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### PAID SERVICE RINGERS.

The report of the annual meeting of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association makes sad reading. 'Nothing but disappointment and discouragement' in the past and little promise for the future. Such, in brief, is the condition of affairs as presented by the Hon. Secretary, and it is so unlike Lancashire that, had we not got the statement upon the word of the chief official of the Branch, it would seem incredible. The Lancashire Association is a big and influential organisation, and, doubtless, when the existing state of things is fully realised, there will be a determined attempt to help the handful of loyal members who, in the face of so much apathy, have been endeavouring to keep the Association's flag flying in that quarter of the County Palatine.

It is, however, not a simple matter to rouse lethargic ringers, and the task of creating anything like enthusiasm is formidable. Ringers, as a whole, are a difficult body to move, and it needs constant effort to stir them into any activity beyond their own well-defined groove. The work of waking up a branch which has reached a stage of apathy, such as seems to prevail in the Fylde, is one, therefore, in which the local officials will need all the co-operation that the parent organisation can give. As to the cause of this lack of interest, the Secretary quite bluntly, and, probably, very accurately attributes it to the fact that at, apparently, every tower the ringers are paid. Although the sum may not be large, it is the only incentive which the men of Fylde can find to induce them to attend to their duties in the belfry.

Except where men are put to actual out of pocket expenses in order to reach a tower to ring for service, we think it is a great pity that ringers should be paid for fulfilling this Sunday office. The true spirit of advancing the art for the art's sake is, unfortunately, too often killed on account of it, for the men concern themselves only with registering their attendance, and care little or nothing for what the ringing consists of, so long as the bells are rung. Moreover, payment often creates another obstacle to progress. Paid ringers, especially those who take no interest in method ringing, are disinclined to admit new men. All the while they can hang on to the 'spoils of office' they see to it that no one comes in to share with them, and in this way they put up another barrier to the advancement of the art. The problem of how to deal with cases of this kind is not an easy one to solve, and if this cause is really at the back of the apathy of the Fylde district, the Lancashire Association will have no easy work to change the state of affairs in the towers near Blackpool. If there is any other reason, it would be well to get to the bottom of it, and in any event it should be worth while interesting the incumbents of the various churches in the effort at revival.

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## TEN BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, Oct. 28, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF St. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5184 CHANCES;**

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

THOMAS BENT ... .. Treble	EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... .. 2	FRED STANFORTH ... .. 7
ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 8
CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9
HARRY PEACH ... .. 5	CHARLES CATTELL ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Caters on the new bells and by all the band except the ringers of 7th, 8th and 9th, and rung at first attempt. A birthday compliment to Joe E. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, 1922, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT E. ROBBINS ... .. Treble	JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 5
MRS. LILIAN A. HARDY ... .. 2	CHARLES MASON ... .. 6
MISS HILDA F. WILLSON ... .. 3	THOMAS RILEY ... .. 7
L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... .. 4	WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

The ringers of 2nd, 3rd and tenor hail from Leicester, L. W. Jacques from Mansfield, the remainder are local men. Owing to an accident, Mr. John Flint was unable to ring. The visitors desire to thank him and Mr. T. Riley for their kind hospitality.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM D. PEART ... .. Treble	ELIJAH PAGETT ... .. 5
THOMAS TAYLOR ... .. 2	† DAVID JONES ... .. 6
GEORGE GRIFFITHS ... .. 3	ALBERT MILLS ... .. 7
ARTHUR S. LOACH ... .. 4	* SAMUEL LOACH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

\* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung on the eve of the dedication festival of All Saints, also to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the reconstruction of the above church, and as a mark of esteem to the Rev. Prebendary M. M. Connor, M.A., R.D., who has completed 40 years as Vicar of West Bromwich.

ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF St. LAWRENCE,

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

DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

* CHARLES WEBB ... .. Treble	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 5
SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 2	JOHN E. EATON ... .. 6
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... .. 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 7
LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 4	C. HOWARD STANLEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.' This was the quarterly peal for the above Branch; also rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. H. Williams, of King's Norton. The conductor was elected ringing master of this Branch at the last quarterly meeting held in September. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Rector of Alvechurch for his kind hospitality after the peal.

### HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Oct. 31, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE DENT ... .. Treble	VINCENT TIPTON ... .. 5
WILLIAM MORRIS ... .. 2	STANLEY CLARK ... .. 6
*FREDERICK WHITEBY ... .. 3	JOHN CORDELL ... .. 7
LEWIS J. CORDELL ... .. 4	WILLIAM WHEELER ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. DENT.

\* First peal. Rung on the 17th anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

### MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Nov. 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK R. COPEMAN ... .. Treble	ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	REDDEN SANDERS ... .. 7
ARTHUR MASON ... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

### FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE. THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2	JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6
EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 3	FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 7
ERNEST PALMER ... .. 4	HENRY W. WILDE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

### CAVERSHAM, THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (St. Peter's Society.)

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. Treble	ALBERT D. COLLUM ... .. 5
GEORGE ESSEX ... .. 2	HARRY SIMMONDS ... .. 6
*JOHN WAINE ... .. 3	ERNEST W. MENDAY ... .. 7
JOSEPH HANDS ... .. 4	†ARTHUR BETTS ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by ERNEST W. MENDAY.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

### LOUGHBOROUGH. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

#### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 5
*EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	*GEORGE FREEBRY ... .. 6
WILLIAM THORLEY ... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7
ERNEST J. JELLEY ... .. 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. Tenor

Composed by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON. Conducted by E. MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method. The 3rd ringer belongs to Loughboro', 4th to South Wigston, 6th to Derby, 8th to Anstey, remainder to St. Margaret's, Leicester.

### WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

*WM. H. HUMBERSTONE ... .. Treble	JOHN OLDHAM ... .. 5
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2	HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 6
SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 3	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 7
HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 4	FRANK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

### ERITH, KENT. THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. (LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK C. NEWMAN ... .. Treble	*JEFFREY R. GAMMON ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. ... .. 6
ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... .. 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the steeplekeeper, Mr. F. J. Cullum.

### TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE. THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY SEAR ... .. Treble	*HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... .. 5
*HAROLD CASHMORE ... .. 2	*HARRY GOLDING ... .. 6
JOHN MEAD ... .. 3	WALTER SEAR ... .. 7
*REGINALD S. COOK ... .. 4	WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Bob Major. Ringers of treble, 3rd and 7th hail from Blechley, 5th from Calverton, 4th from King's Langley, 6th from Hemel Hempstead, and the conductor from Leverstock Green. This is believed to be the first peal of Bob Major on the bells. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Vicar (Rev. Francis) for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

### BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*EDWIN BREEZE ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
*GEORGE LUNT ... .. 2	*HERBERT LEDKIN ... .. 6
*THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... .. 3	JAMES MARTIN ... .. 7
JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 4	*EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

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

### HEADCORN, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

*TOM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	*LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 5
HENRY C. CASTLE ... .. 2	HARRY PARKES ... .. 6
LEONARD MANNERING ... .. 3	CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 7
*LOUIS HEAD ... .. 4	PHILLIP HODGKIN ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal on the bells after being rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and the treble, 2nd and 4th recast.

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

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

WILLIAM COLEY ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
WILLIAM BROWN ... .. 2	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 6
WILLIAM E. TURNER ... .. 3	ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 7
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 4	MATTHEW HACKETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. COLEY.

This peal was arranged for W. E. Turner, of Bosbury, it being his first peal of Triples, and was also rung on the 26th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ranford, of Suckley.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. Treble	JOSEPH DAVIES ... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
JOHN BASS ... .. 3	CHARLES H. WOODBERRY ... .. 7
ERNEST J. BROOKS ... .. 4	JOHN WOODBERRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. WOODBERRY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of William Smith, a local ringer, who fell in the war; also as a tribute of respect to Matthew J. Whittall, of Worcester, Mass., U.S.A., a benefactor to this church.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

BICESTER, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Aug. 27, 1922, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*E. A. CLIFTON ... .. Treble	*F. SHARPE ... .. 4
*F. NEALE ... .. 2	†R. ELKERTON ... .. 5
*B. COX ... .. 3	†E. HIMS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. HIMS.

