bell without the single you will be a quick bell with it; and if you would have been a slow bell without it you will be a slow bell with it—exactly as if a pair of bobs had been called.

This is the letter which I have received from another correspondent: 'I have read your "Hints for Beginners" in "The Ringing World" with great interest, and particularly where you invite ringers, who are in any difficulty to write to you and seek your help. I will state exactly my position, and then you will know how great are my difficulties. Our parish war memorial is to be in the form of a peal of eight tubular bells, to be hung in one of our parish church turrets, and I am ambitious enough to want to ring these bells, and to make a good job of it. (The bells arrived yesterday and are to be fixed very soon.) I have taken the "Ringing World" for a few weeks, and have visited two bellfries, etc., and chatted with a few bell ringers, but I am still quite at sea with such terms as "Bob Major," "Grandsire Triples," etc., neither can I read the "useful touches for service ringers." I don't know what the letters "W," "B" and "H" mean. Of course, the ringing of our bells is to be a "one-man job," and I want to do it well. I am looking forward eagerly to the time when I can ring our bells, and picture myself ringing changes, tunes, etc. There seems to be endless possibilities in ringing a peal of eight bells, all to oneself.'

I do not want to discourage my friend, but I may as well tell him here and now, that, unless he is an Elijah Roberts or an Arthur Morris, what he seeks, 'can't be done.' First, you cannot 'ring' tubular bells; you can only chime them. Then, there is no royal road to a knowledge of change ringing, and what he desires to achieve on tubular bells can only be attained by years of study and practice. I would suggest to him that he should, as a start, get hold of a few musical changes for chiming, and devote his energies with the tubes to tune playing. But he is enthusiastic, and should not let his enthusiasm be wasted entirely on chiming tubular bells, which are no more like the real thing than a barrel organ is like a piano. He should join a change ringing band in his own neighbourhood and avail himself of the practices there in order first to learn to handle a bell and afterwards to study the art. He would get guidance from his comrades in the belfry, and text books and these notes would help him along. All in good time he would know the meaning of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, and the precise interpretation of 'W,' 'B' and 'H.' But whatever happens to the tubular bells, this enthusiast ought not to be lost to the Exercise, and, as he desires to remain anonymous, I can only urge him to make the first approach to a neighbouring band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Cumberland Youths held their annual dinner on Saturday, and the gathering was most successful and enjoyable. Mr. J. D. Matthews, the Master, presided, and there was a company of about 70. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Next Tuesday is the twelfth anniversary of the record tower bell peal, the 18027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 12 hrs. 18 mins., on Easter Monday, April 12th, 1909.

The East Berks and South Bucks Association of Ringers began with two towers in 1877—Boynes Hill and Farnham Royal—and were connected up by Burnham, about midway between the two. There are some four or five original members still living, including its first president, Canon Drummond.

The wife of the present branch president is the daughter of the first secretary, the late Rev. F. S. Marshall, Rector of Farnham Royal, whose son is now Vicar of Fulham.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild War Memorial Fund stands at about £50, and £76 is needed. Nine towers of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch have so far responded to the call for funds—all the Bucks with the exception of two. Buck up, the Berks.

Forty years on! It's a long time, but Messrs. William Bargar and J. A. Dixon, of Sheffield, must have had a thrill of satisfaction in taking part, each on the same bell as in 1881, in a peal at Rammoor to celebrate the 40th anniversary of 'the first on the bells.' We hope they will be able to take part in a jubilee peal.

But interesting as is this performance, Mr. T. Miles, who rang his first peal at the Parish Church, Epsom, on April 23rd, 1889, when the band comprised four fathers and four sons, has gone one better than the Sheffield's men's achievement, by ringing in the first peal on the new ring of ten at his parish church 52 years later. He is very hale despite his 72 years, and finished perfectly fresh.

Another 'game' youngster who hopes to be ringing peals at the age of 100, has just demonstrated how much vitality a man can have at 67½. Leaving Birmingham at 11.25 a.m. on Saturday, he rung the 10th to a peal of Treble Twelve at Waltham Abbey, Essex, in the evening; caught the midnight train from London, lost an hour on the way owing to summer-time, reached Birmingham at 4.15 a.m., and put in a full day's service ringing on Sunday. We need scarcely add that this enthusiast was Mr. James George.

The first peal of College Single Major in Derbyshire was rung on Easter Monday, at Dore, as a memorial peal to the late Mr. David Brearley.

Mr. H. Middleton, of Norton, who was one of the band that put up the Stedman Cinques record of 11,111 changes, is, we are pleased to say, now out of hospital, and progressing favourably after his serious illness.

James E. Lilley, son of C. R. of that ilk, has rung his first peal at the age of 13 years. He is the youngest ringer to ring a peal for the Salop Guild, and in the Diocese of Hereford. The band are anxious to know if he is the youngest member of the Exercise to ring a peal. There have certainly been younger ringers of peals on handbells, and, we believe, also on church bells. No doubt some of our readers can furnish us with exact particulars.