\* First peal in any method. † First peal in this method. First peal of Minor ever rung by a local band at Bicester.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 21, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES NESBITT ... .. Treble	JOHN ATHERTON ... .. 4
THOMAS WYATT ... .. 2	LOUIS MOORE ... .. 5
ERNEST GOULDSTONE ... .. 3	HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

J. Atherton was made a member of the Association at this meeting.

WATTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Oct. 22, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

THOMAS STAGG ... .. Treble	HERBERT MASON ... .. 4
CHARLES CARTER ... .. 2	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 5
EGGAR HUNT ... .. 3	WILLIAM ADCOCK ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. ADCOCK.

MALDON, ESSEX. — On Sunday, October 15th, for the harvest festival, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. W. Finch 1, R. Hutson 2, W. May 3, J. H. Waldoock 4, A. South (conductor) 5, F. May 6. Also 360 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, with W. Brinkley and conducted by F. May.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILFRED H. BUXTON ... .. Treble	C. JOHN PARTRIDGE ... .. 4
*WILSON ALLEN ... .. 2	*GEORGE ED. ALLIN ... .. 5
J. ARTHUR ORGILL ... .. 3	JOSEPH LORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

\* First peal. Arranged for ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Seven 720's. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. Treble	CHARLES DOEL ... .. 4
WILLIAM LOUD ... .. 2	CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 5
JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

EASTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH  
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... .. Treble	ALFRED H. WATSON ... .. 4
JOHN GARRATT ... .. 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 5
HARRY HALL ... .. 3	JOHN HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

GUILDFORD, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, Oct. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

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

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1—2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Monday, Oct. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

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

Tenor size 16 in B.

WALTER LAGO ... .. 1—2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. 5—6
WILLIAM D. WASE ... .. 3—4	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.  
Umpire: ALFRED S. BAYLEY.

\* First peal of Triples 'in hand.' Specially arranged and rung on Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst's 26th birthday, and rung on his bells.

HARWICH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Nov. 3, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5424 CHANGES;**

Tapped on handbells by  
ARTHUR T. MORRIS.

Composed by EDWARD MULLINS. Conducted by the performer.  
Witness: JACK SCARFE.



HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON... .. 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 5-6
GEOFFERY J. HEMMING ... 3-4	JAMES HEMMING ... .. 7-8
*FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 9-10	

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

\*First peal of Royal 'in hand.' First peal of Royal by the remainder of the band, and first peal of Royal 'in hand' by the Association. Rung at the first attempt.

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

On Saturday, Nov. 4, 1922, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. WALKER, 81, BAKER ST., SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 1-2	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3-4	PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. 9-10
THOMAS RUSSAM ... .. 5-6	ALBERT WALKER ... .. 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referees: MR. W. KENT and MR. H. WITHERS.

Specially arranged and rung for the coming of age on November 9th of Miss Winnie Walker, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker. A very enjoyable evening was spent after the peal.

VISIT TO HAMPSHIRE TOWERS.

On a recent Saturday eight members of Winchester Diocesan Guild met at Privett, Hants, to attempt a peal on those beautiful bells, but met with disappointment. The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, an old and valued member of the Guild, had charge of the parish for the week-end, the Vicar of Privett having exchanged with Mr. Davies, so that the latter gentleman could have the pleasure of ringing on his fine bells. Five members from Portsea, Messrs. Harding, senr. and junr., Rogers, Stone and Taylor, made the journey by rail to Petersfield, and then had a beautiful six-mile walk to Privett Church, whose spire can be seen for miles around. Mr. G. Pullinger and Mr. P. W. Cave, and the reverend gentleman, with those mentioned, comprised the band. Soon after the bells were raised, Mrs. Davies, who was in company with another lady, quickly climbed the stairs, and informed the ringers that the organist had met with an accident, and had severe concussion of the brain. This necessitated abandoning the attempt, much to the regret of all. Lady Nicholson, on whose estate the church stands, was also disappointed, having stopped with Mrs. Edge, to listen to the ringing. After consultation, it was decided to proceed to East Meon in the hope of getting permission to ring. One of the cyclist members rode on to see the Vicar of East Meon (the Rev. A. S. Crawley), the 'young uns' preparing themselves for another four-mile walk, whilst the two 'old crows' were following in the Rector's van. Lady Nicholson failing to get a motor conveyance. On arrival at East Meon, the walking contingent met the cyclist, who said that the Vicar would be delighted to allow the ringing to take place. This news gave them a good appetite for tea, and a visit to a local 'cafe' soon rid the landlord of extra food. Meanwhile the 'old crows' were having an exciting experience in the trap, and, with the Rector's wife, had to get out and push it up the hills, and going down to steady the conveyance from excessive speed. Half-past six saw all in the belfry ready for the fray, and a well-struck peal of Stedman Triples was completed by 9.45 p.m. Someone remarked 'that there was only a quarter of an hour to go,' so we went 'out quick,' and after hurried refreshment, at the hospitality of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, another preparation was made for a five-mile walk to Petersfield, in company with Mr. Cave, who had given up hopes of getting to Southampton. The 11.52 train from Petersfield landed the party at Portsmouth in the early hours, but as the clock had to be put back, it was a consolation to all concerned. Nevertheless all were up and ringing for the 9.30 service at St. Mary's, Portsea, and another service at 11 a.m. Handbell ringing occupied the dinner-hour, and two courses of Grandsire Caters were rung by P. W. Cave 1-2, W. Tate 3-4, F. W. Rogers 5-6, T. R. Taylor 7-8, E. J. Harding, senr., 9-10, and also Stedman Triples. Further touches were rung in the evening at Portsea, which completed a most enjoyable week-end's ringing. Thanks are due to the Vicar of Privett for his permission to ring, and also the Vicar of East Meon, whose ready consent was greatly appreciated by the ringers.

YE O. B. J.s OF RINGING MERIT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Willson observes in his letter on 'Diplomas of Merit' that the grading may cause some discussion, if done by individual associations. It will. As no two associations will grade alike, it will cause a little trouble to graded ones, who like the gentleman who is going to be magician enough to turn Exeter tepor 'into' a peal of Maximus, belong to about 40 associations, if they are condemned to wear all their grading marks at once. By the way, are they to be tattooed? What an art gallery one would become, and who is to pay for these wonderful diplomas? The culprit, one would presume, as association finance at the present day is not capable of keeping pace with all the drains on the exchequer. And is not the annual report a very sufficient diploma as to first peal in so and so methods, and first time to call a 'Ganny Gunter,' etc.?

Really, a practical scheme of diplomas can't be worked at 1s. or 1s. 6d. per head per annum. But if it is a diploma for striking that Mr. Willson requires for his colts, he should take them to a Halifax and District cup contest, and then get their names on the cup. That will be sufficient as to that, for they would require to have their ears at the contest, and not leave them at Leicester. Judge Broadley is fast approaching his half-century of contests, and I know he would be proud to give the cup to St. John's company for a change.