It is not always the peal which scores the highest number of points that is the most meritorious. There is much credit in the performance of the band at Great Staughton, Hunts, recorded this week. It is only a peal of Grandsire Doubles, but it was the first peal by all the band and the first attempt, and in addition was the first peal on the bells. No matter what heights these men attain to in the future, they are never likely to ring a sweeter peal than this.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Central District was held on Easter Monday at Streatham. Ringing was enjoyed at the Churches of St. Leonard and Immanuel during the afternoon and evening, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise.—Service was attended by the members at Immanuel Church, and included an inspiring and instructive address by the Vicar.

The usual business meeting was held in the Mission Room close by, and was presided over by the Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett), supported by the Vicar and his warden, who both responded to the vote of thanks, proposed by the Master.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Banstead, in July.—One honorary and three ringing members were elected.

**ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.**

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A RECORD ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Leicester was the rendezvous for the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Easter Monday, and visitors poured into the city from an early hour. As St. Martin's bells (10) were appropriated by their company for peal ringing, members of the association made their way to other towers, where no restriction existed. St. Saviour's, St. John-the-Divine, St. Mark's and St. Peter's, Belgrave, were all available, and were soon occupied. Being near to the Midland Railway Station, the bells of St. John's were in great requisition, everything from Grandsire to London Surprise and Bristol being on the bill of fare. Although the M.C.A. embraces four counties, ringers came from as far as Lincoln, London, Birmingham, and at one time quite a queue was waiting to get 'into possession.' However, all were eventually served, the holiday spirit was in the air, and the music of the bells was appreciated by a holiday public. The afternoon found the new hall-room of the 'Bell Hotel' crowded for tea. About 150 had sent in their names, but 193 turned up, which number constitutes a record for an annual meeting of the M.C.A.

Nearly all the local clergy honoured the meeting by their presence, including the Ven. Archdeacon Macnutt, of St. Martin's; the Rev. S. White, M.A., Vicar of St. John's; the Rev. F. C. Payne, M.A., St. Margaret's; the Rev. W. S. Warren, of St. Mary's; the Rev. J. Disney, M.A., Belgrave, and others.

The general meeting immediately followed, the President, Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P., occupying the post of honour, supported by Mrs. Chambers, the clergy, and officers of the association. Apologies were received from the Bishop of Peterborough, the Mayor of Leicester, and others.

The President congratulated the members on the record financial year just concluded, and recorded in the report, which, with the statement of accounts, was adopted nem. con. Reference was made to St. Margaret's peal of ten bells now in Loughborough foundry awaiting rehanging, and possibly recasting, and, an appeal being made for help by the chairman, and supported by the Vicar of St. Margaret's, it was decided to take up a retiring collection. The bells of St. Mary's (8), also condemned, were mentioned, and it is hoped these may speedily be overhauled and rehung. The estimated cost of £600 is, however, prohibitive at the present moment.

The voting for four delegates to the Central Council then took place, and while the counting was being carried out, a humorous speech by the Archdeacon filled the bill. The result of the polling was later declared by the chairman as returning officer, viz.: Mr. W. Willson, Leicester, 85; Ald. R. B. Chambers, Derby, 83; Mr. P. Taylor, Loughborough, 59; Mr. J. Griffin, Burton, 50.

There were eleven 'starters' for the 'Central Council Stakes,' and among the 'also rans' were Messrs. Dexter, Morris, Gobe, Chapman, Coppock, White and Kirkby. The elected members returned thanks, and the rest of the business was of a formal nature, and the members returned to the towers for ringing until 8 p.m. Subsequently they re-assembled at the Bell Hotel for a smoking concert, organised by the local branch. It may be mentioned in passing, that the president kindly defrayed the expense of the room for the 'smoker,' a fact greatly appreciated by the members. Some of the Leicester Amateur Musical and Dramatic Society kindly gave their services, assisted by some talented members of the M.C.A., viz.: Mr. A. Coppock (baritone), Mr. J. Jackson (humorist), Mr. T. H. Hardy (basso), Miss Winnie Willson (soprano), Mr. Humphreys (comic), and others. Mr. T. H. Hardy, A.V.C.M., was the pianist. Among the various items of interest was course of Stedman Cinques in hand by W. Willson 1-2, S. Cotton 3-4, G. Cleal 5-6, Albert Walker (Birmingham) 7-8, A. Norman (Birmingham) 9-10, J. George 11-12. Ten o'clock came all too soon, but it was undoubtedly a meeting to be proud of, and a huge success, the local committee feeling that their labours were not in vain.

Forty-two new members were elected, including His Grace the Duke of Argyll. The next meetings will be as follows: Duffield in June. Hinckley in September. Basford-Bulwell in January next, while the annual meeting in 1922 is booked for Burton-on-Trent.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held at Monmouth on Easter Monday, when a goodly number of ringers attended from towers throughout the diocese. The bells, a ring of 8, by Rudhall, with tenor about 20 cwt., were available all day, and good use was made of them, touches in a variety of methods being rung. It was the first occasion upon which ladies had taken part in ringing on the bells, and consequently the locals were very interested in seeing the two Rumney ladies taking part in Triples.

The business meeting in the afternoon was presided over by Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

Ten, very kindly provided by the local church authorities, was partaken of at the Dorothy Cafe. Considering the isolated position of Monmouth, which is situated at the extreme end of the diocese, the meeting ranks as one of the best.

The next meeting will be held at Pontypridd, to be followed with one at Magor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

GREAT ADVANCE IN 1920.