I believe there is one association which gives a medal to every member who scores his hundred for them. That is a very nice recognition of service to the association, but they do not quibble about what the hundred is made of. Doubles or London Major—it matters not, for no doubt the said association has sense enough to realise that eight men who could all ring London Major would never go into a tower and ring peal after peal of Bob Major merely to get the medal. I have looked carefully through the five and six bell peals published during the last three weeks, and I fail to see a single instance where a peal worth more points could have been rung. I note in your current issue a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Collingtree, and for the life of me I cannot see that the patron saint of that place could have discovered a way whereby Mr. Willson could have rung a quarter of London Major on the same bells with the same band (and Columbus knew a thing or two about discovering ways and means), even though good Mr. Willson jostled into the tower with his battle-axe and all. Now I can ring London, and could do so 20 years ago. Once I was asked to go and call a peal in Breconshire in a six-bell tower, and on arrival I found that no one of the band had rung a 720 of Minor, and could only ring one method, Plain Bob. I shall want a lot of persuading that I could have got those men through anything else but Plain Bob, and I claim that that peal was worth more in points to those men than a peal of Double Norwich would have been to me if all the band had rung a half-dozen in the method.

And now, good Mr. Willson, I ask you, on behalf of the five and six bell ringers whom I am proud to call friends of mine to give us a very good and very lucid explanation of your reasons for saying that the whole bunch of two or three hundred peals of Doubles and Minor are not worth, either to the men who rang them or to the Exercise, one solitary peal of London Surprise Major. And please bear in mind, good Mr. Willson, that ringers ring to please themselves that which suits them at the moment. They do not ring peals to please the eye of the disgruntled portion of the readers of the 'Ringing World.' I ask you for this because your reasons, when given, would be a magnificent formula for a scale of diplomas.—Yours very sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

'UP TOWER.'

'Whur be gwine to, my purty maid?'  
'Bo gwine up tower, kind sir,' she said.  
'Why for be gwine up tower?' said he;  
'Be larnin' Grandsire Triples,' said she.

'Good sakes alive, wot's they?' said he;  
'The simplest method en seb'n,' said she.  
'But thee cassin't ring they bells,' he said;  
'Do practise on handbells,' replied the maid.

'I don't understand they contraptions,' he said;  
'They'm fine to larn wi', replied the maid.  
'But got no ropes, they ain't,' said he;  
'Us can pull tower bells, when we'm minded,' said she.

'Wull, if 'ee can ring, why larn?' said he;  
'But us can't ring nowt wi'out practice,' said she.  
'But thee zed thee could, thee vullish maid';  
'Girt gowk, why, thik beain't ringing,' she said.

MORAL.

For it's no good keeping those great bells swinging.  
If you've got no notion what you're ringing, E. B. B.

## FRICITION AND LUBRICATION.

### NOTES ON THE EFFICIENT LUBRICATION OF BELLS.

No other subject occupies the time and attention of the average steeplekeeper so much as the 'go' of his brazen pets. The following article may seem superfluous to those steeplekeepers who are in the engineering trade, but it will prove to be of special interest to those who are not connected with engineering, etc.

The object of lubrication is to diminish the friction between revolving, rolling and sliding surfaces. This decrease of friction is attained by the use of lubricants, such as oil, grease, etc., which have the effect of separating the surfaces in contact in such a manner that in well lubricated surfaces, as, for example, a gudgeon and bearing, a film of oil is interposed between the gudgeon and bearing.

Without going into the theory of friction and lubrication, it may be helpful to the reader to review the various laws appertaining thereto.

1. The frictional resistance becomes independent of pressure when the surfaces are well lubricated.
2. Under the same condition of lubrication the frictional resistance varies directly as the speed.
3. Frictional resistance also depends on the temperature.
4. Frictional resistance depends little on the nature of the surfaces in contact under a flood system of lubrication.

Most of the oils in use are mineral, obtained during the refining of petroleum, shale, etc. Other oils of higher specific gravity are of the animal and vegetable classes. In the animal category are tallow, lard, and sperm oils, and, in the vegetable, olive and castor oil, all of which have varying degrees of viscosity.

In choosing oils for the lubrication of bells it is essential that due account be taken of the degree of viscosity. Mineral oils have a very wide range of viscosity. It also follows that the viscosity of a given lubricant varies according to the temperature to which it is subjected. Thus in summer an oil may have a low degree of viscosity, and in winter a very high degree.

Bearings in which bells hang can be divided into three classes.

1. Plain bearings, without lubricators.
2. Bearings fitted with gravity lubricators.
3. Ball and roller bearings.

In the first class, to use a lubricant with a low degree of viscosity would be sheer waste, because it would soon run out of the bearing and become useless. A mixture of lard and castor oil, Stauffer's lubricant, or petroleum jelly, will be found to be most efficient if used for this type of bearing. The use of tallow as a lubricant for this class should be condemned, because it has a destructive effect upon the metal. This destructive effect is caused principally by the formation of acids, which is accelerated by the presence of moisture or other oxidising agents.

In the second class, oil is caused to run from the lubricators on to the bearing by the force of gravity. It is evident that if a lubricant with a low degree of viscosity is used, the flow of oil will be too great, and if a lubricant is used with a fairly high degree, the rate of flow will not be big enough. Therefore, the happy mean must be chosen. Mineral oils of not too low viscosity will be found to be the best for this class. Olive oil and castor oil are all right for use during summer, but should not be used during winter, as they solidify in very cold weather.

Ball and roller bearings require very little lubrication, and this only at long intervals. Stauffer's lubricant or petroleum jelly will be found to serve very well in this case.

Most of the leading bell founders supply special lubricants to suit their different designs of bearings, and their instructions on the subject should be followed as closely as possible. H. W.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held at Burford on Saturday, and was favoured with weather that was all that could be wished for. The fine old peal of eight were set going at 2.30 to a fine short touch of Grandsire, which was the local branch secretary's first attempt to call Triples. This was followed by other ringing, in which several beginners took part. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. T. Emmeris), who gave a very interesting address to ringers. Tea was provided at the Lamb Hotel, and was followed by a business meeting, the towers represented being Ascott-under-Wychwood, Chipping Norton, and Shipton-under-Wychwood, with visitors from Ilmington and Stretton-on-Fosse, and the ever-welcome Master (the Rev. O. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.), and Guild secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert).

The following officers were re-elected: The Rev. W. J. Palmer, chairman; Mr. J. Keyte, branch secretary and treasurer, and the Guild branch representatives.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Burford for his welcome, and Mr. H. Miles proposed a vote of thanks for their attendance to the Master and Mr. Hibbert, who both voiced their pleasure at being present.

Ascott-under-Wychwood was chosen for the spring meeting. The ringers then returned to the tower for further ringing.

## ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

### NORWICH SECRETARY'S REPORT DENIED.

A meeting for the Archdeaconry of Suffolk was held at Ufford on October 28th, the Rector of Ufford presiding. After tea, provided in the Church Room by Mrs. Drake, the minutes of the last meeting were read. To them was annexed the scheme of federation drawn up by Mr. A. L. Coleman (hon. secretary of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association) after that meeting. Great surprise was expressed that Mr. Coleman should have put forward such proposals, none of which were acceptable to anyone; and also that he should have tried to father them first on Mr. Fawcett, then on Mr. Drake, and finally (see 'The Ringing World' for October 20th, p. 665) on the new Diocesan Association, the more so as not one member of that association had said a single word in any way supporting any scheme of joint working for the two societies. It was resolved unanimously: 'That this meeting being informed that the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association have never had anything to do with any scheme of federation, declares that the attribution of one to them in the report of another association is not in accordance with facts.'

In a discussion on the great number of cracked bells in the diocese, reference was made to a case where new bell ropes had been cut, and the cut ends tied to the clapper in order to allow of the bells being struck at a great rate, and the following resolution was passed with enthusiasm: 'That this meeting requests the president and patron to take steps to stop the increasing practice of "clocking" or "nibbling" bells, by which so many valuable bells are being cracked.'

It was also resolved: 'That the old custom of properly raising a bell for a death should be revived in every parish.'

The meeting closed with thanks to the ladies and Mrs. Drake for the tea.