In accordance with the practice that has now prevailed for a good many years, the annual festival of the Hertford County Association took place at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The gathering was as popular as ever, one speaker remarking at the meeting that it was one of the best in the country.

Canon Parnell (Vicar of Abbot's Langley) preached at a special service held in connection with the festival at the Cathedral. At the conclusion of the service, a party of bell ringers, comprising Messrs. H. and W. Hodgetts, F. W. Brinklow, H. Eden, Challis, F. Winney and Maurice Hibbert rang a course of Stedman Cinques in the choir of the Cathedral. It was an excellent performance, the beauty of tone of the bells and the precision of the striking were a revelation to many ringers, and especially to other members of the congregation.

An excellent tea was provided at the Abbey Institute by Messrs. Slater, of St. Albans, and was partaken of by a party of about 100. Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham presided, and amongst others present were: The Dean of St. Albans, Canon Parnell, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, the Rev. G. M. Edmonds, Messrs. E. N. Wix, L. Head, J. Prewett, E. P. Debenham (hon. treasurer) and G. W. Cartmel (hon. secretary). There were also representatives from St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, King's Langley, Bushey, Hertford, North Mymms, Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead, Tring, Ware, Hatfield, Edmonton, Fulham, Southgate, Barlow, Little Munden, Oxhey, and various other places.

The President (Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham) presided at the annual meeting, and in opening the proceedings, remarked on the number of ringers present, and said how pleased he was to see so many familiar faces, mentioning especially Mr. C. F. Winney.

The following were elected members: Messrs. Cecil Edwards, C. Siggers, H. Wilds (Great Munden), F. Dollimore, J. W. Lane (King's Langley), F. Peters (St. Albans), F. Nash, R. Tyler (North Mymms), A. R. Elkins (Aston Clinton), on the proposition of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. Debenham. Mr. E. N. Wix, of St. Albans, became an honorary member.

The Hon. Treasurer moved the adoption of the accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £10 8s. 5d., and £15 15s. 9d., held by the Society in 5 per cent. war stock. The subscriptions for ringing, honorary, and life members, amounted to £30 17s.—Mr. F. Smith seconded, and the accounts were accepted.

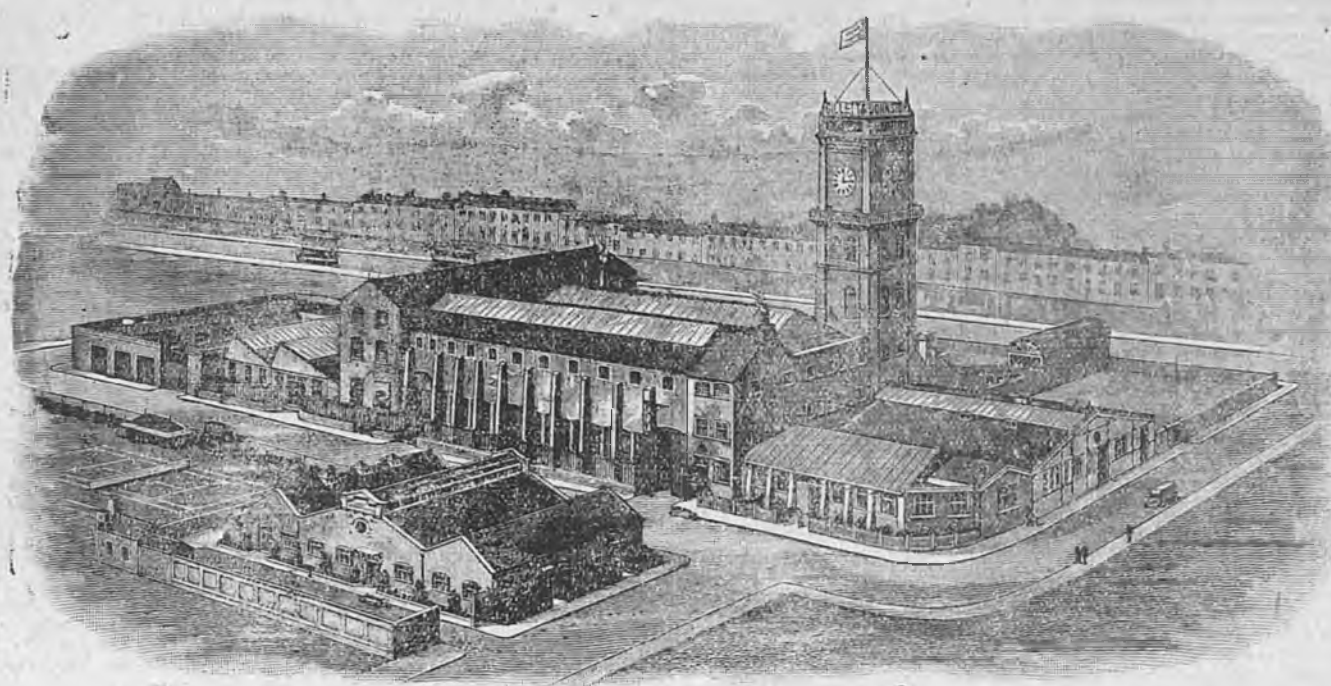
THE YEARS' WORK.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, said: The conditions of ringing throughout the county show great advance, and one notices not only the increased number of men who ring advanced methods, but also the progress almost every band has made since our last annual gathering. Approximately our membership is 521. Thirty-five peals have been rung during the year, and including the omission of a Minor peal from my last report, rung at Great Wymondley, makes a total of 36. They have been rung in 24 different towers by 128 different ringers, including one lady. Thirteen have rung their first peal, and many others have rung their first in a variety of methods. The peals comprise: London Surprise 1, Erin Triples 1, Stedman Caters 1, Stedman Triples 5, Grandsire Triples 6, Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 2, Superlative Surprise 2, Forward Major (first by the Association, and first in the county) 1, Minor 1, Doubles 3. Speaking of individual performances, one notices the first peal of Erin Triples rung by the association, by the Bushey Society. When we consider that the peal contained 360 bobs and 98 singles, 458 calls altogether, some praise is due to the conductor, Mr. Maurice Hibbert, and I am sure we compliment him upon the achievement, also upon ringing his hundredth peal. The Hitchin band, assisted by Great Wymondley, have made considerable advance, and they have added to their credit a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, the first peal by ex-service men resident in the county. It was the first peal in the method by all, the first peal they had rung upon eight bells, and the first by all in the method. Twenty years ago the Hitchin band could only ring one method, to-day it is competent to ring six, and some are attacking Superlative. Another commendable feature of this band is they have set out to ring a quarter-peal once a month for Sunday service. You will also notice the excellent progress made by the Great Wymondley band, several having rung peals. The Royston Society have also scored their first peal, at the third attempt, and other records I am informed are to follow. Instruction is being given to St. Ippolyte's band, and it is hoped to introduce change ringing at Offley, when the rehanging of the bells is completed. Baldock bells are in the bellhanger's hands, and when finished we shall again hear from them. There is a 'hum' in the whole of the Northern District, and we congratulate those who are forging ahead. At Hertford and St. Albans, Stedman Caters are now rung, and, I trust, that during the year both the All Saints' and St. Peter's bands will ring a local peal in this method. It can be done, and I hope our president will have the honour of calling the first local peal of Stedman Caters in St. Albans. King's Langley have rung their first quarter-peal of

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THE CROYDON
BELL FOUNDRY
1921.

Hertford County Association.—Continued.

Grandsire Triples, which spells a peal in 1921 if I mistake not, and Hemel Hempstead and Tring have accomplished some creditable performances. The Cathedral Society, on the authority of its conductor, can now ring 24 different methods, and although no eight bell peals have been rung by the band during the year in the city, they have visions ahead. Our five and six bell towers have been going ahead, as testified by the peal list. The Luton band has also forged ahead, and now ring Superlative for both morning and evening services. The Harpenden band has made splendid progress, and is now capable of ringing creditably some of the higher methods. It is difficult to particularise on the accomplishments of the various bands, and although I have singled out a few for special reference, I realise that every band is doing its level best to advance the cause for which our association was established. Much has been written about the future of 'The Ringing World,' and we heartily congratulate the Editor upon his forward movement, not only of increasing its pages, but adding several new features. I appeal with confidence to our members that they will strongly support the venture, and use every endeavour to raise the circulation. The Sunday Service page is a capital addition.

RINGERS AT PAROCHIAL COUNCILS.

Lord Phillimore's argument for the ringers, quite unexpected, at the National Assembly, was sufficient to secure the alteration in the Act, foreshadowed by Canon Baker's amendment, and we can now breathe freely again. The ringers of the land prefer to trust the clergy, whom they know as their friends, than run risks with unknown Parochial Church Councilors, however good their credentials. The whole exercise are grateful to Canon Baker for pointing out the defect and bringing it to the notice of the Central Council through the medium of the 'Ringing World.' Every ringer who is eligible should see that his or her name is inscribed upon the Electoral Roll of the Parish Church Councils, and that also he has his representative on the Committee. The National Assembly Act is the layman's franchise, a measure conceived with high motives, and it rests with us whether we make or mar its efficiency. Since our last gathering we have lost by death: Messrs. Henry Lewis, of St. Albans, and Oliver Twist, of Walthamstow. Mr. Lewis joined the Association at its inception, and retained an enthusiastic interest in everything pertaining to its success. He was twice elected president, which was an honour he fully appreciated. He was a singularly happy man, especially when associated with ringers, and he loved to tell at this meeting his ringing yarns, which many of us still remember. He lived a straight life, and rung a true course, and the many happy friendships that linked him with this Association were to him a precious heritage. Mr. Oliver Twist had also been called to his rest. He had been a member for many years, and seldom missed our annual meeting. He was passionately fond of ringing, and the Walthamstow Society will sorely miss him. To his sorrowing wife and family we extend heartfelt sympathy. Two other St. Albans ringers, stalwarts in the early days, have also heard the ringers' call, 'this is all.' I refer to Messrs. A. Godman and Thomas Waller. Both in their day and generation did good service in fostering change ringing, when ringers were few, but retired from active ringing some years back. We gratefully acknowledge all that they did for the cause. Mr. Thomas Conley, of St. Albans, still puts in a most regular attendance in the belfry, and although the sunshine of nearly 85 summers has smiled upon his fortunes, he is still young enough to ring over a thousand of Grandsire Caters, a feat he accomplished a fortnight ago.