The statement in our issue of October 20th was as follows: 'The report (of the hon. secretary of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association made at the annual meeting) reviewed the unsuccessful efforts to federate the association with the new Suffolk Diocesan Association under its "scheme of Federation," which, after careful deliberation, was rejected by both the Standing Committee and by the two branches of the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association. It was satisfactory that this somewhat complicated controversy had, at least, had a happy issue in so far that the Norfolk and East Suffolk members still remained firmly united, and that both branches were now embraced in one association covering the two dioceses, the Norwich Diocese and the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese. The only regret was that the founders of the new Suffolk Diocesan Association did not see their way to throw in their lot with them, and that as a result there were now two associations at work in the Suffolk Diocese. It was hoped they would continue as good neighbours and friendly rivals.'

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES BROADCASTED.

### HANDBELLS BY WIRELESS.

On Tuesday evening, October 31st, what is believed to be the first broadcasting of change ringing on handbells by wireless took place at the residence of Mr. Goodall, Bassett, Southampton. The ringers were Messrs. G. Williams, D. Cecil Williams, John W. Faithful and Percival W. Cave, who were procured at extremely short notice.

Upon arrival at the house the ringers ranged themselves in a circle near to the small hut in which all the transmitting and receiving apparatus is kept and rang a 'practice' course of Grandsire, while Mr. Goodall tried different positions of the microphone for the best sound effects.

This, and other preliminaries, being settled satisfactorily, the concert started punctually at 7 p.m. with a touch of Grandsire Triples by J. W. Faithful 1-2, D. C. Williams 3-4, G. Williams 5-6, P. W. Cave 7-8.

A move was then made to the drawing-room, where songs were contributed by Mr. Horley (of Southampton), and a couple of piano-forte solos by Mr. P. W. Cave.

At the close of the concert, which had lasted about 50 minutes, Mr. Goodall asked all 'listeners in' to write to him and report on how they received the concert. He was especially keen on hearing how they received the ringing, and went out to his receiving set in the hope of picking up a report by wireless telephony from the amateur station at Salisbury.

In this he was successful, and 'Salisbury' said they had received all of the concert perfectly, and considered it the best Mr. Goodall had transmitted. Several amateurs, known to the writer, were also successful in receiving the concert, and all said the ringing sounded very clear, although unfortunately marred in one or two cases by 'jamming' by a neighbouring spark station.

Before leaving the house, Mr. Goodall invited the party to inspect his set, and succeeded in tuning in a concert from Whittle, near Chelmsford, much to everyone's delight. Altogether the evening was a very interesting and enjoyable one, and it is hoped that another similar concert will be given in the near future.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****BAD EFFECTS OF 'PAID' RINGING.**

The annual meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, October 28th. As usual, the meeting was poorly attended, only four members, besides the local men, putting in an appearance. The ringing included Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Little Bob.

At the business meeting, the Secretary gave a brief account of the year's working. Ten meetings had been held. The attendances averaged ten members to each meeting, and out of these ten members St. John's, Blackpool, could claim five. The art of change ringing was at a very low ebb indeed, the one bright spot on the outlook being St. John's, Blackpool, a little interest being also shown by two members from St. Anne's-on-Sea. Two attempts to score a peal with the St. Anne's members had come to grief, but they were hoping the third try would be successful. It was very rare that any members from other towers ever attended a meeting, except the one held at their own tower. Both old ringers and learners showed a lack of interest in change ringing. If one might hazard an opinion, it appeared to be the sole aim of the majority of ringers in the Fylde to ring (sometimes) for Sunday services to draw their salary, and let all other ringing matters take care of themselves. Was it because they got very well paid that things were so lax in change ringing affairs? One tower was paid at the rate of £5 per bell per annum, and in none of the towers of the Fylde, so far as could be ascertained, were there any paid less than 50s. per bell per annum. There were three ex-secretaries in the branch, and not one of them had attended a meeting. The meeting at Singleton was the only one where there was any ringing after tea. Perhaps this was because the Vicar had kindly provided a free repast to all who attended. The outlook for the future was far from encouraging; in fact, one member asked the question if it was worth while continuing the meetings when nothing but disappointment and discouragement were met with on every hand and at almost every tower.

The Secretary said his term of office had expired, as he only accepted the post for twelve months, but as there was no one willing to undertake the post he offered to continue for another year.

A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. J. Tipping, the Branch Ringing Master, in his serious illness.—Mr. A. Hague was elected Deputy Ringing Master for the year.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the two six-bell towers in Lytham.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the South and West District was held at Acton on Saturday, October 28th, and was attended by over 40 members, from 16 towers. A service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. S. De Sausmarcz, M.A.), who welcomed the association to Acton.

After service, tea was served in the Church Hall, presided over by the Rector, and supported by the churchwardens, and Messrs. C. H. Shakespeare, R. H. Holloway, and the Ringing Master. At the business meeting which followed, with Mr. Shakespeare in the chair, thanks were accorded to the Rector, churchwardens, organist, choir-boys, Messrs. C. H. Shakespeare, R. H. Holloway, J. W. Fruin, and others, who assisted.—The Rector acknowledged the thanks on behalf of himself and his colleagues.

The bells were set going again till 9 p.m., when a successful meeting closed.

**A VISIT TO BOLTON-ON-SWALE.**

On Saturday, October 14th, a party of ringers, representing the belfries of St. Cuthbert's, Holy Trinity and St. John's, Darlington, and St. Michael's, Heighington, had a very pleasant outing to Bolton-on-Swale, Yorks. On arrival at the church they were met by the Vicar (the Rev. Montague Thompson), and the churchwardens, who extended a cordial welcome to them. The tower contains a nice ring of six bells, by Warner and Sons (tenor 11½ cwt.), which unfortunately are not rung through lack of ringers, a chiming apparatus having been installed. The bells were raised, and 120 Stedman Doubles rung. Several courses of Grandsire Triples were also rung on hand-bells on the Village Green and in the Church Institute, where a splendid tea was served. After tea a return was made to the tower, and the bells were set going to a well-struck 504 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, followed by 720 Bob Minor for the visitor from Heighington (W. Oliver), who rang the 4th. A 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung, which was the first in the method for F. Johnson, who rang the 2nd, and also for Mr. C. S. Burden, of London, who rang the tenor and first 720 of Oxford, as conductor, for W. N. Park. A six-score of Stedman concluded the ringing, and bells were lowered in peal. The ringers comprising the party were Messrs. T. Clark, C. S. Burden, W. D. Lister, G. W. Park, F. Johnson, W. N. Park, W. Oliver, A. Coates and A. Hunter, and they wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens, and their ladies, for their hospitality in providing tea, and also for the use of the bells.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Messrs. Groombridge and Palmer are rehangings the peal of eight at St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr. Wm. Taylor, of Southwold (late of Leiston) rang in his 'golden wedding' peal (Kent Major), at Southwold on October 13th, 1906. The same composition was rung muffled to his memory at Leiston the day he was buried (Nov. 21st, 1912).

Mr. William Rock Small is another who had the honour of ringing in his golden wedding peal. This was at Tipton on Saturday, Feb. 8th, 1913, when Mr. Small rang the third to a peal of Stedman Triples.

Eight veterans of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association, all of them over 70 years of age, rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Pulham Market on Saturday week. Particulars of the performance, however, had not been received up to the time of closing our columns for press. We hope to give the details with a photo of the band next week.

St. Clement Danes, Strand, is famous for its church music as well as for its bells, and ringers visiting London on Saturday will find that, following half-muffled ringing from 2 till 3 p.m., Mozart's 'Requiem' will be rendered with full orchestra. On Sunday afternoon, at 3.15 p.m., Rossini's 'Stabat Mater' will be performed. Particulars of the ringing on Saturday and Sunday will be found in our notice columns.

At a very large number of towers to-morrow the bells will be rung half-muffled in connection with 'Remembrance Day.' It is to be hoped that at no belfry where there is a company of ringers will this opportunity be passed by.