DIVISION OF WESTERN DISTRICT.

I would remind you that there are still a few towers in the county where change ringing is not practised. If a cycling or other party could visit some of these towers during the summer months definite results might follow. As regards the districts, the committee discussed the question at its last meeting, and came to the unanimous conclusion that it would be advisable to further split the Western District into two, the Watford to comprise Watford, Oxhey, Rickmansworth, Bushey, Aldenham, Elstree, Abbots Langley and Langleybury, and the new Western district King's Langley, Barkhamstead, Tring, Hemel Hempstead, Northchurch, Apsley End, Great Gaddesden. Mr. F. J. Reeves, of Tring, a man keenly alive to the interests of change ringing, is prepared to undertake the secretarial duties, so success is assured from the beginning. The committee felt that the excessive railway fares in this neighbourhood interfered seriously with attendance at district meetings, and the method suggested will give our Western friends an opportunity of meeting more frequently with neighbouring bands. The district secretaries still continue their effective work. Mr. H. Eden (Western Division) has arranged two meetings at Watford; also meetings at Tring and Hemel Hempstead. Mr. F. R. Bacon has managed to fix up six meetings, at five of which he has persuaded the respective vicars to have a short service with address. This is most encouraging, and is well worthy of imitation, when possible, in other divisions. Mr. W. H. Lawrence has had three meetings at Broxbourne, Hemmington and Edmonton, the last being held by invitation of the Edmonton Band. I would here acknowledge the Association's indebtedness to the Edmonton Band for their great kindness in providing tea and giving the mem-

bers such a hearty welcome. This band has been associated with us for many years, and we feel that this kindly act is evidence of the true fellowship that exists among ringers of to-day. Mr. W. Nash, for St. Albans Division, has been busy in arranging quarterly meetings at Hatfield, North Mymms, Wheathampstead and Sandridge. At district meetings we are nearly always strongly supported by our non-resident members, distance seeming only to accentuate their enthusiasm. The estimate of their services at these gatherings cannot be adequately expressed; but we are all very grateful to them. To the district secretaries I would offer the thanks of the Association for their unstinted labours. I would emphasise the importance of district meetings, and urge the members' attendance when possible. The success of the society depends upon these well organised gatherings. The social element increases enthusiasm, and many young ringers receive an impetus to attempt greater things. I am sure you heartily join with me in thanking them for all they have done. And I would not forget the secretaries of the various towers who collect and forward the annual subscriptions.

THANKS.

Thanks were also given in the report to the Rev. Canon Mills, Rev. W. H. T. N. Rainey and Mr. Fowler, who had kindly provided teas at district meetings; to Mr. J. Prewett, who had again audited the accounts; to Mr. Livermore, the librarian; to the ringers of the course of Stedman Cinques at the service; and to the incumbents for the use of the bells, not only at that annual meeting, but at all other times, whether for practice, peals, or district meetings; also to the honorary members for their monetary support, including the Bishop of St. Albans, who had become a life member.

'To-day,' concluded Mr. Cartmel, 'our Association stands in a high state of efficiency, and I do not remember any year that I have seen such a forward movement in evidence. Upon us individually rests the responsibility that our membership means increased efficiency in our ringing, both in striking and method, so that we may still go forward. But that efficiency will be minimised unless we realise the true position of our high calling. We are called not only to this branch of church work here below, but we are called to be fellow workers with God in the extension of His Kingdom. May everyone here to-day realise that insistent call, and place their services upon the highest plane, so that in the daily round and the common task we may, as each Sabbath comes round, join not only in the ringing in the tower, but in the worship and singing in the pew.'

The report was adopted on the motion of the Rev. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, seconded by Mr. Barnes (Reddish).

The election of officers was as follows: President, Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham; hon. treasurer, Mr. E. P. Debenham; hon. secretary, Mr. G. W. Cartmel; representative on Central Council, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake; hon. auditor, Mr. J. Prewett; hon. librarian, Mr. E. J. Livermore; hon. district secretaries, northern division, Mr. F. R. Bacon; eastern, Mr. W. H. Lawrence; Watford, Mr. H. Eden; western, Mr. F. J. Reeves; St. Albans, Mr. W. Nash.

Thanks were accorded Canon Parnell for his excellent address, and to the Dean and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's, for the use of the bells.

The Secretary desires to express his indebtedness to those who attended the meeting and contributed to its success either by helping weaker members to ring some advanced method for the first time, by attending the service in such strong force, or by providing the jolly good fellowship so evident at the tea and meeting. Thanks also are tendered to the various steeplekeepers.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF THE ISLAND BRANCH.**

The first meeting of the newly-formed Isle of Wight district took place at Shanklin on Easter Monday, where 22 members and visitors had a very enjoyable day's ringing. The first part of the proceedings was an attempt for Holt's ten-part peal, by: G. Williams (North Stoneham), conductor 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Johnson 3, W. Scott, junr., 4, J. B. Williamson 5, F. W. Rogers 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8. After 1½ hours' excellent ringing this unfortunately came to grief owing to a shift course just before the half peal end. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, also rounds, were afterwards indulged in.