Mr. William Newell, of Reading, celebrated his 84th birthday on Wednesday, and is still active in ringing.

Mr. William Rock Small, the Tipton veteran, will be 83 on Sunday. Rheumatism, however, prevents him taking part in his favourite pastime, but he has a record which many may envy. He has rung 333 peals on 8, 10 and 12 bells.

Mr. Small's first peal (Treble Ten) was rung at Wednesbury on April 29th, 1866, the band being all natives of the town, and Mr. Small is the sole survival of that company.

Ringers throughout the Exercise will extend their congratulations and good wishes to both these fine old English gentlemen and 'brother strings.'

In connection with Mr. Small's birthday it is hoped to attempt peals in honour of the event in his favourite method (Stedman), both at Wednesbury (his birthplace) and at Tipton 'Pepper-Box' (the church where he has been a sidesman for many years) on the eve (Saturday) of his anniversary, the juniors at Tipton, and the seniors at Wednesbury.

'Congratulations to George of England,' writes 'Once a Beginner'; 'but on again reading your current Gossip, I am prepared to bet James a new bat that he never will succeed in turning Exeter "into" a peal of Maximus, even a Lloyd George couldn't.'

Among the early peals of Treble Twelve was 5,136 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark, rung on November 10th, 1766, by the Society of Royal Cumberlands.

One of those rare old peal boards, whereon are recorded the figures, as well as other particulars of a noteworthy performance, is to be found in Huddersfield tower, and it gives the details of a 10,080 New Treble Bob Major (what is now known as Kent) rung on Nov. 13th, 1820.

Huddersfield in those days had a band who did great things, as things went then. The first peal of Superlative, as we recorded last week, was theirs. Cambridge and New Cambridge Surprise, Violet Treble Bob Major and Treble Bob Triples, were rung, and the first peal of Halifax Treble Bob, which, however, turned out afterwards to be false.

The first peal of 'Real Double Norwich' was rung at Woolwich on November 16th, 1848.

Jasper Whitfield Snowden died on Nov. 16th, 1885.

## SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION.

On Saturday, October 28th, several members of the Kent County Association and the Romney Marsh Guild accepted the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, of Howland House, Mersham, to celebrate their silver wedding. Meeting at the church at 3 o'clock several touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were rung till 5 p.m., when all adjourned to Howland House, where an excellent tea awaited them, about 20 sitting down. After tea a very pleasant evening was spent with change ringing on handbells, and songs and recitations. The 'Health of the Host and Hostess' was proposed, and all good wishes for the future extended to them, the hope being expressed that they may be spared to celebrate the golden number.—Mr. Thomas fittingly responded.—Some of the visitors accepted the invitation to stay the night, and rang Grandsire Triples for the Sunday morning service.



## THE PEAL OF STEDMAN SEXTUPLES.

### HISTORIC FIRST PERFORMANCE CELEBRATED.

A very interesting social gathering took place in Birmingham to celebrate the first peal ever rung on 14 bells, viz., 5,055 Stedman Sextuples, in 3 hours and 35 minutes, on handbells retained in hand by seven members of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham on June 24th last, which peal, with the composition, was duly recorded in 'The Ringing World.' A goodly company had been invited to meet, first in St. Martin's Church to hear touches of Stedman Sextuples rung by the peal band. Amongst those present in the tower were Messrs. J. Carter, W. Kent, J. George, F. Smallwood, J. White, T. Russam, A. Walker, P. O. Laffin, G. F. Swann, J. E. Groves, A. E. Norman, M. J. Morris and T. Bratton, and Mr. Albert Parsons, of Old Hill. General regret was expressed at the absence of the Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., who had a Masonic function to attend and could not possibly be present, but sent his very best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Two courses of Stedman Sextuples were rung on handbells by T. Russam 1-2, A. Walker (conductor) 3-4, P. O. Laffin 5-6, G. F.

Cliff who rendered 'The Diver' in his very best style, the chorus being taken up 'again and again' by the whole company present. Selections on the handbells by Mr. E. Mansell's trio, with piano accompaniment, was also encored.

During the course of the evening, the Chairman said how very pleased he was to be present and take part in celebrating such an historic performance, and at having been privileged to hear a touch of Stedman Sextuples rung on 14 handbells earlier in the evening in St. Martin's tower with the bells in diatonic order as rung for the peal, and also another touch with the octave note to the 7th and tenor as substitute for the treble bell. He had, however, an open mind as to which was the better from the musical point of view, and hoped to hear more of it later, as in a touch with two courses only it was sometimes difficult to judge, and as in the case of from 10 to 12 the extra bells to 14 had to be got used to. But he was pleased to hear from those who heard the peal, especially the referee, that the peal was rung faultlessly, and that the music was grand.

Mr. Albert Walker, in responding, thanked the chairman for his

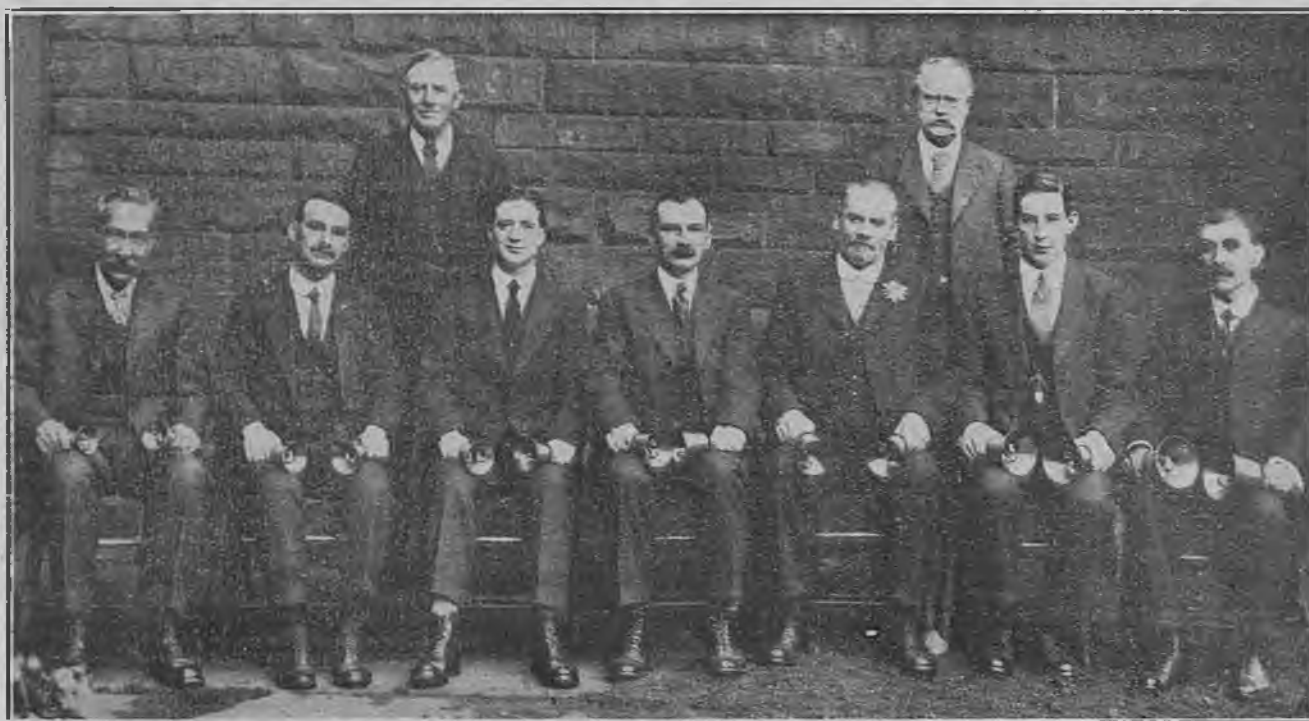


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[A. Browning.

Standing: John Carter (composer), William Kent (referee).