Tea, at the invitation of the Shanklin band, was heartily enjoyed at 4 p.m. The business meeting followed, at which it was proposed to invite the Bishop of Southampton to become the first president of the district.—The Rev. M. A. Bere, Vicar of St. Saviour's, was elected a vice-president, and it was proposed to ask the Vicars of Ryde, Brading, Newport, Carisbrooke & Whitwell, also to become vice-presidents.

Each tower was left to elect its own representative to the Central Committee, with Mr. W. Upton district secretary.

It is hoped to have the next meeting at Carisbrooke (if the bells are back in time from the founders), and another on August Bank Holiday at Freshwater.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. M. A. Bere for the use of the bells, the Shanklin ringers for their hospitality, and to Mr. Geo. Williams, the Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, for his interest, help and attendance, concluded a very successful meeting.

A Page for Sunday Service Ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—On Sunday afternoon, April 3rd, at St. Michael's Church, with the bells half-muffled, on the occasion of dedication of the town War Memorial, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. M. White 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, H. J. Tucker 3, H. Dew 4, W. T. Prior 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, C. Ridgwell 8.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.—Essex Association.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for the morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 25 mins.: H. Bacon (Ardleigh) first in the method, 1; J. Bowell (Great Bromley) 2, A. Catterwell (Lower Herkesley) 3, E. Eady (Thorpe-le-Soken) 4, J. Souter (Misley) 5, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley) (conductor) 6.

After service 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Bacon 1, J. Bowell 2, J. Souter 3, E. Eady 4, W. J. Nevard 5, A. Catterwell (conductor) 6. Also course Double Bob: G. A. Andrews, jun., on treble, and his first attempt in Double Court.

WILLESDEN GREEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, April 3rd, 1921, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,260) Grandsire Triples, in 42 minutes: A. French 1, T. Newman (conductor) 2, H. Kilby 3, W. G. Matthews 4, C. V. Ebberson 5, A. Tennant 6, G. M. Kilby 7, R. Kilby 8.

EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, 784 Bob Major, in 34 minutes. For evening service, 1,008 changes in the same method, in 41 minutes: Wm. Cook 1, Benson Douglas 2, Bonn. Douglas 3, J. J. Spedding 4, Wm. Douglas 5, J. Rothery 6, J. Spedding 7, G. W. Tembey (conductor) 8. This is the longest length in the method by all.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, and also as a birthday compliment to ringer of the tenor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 minutes: P. E. Clark 1, A. R. Macdonald 2, G. Spencer 3, F. Hayes (Gravesend) 4, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 5, A. J. Walsom 6, A. Beckensale 7, A. Sheard 8.

MERSHAM, KENT.—At St. John the Baptist's, on Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, a 720 Bob Minor by local band, with 6-8 covering: Miss R. Thomas 1, W. Earl 2, G. Paine (conductor) 3, E. Rush 4, A. Gower 5, H. Parkes 6, G. Thomas 7, F. Finn 8. Miss Thomas' first 720 of Minor and first by a lady in the tower.

BURTON LATIMER.—Central Northants Association.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: J. Pettitt 1, H. Meadows 2, R. Saddington 3, J. Saddington 4, M. Norton 5, B. J. Saddington 6, G. Lines (conductor) 7, A. Tompkins 8. This was the first quarter-peal and first attempt by all the band with the exception of the conductor, and his first attempt as conductor. All are local men except the tenor man, who hails from Finedon. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for a flower service in the afternoon, 336 and 168 of Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, C. Tribe 2, E. Parsons 3, G. Sims 4, H. Parkes 5, E. Burgess 6, J. Honess 7, — Ernest 8, and for the evening service 168 of Grandsire Triples.

WALLASEY.—At St. Hillary's Parish Church, on Sunday morning, April 3rd, for Divine service, 720 Plain Bob: R. Webster 1, E. Piers 2, G. R. Rogers 3, E. Webster 4, S. Strong (conductor) 5, C. R. Wright 6. The bells were half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. Joynton, an ex-churchwarden, and a real friend to the church, and to the bellringers. C. R. Wright hails from the Parish Church, Rotherham.

WEEKLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 3rd, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, six different callings: B. Barrett 1, W. Lawrence 2, R. Lawrence 3, D. Shinford 4, R. G. Black (conductor) 5, C. Moore 6. First 720 by ringers of 1 and 4, and first 720 by the local band.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—For early service, on Easter Day, 720 of Double Oxford, conducted by E. H. Spice, and 720 of Cambridge Surprise, conducted by W. Spice, the other ringers being W. E. Spice, G. H. Spice, Mrs. G. H. Spice, T. Jull, W. Nye.—For evening service, on Sunday, April 3rd, 720 of Double Court, by: Miss M. Harris, G. Webb, E. H. Spice, G. H. Spice, W. L. Spice and W. Spice (conductor).