Sitting: Thomas Russam (1-2), Albert Walker, conductor (3-4), Percy O. Laffin (5-6), George F. Swann (7-8), James E. Groves (9-10), Albert E. Norman (11-12), Morris J. Morris (13-14).

Swann 7-8, J. E. Groves 9-10, A. E. Norman 11-12, M. J. Morris 13-14. The extra bells required were in diatonic order, that is, assuming the tenor bell to be Key C, the treble bell is top B. Later, at Mr. A. Parsons' suggestion, a further touch was rung, using as a treble bell top C in place of B. Those who have a piano can illustrate this for themselves.

Afterwards the peal band, composer and referee were photographed, and a move made at 6.30 p.m. to the Guild's headquarters, the St. Martin's Hotel. Here the company was joined by Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, T. Reeves, G. Walker, G. Yendall, H. Withers, E. Mansell, A. T. Scrivens, and several others, and all sat down to an excellent meat tea, beautifully prepared and laid out by Host Spring and his good lady, who had excelled themselves in providing and doing everything possible to make everyone comfortable and happy.

After tea more friends, male and female, joined the company, which totalled 60, and with Mr. Albert Parsons unanimously voted to the chair an excellent programme of music was carried out, those who contributed being Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davies, Mr. A. Walker, Miss E. Knowles and Miss W. Walker, Messrs. V. Walker, H. Withers, G. Walker. Special mention must be made of Mr. Arthur

very kind words, and to the company for their presence. He said that 14 bells being just one short of the two octaves, the order of the bells to be used in the peal had been carefully thought out. With different bells tried away from the diatonic scale there seemed to be something lacking, and it was decided to follow precedent and add trebles in the natural order as from 8 to 10, 10 to 12, and so 12 to 14, and they were all unanimous that was the proper thing to do.

A further touch of Stedman Sextuples was attempted during the evening, but unfortunately came to grief in the last course, the aforesaid 'diver' having done its work. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to all those who had contributed to the success of the evening, and the proceedings terminated with 'The King.' A. W.

### THE GIFFORD MEMORIAL FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged, £24 16s.; Mr. J. Gould (Bristol), 2s. 6d.; total, £24 18s. 6d. A meeting of subscribers to this fund will be held in St. Martin's Vestry, Salisbury, on Nov. 18th, at 7.30 p.m., to decide on the form of memorial, and to receive the secretaries' accounts.

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## PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. A. T. KING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—A letter of which the enclosed is a copy, is being addressed to the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, asking for their subscriptions towards a fund which is being raised with the object of erecting a memorial to the late President of this Association. The letter gives full details of the scheme, which my committee hope will give general satisfaction.

Feeling that the very large number of friends of the late Arthur T. King will be glad to have an opportunity of identifying themselves with this memorial, my committee desire me to ask you to be good enough to insert the letter in 'The Ringing World.' As is well known, Mr. King's activities on behalf of ringers were not confined to the members of the Middlesex Association. For many years a member of the Central Council, he served on the Peals Analysis and other committees, and gave unstintingly of his time and energy. On no occasion could it be said that he was unwilling to give his best towards furthering the interests of ringers generally.

The sub-committee appointed to carry out the memorial schemes will, therefore, be glad to receive subscriptions from any of the late Mr. King's friends who may wish to join with the members of this Association in erecting these permanent records of their great appreciation of him, and trust the response will be a general one.

Thanking you, sir, for the space for this and the enclosed letter, Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

Joint Hon. Sec., M.C.A. and L.D.G.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, E.17.

The letter above referred to, which is signed by Messrs. T. Beadle and F. A. Milne (District Vice-Presidents), and Messrs. C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (hon. secs.), is as follows:—

'In accordance with instructions received at the annual general meeting, your committee have considered the proposal to erect a memorial to the late Arthur T. King, who was for many years President of this Association, following on a long and faithful term of office as hon. secretary, during which the Association made its greatest progress.

'After careful consideration, it has been decided that the most fitting way in which his connection with this Association should be permanently recorded is by the erection of a marble or stone tablet in the Parish Church at Barnet; and, should funds permit, by placing a small tablet or peal-board in the belfry at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, recording the half-muffled peal rung on the day of his funeral. The main reasons which have prompted these decisions are that it was as a ringer at Barnet that our late president first became connected with the Association, and that he was for many years lay reader at that church. It is, therefore, considered appropriate that his connection with Barnet, as well as with this Association, should be recorded. It is also considered that as the half-muffled peal rung at Upper Clapton on March 30th was the only peal rung on the day of the funeral of our old friend, it is most fitting that this should be placed on record in the belfry.

'With these objects in view the necessary permission has been sought for and obtained from the Rectors and Parochial Councils of the two churches concerned, and your committee now appeal for your financial support to enable them to carry out the proposed schemes.

'A small sub-committee, consisting of the undersigned members of the Association, has been appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the work to be completed, and any of them will be glad to receive subscriptions, which will be duly acknowledged in "The Ringing World."

'A liberal response to this appeal is hoped for, so that the memorial to our late president may be a fitting one.'

## BLACKROD BELLS RESTORED.

On Saturday last the bells of Blackrod, Lancs., were opened after renovation. This church stands on a very high hill, commanding a fine panoramic view of the Fylde district.

The six bells, with a tenor of about 12 cwt., were cast in 1786 by Chapman and Mears, of London, and have been going badly for the last few years. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have now rehung them with modern fittings in an iron frame.

A special service was held, at which, after the blessing, the bells were rung for a few rounds by the local band. The Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee (President of the Lancashire Association) gave an eloquent address on the history, use and message of the bells, leaving a very deep impression on all who heard him.

A tea was provided for the visitors, at which the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Gordon) took the opportunity to thank the ringers for the help they had given that day. Afterwards an exceedingly well struck 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 27 minutes by representatives of the Lancashire Association, viz.: George Pincott (Bolton Parish) 1, Joseph Leatherbarrow (Newchurch) 2, Ben Knights (Chesterfield) 3, Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee (Bolton St. George's) 4, John Potter (Walkden), conductor, 5, Ernest Cutsforth (Doane) 6. Subsequently the bells were kept going in various methods, and everybody voted the work done by the Loughborough firm a first class job.

## FIRST PEAL OF CATERS IN SOMERSET.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'Belfry Gossip' this week states that the first peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Mary's Church, Taunton, by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild on the occasion of the opening of the peal of ten on June 25th, 1885. On page 53 of his book, 'Among the Bells,' the late Rev. F. E. Robinson says:

A band of the Oxford Guild visited Taunton, Somerset, on June 25th, 1885, at the opening of the augmented peal of ten bells, the trebles having been made by Messrs. Taylor, and the tenor, a grand bell, by George Mears and Co., cast in 1861. We rang a peal of Stedman Caters (5,079 changes), in 3 hours and 22 minutes. The peal, however, turned out to be false, and was, therefore, excluded from the Guild report, but meanwhile one of the band, without my sanction, sent it to the 'Bell News' for publication. I failed in my duty by not publicly retracting it at the time, but the matter cropping up again seven years afterwards, I then made amends by the following letter in the 'Bell News' of March 26th, 1892, headed 'A Lenten Confession':—

'Sir,—The present season being the proper time for penitential acts, I write to acknowledge my error in the matter of ringing at St. Mary's, Taunton, in June, 1885. Having sufficient reason for denying it a place as a peal in our Guild report, I ought also to have disowned it when it appeared in your paper under that description. This, however, I failed to do, and for this neglect of duty I now express my regret.'

I believe after the Rev. F. E. Robinson made this confession he always refrained from peal ringing during Lent. The first peal of Stedman Caters in Somerset was rung on Wells Cathedral bells, on November 4th, 1891, in 3 hours 57 minutes, by F. White 1, G. H. Phillott 2, C. Houslow 3, T. Blackburn 4, the Rev. H. A. Cockey 5, the Rev. F. E. Robinson 6, W. W. Gifford 7, J. Hinton 8, R. T. Hibbert 9, J. W. Washbrook and W. Greenleaf 10. Composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook. I hope, sir, you will find space for this, as it will once and for all settle this question.—Yours, etc.,

Taunton.

JAMES HUNT.

The particulars, which we gave last week, were extracted from the 'Bell News,' but the withdrawal, which came seven years later, was overlooked. Mr. Hunt informs us that the College Youths, Exeter and Taunton men, rang the first true peal on the ten (Grandsire Caters), and the first peal of Stedman Caters was rung by local men.

## BRISTOL SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As Mr. Pigott evidently obtained the 5,088 Bristol Surprise previous to my publishing it, I withdraw my claim to it. I subjoin two more peals on the same plan.—Yours, etc.,

F. BENNETT.

5056					5088				
23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
52364		x		2	54326			2	2
63254			2	2	32546			1	1
25634			1	1	45236			2	2
36524			2	2	53246			2	
62534			2						
46325					36245	1			2
					42635			2	2
					63425			1	1
64523		x	1	2	24365			2	2
43526	1			2	46325			2	
25346			2	2					
34256			1	1	25463		x	2	
52436			2	2	62534		x		2
23456			2		35264			2	2
These peals contain the					26354			1	1
extent of 4, 5 and 6 at					53624			2	2
the 'Wrong' and					32654			2	
'Home.'									
					23456	2			2

## TWO PEALS BY J. PIGOTT.

5056					5056				
23456	M	B	W	H	23456	M	B	W	H
63254		x	1		36452	1			2
63542		x		1	53624	2		2	2
34625		x			56234			1	2
42356		x							
25346	1	x			52364	1	x	2	2
54326	1	x			64235	2	x		2
52643			2	1	45236	1			2
24536		x			34256			1	
43526	1	x							
32546	1	x			53462	2		2	2
Repeated					62345	2	x		2
6th 12 full courses Home.					25346	1			2
					42356			1	
					Repeat last 4 Courses.				



# Sunday Service Ringers' Page.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**CARDIFF.**—Llandaff Association.—On Sunday, Nov. 5th, at St. John's Church, Cardiff, for the commemoration service to the fallen of the Glamorgan Artillery, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Richards 1, Sergt.-Major Dawe 2, W. Biss 3, A. Rowley 4, E. Hunt 5, E. Coombs 6, T. Carter 7, A. Parnell 8, W. Bolton (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, Nov. 5th, for the feast of the dedication, 720 Double Court Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: G. Allbones 1, W. White (conductor) 2, W. Hickling 3, D. Burton 4, W. E. White 5, T. Squires 6.

**CHATTERIS, CAMBS.**—On Sunday evening, Nov. 5th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. Mattock 1, P. A. Smith (conductor) 2, J. Rowlinson 3, W. Seekings (first 720 inside) 4, J. Grainger 5, A. J. Abrams 6.

**BREWOOD, STAFFORD.**—On Sunday, Oct. 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: H. E. Booth 1, G. Warner 2, T. Roden 3, T. Perry 4, G. Harris 5, E. F. Mitchell 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, S. R. Roper 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by G. Warner. The ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 6th belong to St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; S. R. Roper to the firm of Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, and the rest to the local band. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, October 15th, for harvest festival service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Booth 1, A. Mansfield 2, G. Mansfield 3, A. Hornsby 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. Wilfred Sharpe (conductor) 6.—For evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes), consisting of 900 Plain Bob and 360 Oxford Bob Minor, in 47 mins.: A. Booth 1, A. Mansfield 2, J. Wilfred Sharpe 3, Geo. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray 5, F. Hopper (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of any Minor method by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th.

**BROUGHTON.**—For harvest festival, evensong, on Sunday, Oct. 15th, 720 Doubles being 240 St. Simon's, 240 Plain Bob and 240 Grandsire: H. D. Baxter 1, F. W. Randall 2, A. Stapleton 3, A. L. Wykes 4, H. Baxter (first 720 as conductor) 5.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.**—On Sunday morning, Oct. 15th, for Divine service, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Dumper 1, W. G. Rowe 2, O. H. Giles 3, W. G. Edwards 4, C. J. Fray 5, A. Marks 6, G. Williams 7, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 8. Also for evening service, 448 in the same method, E. Munday and G. Pullinger in place of E. Dumper and A. Marks.

**STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.**—On Sunday, October 15th, for harvest festival, at the Parish Church, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, for evensong: R. Taylor 1, J. Worthington 2, T. Grounds 3, J. Booth 4, J. Gray 5, W. E. Austin 6, J. W. Grounds 7, E. Birchall (conductor) 8.

**ARMLEY, YORKS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 15th, for evening service, 960 Treble Bob Major: Arthur Coldrick 1, P. Whiteley 2, F. Blacketh 4, H. Blacketh 5, G. Robinson 6, A. Fieldhouse 7, J. Thackray (conductor) 8. Longest length by ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 7th. Longest length of Major by the ringer of the treble, and longest of Major as conductor by the tenor ringer.

**COTGRAVE, NOTTS.**—On Sunday, October 15th, for afternoon service, 720 Single Court Minor, in 26½ mins.: G. Allbones 1, W. White (conductor) 2, W. Hickling 3, D. Burton 4, W. E. White 5, T. Squires 6; and for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: G. Allbones 1, W. E. White 2, W. Hickling 3, D. Burton 4, T. Squires 5, W. White (conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival, and to celebrate the birthdays of D. Burton and W. Hickling.

**EXETER.**—At the Cathedral, for harvest festival, on October 15th, 503 Grandsire Caters: F. Davey (conductor) 1, T. Laver 2, W. Lethbridge 3, T. Bartlett 4, J. Moss 5, F. Gardner 6, F. Murphy 7, J. Sandover 8, G. Betts 9, C. Glass and A. Mitchell 10. Also a 210: J. Oke 1, T. Bartlett 2, C. Carter 3, W. Lethbridge 4, T. Laver 5, F. Gardner 6, F. Murphy 7, G. Betts 8, F. Davey 9, A. Mitchell and W. Rogers 10.

**LEICESTER.**—On Sunday evening, October 15th, at St. John-the-Divine, the last 742 from Holt's Original, Grandsire Triples: Reg. Summers 1, F. Kilborn 2, W. Aldridge 3, W. Willson (conductor) 4, T. Vallance 5, I. Harris 6, J. Smith 7, R. Hubbard 8. Longest touch by ringer of the treble.

**STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 15th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. E. Gillett 1, J. Collett 2, H. Packer 3, E. Parden 4, F. E. Davis 5, T. Banning 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, G. Eugh 8. Also after service, 338 and 532 in the same method.

**WHITCHURCH, GLAM.**—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, morning service, on Sunday, Oct. 15th, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), in three methods, Canterbury Plain Bob and Grand-

sire: R. Bailey 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, F. J. Bailey, senr., 3, L. Wright 4, F. J. Bailey, junr., 5, F. Wright 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles.

**SOUTHWARK.**—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, for evening service, at St. Saviour's, Southwark, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples, in 57 mins.: H. R. Newton (conductor) 1, F. G. Symonds 2, C. F. Winney 3, A. B. Peck 4, W. T. Cockerill 5, H. T. Langdon 6, W. Rushton 7, A. Howell tenor (52 cwt.).

**WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Grundy 1, W. Jones 2, S. Harrison 3, J. Donner (Walkden) 4, J. Ridyard 5, J. T. Potter (Eccles) 6, John Potter (conductor, Walkden) 7, A. Burton (Walkden) 8. Rung for the harvest festival.