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Easter Day, for 11 a.m. service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (by James George), in 45 minutes: J. Pitcher 1, A. Rowley 2, F. Bailey 3, W. Biss 4, T. Woods 5, J. Bailey 6, C. O. Hobbs 7, L. Wright (conductor) 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Easter Day, for evensong, at St. Thomas' Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 16½ mins.: J. Simmonds 1, W. Chambers (conductor) 2, W. Johnson 3, J. Bacon 4, W. Scott 5, W. Scott, jun., 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. C. Dean 1, J. Dove 2, W. H. Austin 3, F. Hopper 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturges 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. †First five hundred in the method.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Farey, jun., 1, A. P. Hensman 2, W. Atterbury 3, J. C. Dean 4, H. Rainbow 5, H. Blundell 6, W. Farey, sen., 7, W. J. Allen (conductor) 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1260 changes): †W. Farey, jun., 1, A. P. Hensman 2, †W. Atterbury 3, †J. C. Dean 4, F. Wellford 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. Farey, sen., 7, W. J. Allen (conductor) 8. †First quarter-peal in the method.

THE SPIRIT OF UNSELFISHNESS.

By the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

It seems to me that our change ringing is peculiarly adapted to inculcate one or two lessons which are sadly in need of being taken to heart in these critical and dangerous days. These lessons are those of the need of unselfishness and of the interdependence of classes and individuals. Take the lesson of unselfishness. What change ringer is there worthy of his calling who would for any other than a very urgent reason absent himself from a practice or from ringing for a church service, knowing that his absence will or even might cause the company to meet one 'short'? No. He makes a point, even at occasional serious inconvenience to himself, to be at his post. Let us take this to ourselves as a principle to be carried out not only in ringing, but in all the affairs of our life—the principle, that is, of carrying out to the full, whatever our duty or whatever we have undertaken to do even at the cost of inconvenience and self-sacrifice. Let us not disappoint either God or our fellow-men.

Then, next, there is the lesson of interdependence. In change ringing each has his place, and each has to do his work in that place. Some work seems greater and better than some of the other work. One rings an inside bell, another rings the treble, and another only rings the tenor behind. But all are necessary, and the important point is not the nature of the work, but the way in which it is done. So in the Church, and so in the body politic, there are different kinds of work, and different classes, and if one of these fails or rebels the whole is thrown out of joint. The lesson therefore that our ringing in this respect helps us to learn is that we cannot live or work for ourselves alone, that we must consider our relation to all the others, and to do our work, whatever it may be, with an eye to the good of all, and to cultivate by every means in our power a spirit of heartiness, earnestness and unselfishness.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

USEFUL TOUCHES FOR SERVICE RINGING.

1,248 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

23456	B	M	W	H
45236	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—
55126	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—

2nd never behind with tenor at the 'wrong.'

H. W. White.

756 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

234567	
402575	3
274653	3
362574	1
623574	4
746352	2
237546	1
462753	2
374562	1
P.L.357246	1

Twice repeated.

John Howes.

1,921 STEDMAN TRIPLES.

1234567	
6431257	5-6-7-8
2451637	1-5-7
3152467	5-6-7-8

Repeat 7 times, omitting last two bells in 5th part and adding single at 8th part end.

A. J. Pitman.

575 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

23456789	
42356978	7 in and out at 3
34256	9 in 3
23456	9 in 3
62354879	9 in and out at 2
42365	1 S, 9-8 S
34265	8 in 3

J. George.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on April 14th and 28th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on April 19th; and Southwark Cathedral on April 26th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards at Headquarters.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—District meeting at Oakley, on Saturday, April, 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. Business meeting after tea.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Hants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, 9th April. Bells available 4.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, Saturday, April 9th, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. Sharp).—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Sedgley, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. Dr. Swindell. Tea in the Schoolroom at 6, 1/- each.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Half-yearly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, near Rochester, recently augmented to 8, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available from 3 to 9. Service at 5 conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. P. Pascoe, M.A. By kind invitation of the Vicar, tea will be provided in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 66, Peacock Street, Gravesend.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A Joint Meeting of the Luton and Bedford Districts will be held at Ampthill and Maulden, on Saturday, April 9th. Meet at Ampthill at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman and H. L. Harlow, Hon. Dist. Secs.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next Meeting will be held at Felkirk, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tenor 10 cwt. Tea will be served in the Old School in the Churchyard, 5.30. Nearest railway stations, Royston Midland Railway and the Ryhill Halt on G.C.R. All ringers are welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Withycombe Raleigh, Exmouth, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Withycombe, Lympstone, Littleham. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Jubilee Hall (1/- each).—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Combined practices will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, April 9th, and Pirbright, Saturday, April 30th, both commencing at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—S.W. District Branch.—Next Quarterly meeting will be held at Holbeton, Plymouth, on Saturday, April 9th. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Bells available Yealmpton, 6; and Holbeton, 6. Tea 1/-.—E. W. Marsh, 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A Meeting will be held at Barkway, on April 9th, when the bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea at The Wheatsheaf Hotel, 5.30. Business meeting after.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dist. Sec., Little Munden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne District.—The Monthly meeting will be held at Wylam, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—Edward Lowrey, Sec., West Tyne District, 8, Hawthorn Terrace, Walbottle, Newburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next Monthly meeting will be held at Balderstone, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 3, meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 99, Hunter St., Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A Meeting will be held at Bootle, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at 4.30, meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A Meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe, on Saturday, April 9th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Meeting at 3.30. Tea to follow. Bells available all the afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Dunkery, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The next Meeting will be held at Puttenham, on Saturday, April 9th; 6 bells, available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30. Members 9d., Visitors 1/6.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Rd., Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual District meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells available at 3. Service at 5, with address by the Vicar, Canon Hardcastle. Tea at the Café Restaurant, Middle Row, at 5.45. Business meeting after. All subscriptions must be paid at this meeting. St. Michael's Tower (6) will also be open.—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next Meeting will be held at Hardingstone, on Saturday, April 9th. Usual arrangements.—Sid. J. Lawrence, Dist. Sec., 7, Castilian Terrace, Northampton.

NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.—Saxmundham District.—A Quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Peasenhall, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells (6) of the Parish Church available 2.30 till 9 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—George Wilson, Hon. Dist. Sec., 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 9th. Bells ready at

3 30. Meeting at 6.30.—G. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER, S.W.—The practices at St. Margaret's will be resumed on Friday, April 15th, at 7.30 p.m. and fortnightly, and ringing for evensong on Sunday, April 17th, at 5.30 sharp and fortnightly. Visitors welcome.—W. H. Hewett.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next Monthly meeting of the above Branch will be held at Pucklechurch, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Fleur-de-Lys. A char-a-banc will leave Old Market Street, Bristol, at 2.30 p.m. Members and friends requiring seats and tea please notify me as soon as possible.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—Est. 1824.—Southern District.—The next Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16th, at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Tower open from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Dist. Sec., 14, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 23rd Annual general meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, on Saturday, April 16th. At the service at 5 p.m., the sermon will be preached by the Rev. A. Taylor, Vicar of St. Bride's, Fleet St., E.C. Tea at 6 o'clock, followed by meeting, at which business of importance will be discussed, and four representatives to the Central Council elected. The following towers will be open for ringing:—St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.30 to 5 p.m., and after the meeting, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from 3 to 4.45 p.m., and from 8 to 9 p.m. A charge of 1/6 will be made for tea, and all requiring same must advise either of the Hon. Secs. not later than Monday, April 11th.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood St., E.17; W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Rd., W.4, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting will be held at West Ham Parish Church, on April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service by the Vicar at 5.30. Tea in the Church Room at 6 p.m., followed by business meeting.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Berkeley Glos., on Whit Monday, May 16th, at 2.15 p.m. Our War Memorial Bells will be dedicated and opened during the service, which takes place at 12 noon. Tea arranged for all who advise me not later than May 2nd. Dinners arranged for those who require them. Bells available (8) from 10.30 a.m. and (10) after general meeting. Motions for agenda should reach me not later than May 2nd.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland Section. — The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', West Bromwich, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea will be arranged at a small charge for all who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 13th. All are welcome.—E. W. Salter, 10, Station Rd., Erdington.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, April 16th. The bells of St. Mary (10) and Emscote (8) will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in St. Mary's Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Will those who

require tea let me know by Wednesday, April 13th? All ringers welcome. Will members kindly note: Subscriptions (1/6) for 1921 are now due?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, April 16th. Bells at 2 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock for those who acquaint me by Tuesday, 12th inst.—E. J. Harding, Hon. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingston (6) on Saturday, April 16th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business at the Swan at 5.45. Will visitors for tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 12th?—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, April 16th (Biddenden bells not being available). Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Those wishing for tea to be provided for them must send in notice of same to Mr. G. Johnson, Veness House, Appledore, not later than Wednesday, 13th inst.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Naseby on Saturday, April 16th. Usual arrangements. W. Bott, District Sec., Guilsborough, Northampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea notify me by Tuesday, April 12th?—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, April 16th. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—I. B. Holmyard, Hon. Sec., School House, Midsomer Norton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, April 16th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting at 5.—Percy Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Evesham on Saturday, April 23rd. Service in All Saints' Church at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Hall for those only who notify me before Wednesday, April 20th. The bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Erith (St. John the Baptist's) on Saturday, April 23rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. and address by the Rev. W. F. Cobb (Vicar). Tea and business meeting to follow in the West Street Schools. The Vicar is providing the tea, and it is necessary that all intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, April 19th, the latest. Christ Church bells will be available also.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Stebbing on April 23rd. Short service with address at 4.30, followed by tea in

Church Room, 1/6 per head. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. J. T. Barker, Hillside, Stebbing, not later than April 19th.—B. Redgwell, District Sec., Rayne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, April 23rd. Minster bells (10) available from noon and St. Mary's (10) from 6 p.m. Service in the Minster at 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, Minster Yard, at 5 p.m. at 1/6 per head to those who notify Mr. W. Gibson, 3, Brithumes Place, Long Lane, Beverley, not later than Tuesday, April 19th. Business meeting immediately after tea in same room.—A. B. Cook, District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on April 23rd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5 o'clock. Business after. Short service in church at 6.30. Address by the Vicar. All members and friends cordially invited.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 30th. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15, at 2/- per head. Members wanting tea must send their names to their Branch Secretaries, on or before Tuesday, April 26th. Visitors to advise me.—Reginald Bond, Hon. Sec., St. Peter's Rectory, Lincoln.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Meetings for practice: St. Martin's first Monday in the month at 7.30 p.m.; second Saturday, St. Bride's, 5 p.m.; third Monday, Shoreditch, 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

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