**PORTISHEAD.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 8th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. O. Grieves 1, Miss A. Stokes 2, E. Goldstone 3, \*Miss D. Coombs 4, J. Nisbet 5, \*Miss E. Dobbs 6, W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, C. Carey 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**SAFFRON WALDEN.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 8th, for harvest thanksgiving service, 12 members of the Saffron Walden Society rang a touch of 1,152 Stedman Cinques: F. Pitetow (composer and conductor) 1, A. E. Pitetow 2, A. F. James 3, L. E. Pitetow 4, F. Dench 5, G. Sparrow 6, J. F. Penning 7, E. A. Pitetow 8, R. Strong 9, A. Erenett 10, F. J. Pitetow 11, W. Parish 12.

**BRISTOL.**—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Thursdays: \*Mrs. E. J. Brown 1, E. J. Brown (conductor) 2, Miss A. Brown 3, F. E. Tyler 4, I. Long 5, F. W. Wade 6, J. R. Jones 7, \*F. Tyler, junr., 8. \* Longest length in the method.

**BAGSHOT, SURREY.**—At St. Anne's Church, on Sunday morning, October 8th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: Miss K. Corbett (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss Stevens 2, Miss L. Stevens 3, J. Corbett 4, T. Gould 5, H. Chaffey (conductor) 6, J. Crocker 7, F. Nye 8.

**ICKLETON, CAMBS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine, in 26½ mins.: P. C. L. Brookes 1, R. Clements 2, P. Webb 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton (conductor) 5, A. G. Lilley 6.

**HOUNSLOW.**—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, October 8th, on the occasion of the unveiling of the War Memorial, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 46 mins.: D. G. Archer 1, A. Beckensale 2, J. Kent 3, C. J. Tricker 4, A. Diserens 5, A. Harding 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, J. Milner 8.

**CROYDON.**—At St. Peter's Church, for harvest festival, on Sunday, October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: T. G. Banister (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Gammon 2, F. Larbey 3, C. Dean 4, D. Wright (conductor) 5, W. Bulpitt 6, C. Kitching 7, G. Burt 8.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.**—On Sunday, October 8th, at St. Peter's Church, for harvest festival 504 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Wolstencroft 1, Miss Ida Wolstencroft 2, Miss E. Grimshaw 3, Miss Ada Wolstencroft 4, Miss Thorp 5, Arthur Wright 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, Dan Wolstencroft 8.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, October 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: W. G. Farey 1, A. P. Hensman 2, J. T. Hensman 3, J. C. Dean 4, W. Farey 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. J. Allen (conductor) 7, H. Blundell 8. Rung for the harvest festival, and as a birthday compliment to the youngest son of the ringer of the 4th.

**LONDON.**—At Southwark Cathedral, on Sunday, Oct. 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 58 mins. (tenor 51 cwt.): H. R. Newton (conductor) 1, F. G. Symonds 2, C. F. Winney 3, A. B. Peck 4, W. T. Cockerill 5, H. Langdon 6, W. Rushton 7, A. Howell 8.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**—At the Priory Church, for harvest festival services, on Sunday evening, Oct. 8th, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: G. Preston (conductor) 1, E. Hinton 2, E. C. Elliott (Lyvington), 1st quarter-peal of Caters, 3, R. Vincent 4, G. Stone 5, L. Stone 6, F. Sparshott 7, A. Woolf 8, A. Best 9, W. G. Fowler 10.—On the preceding Thursday a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on the back eight, in 45 mins.: S. White 1, E. Hinton 2, A. Heath 3, G. Stone 4, F. Sparshott 5, G. Preston 6, W. G. Fowler (conductor) 7, H. Preston 8.

**BARLEY, HERTS.**—On Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Mansfield 1, H. Howard 2, W. Tack (first in the method as conductor) 3, W. Sermons 4, A. Howard 5, R. Howard 6.—On Sunday, October 15th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: A. Howard 1, H. Howard 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, October 22nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: N. Haves 1, F. Haves 2, H. Howard 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Sermons (conductor) 5, R. Howard 6.



**SOMERSET CHURCH TOWERS.****REV. C. C. PARKER REPLIES TO PREBENDARY FARRER'S ALLEGATION.**

The Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association (the Rev. C. C. Parker), who is Rector of Corston, contributes to the current issue of the 'Diocesan Gazette' an appeal for the encouragement of bell ringing, and expresses doubt concerning the recent allegation (made by Prebendary Farrer) that church bells are responsible for the disrepair of towers. Mr. Parker adds: 'I think such instances are exceedingly rare, while, on the other hand, there would be little difficulty in finding many cases where the addition of bells has been accompanied by the strengthening and thorough repair of towers. In my own parish there was a large bell hung in a frame in a dilapidated condition, and when rung a menace to the walls of the tower, but now, with eight bells hung in a scientifically built frame, and the tower repaired, there is practically no danger of damage to its stability.'

Change ringers, the Rector of Corston continues, are far from being indifferent to the care of the tower. He concludes by observing: 'I regard it as a grave error to discourage in any way the enthusiasm of change ringers. Their associations have raised the morale and tone of ringers throughout the country, and their work has been a true work for God and His church. If for the glory of God and the exercise of greater efficiency in their art, a band of ringers seek with their incumbent to increase the number of their bells, all honour to them; their aim should not be lightly condemned or thwarted. The church towers of Somerset are the glory of Somerset, but the bells are the glory of the towers, and the more beautiful we can make them to the ear, as well as to the eye, the more will their value be enhanced.'

The letter which Major J. H. B. Hesse addressed to Prebendary Farrer, showing how modern bell hanging can strengthen a tower, instead of leading to damage of the fabric, has brought a very nice reply. It points to Prebendary Farrer having become really interested in the right direction, and he is now studying Sir Arthur Heywood's book, 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging.'

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****DEVIZES BRANCH VISIT WESTBURY.**

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Westbury on Saturday, October 7th, and was well attended by ringers from Bristol, Frome, Weymouth, Salisbury, Wells, Chippenham, Swindon, Melksham, Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon, Devizes, Warminster, Holt, Bratton, Keevil, Rowde and Westbury. The massive peal (tenor 35 cwt.) was rung at 2.40, and the bells kept going in various methods till 4.40, when the company assembled in the church for the Guild service. This was conducted by the Rev. C. F. Burrell, as the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Alexander was unable to be present. The grand old church was beautifully decorated for the harvest festival services on the morrow, and the Guild service, following the deep music of the bells, was most impressive.

Tea, to which nearly 50 sat down, was followed by the business meeting.

The Chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) extended a hearty welcome to the visiting ringers.

The Secretary reported that £2 5s. 6d. had been collected in the branch, and forwarded to Mr. L. Harris, Salisbury, towards the W. W. Gifford Memorial Fund, and 10s. had been received that day, which would make a total of £2 15s. 6d.

One new life ringing member, Mr. H. J. Scammell, of Frome, and two ringing members, Messrs. P. Chapman and W. G. Holloway, of Westbury, were elected to the Guild.

The next three meetings were decided upon as follows: Rowde and Bromham, on Nov. 4th; Bradford-on-Avon, Dec. 2nd; and the annual at Devizes on Jan. 6th.

The Chairman reported that the course of instruction in change ringing granted by the Guild to the Bratton ringers was completed.

—Mr. B. Cook, secretary to the Bratton company, said they were well satisfied with the course of instruction given, and they all very much appreciated the kindness and care of the instructor, Mr. S. J. Hector, Trowbridge, as a result of which they rang their first 120 Grandfire Doubles unaided for harvest festival services the previous Sunday.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, Sec., Dorchester Branch; Mr. W. A. Cave, St. Stephen's, Bristol; Mr. A. W. Seviour, St. James', Bristol, each thanked Mr. Heginbotham for his welcome, and expressed their pleasure in being present at such a successful branch meeting, and in being enabled to ring on such a fine peal of bells.—Mr. F. Romaine and Mr. C. Mountford, of the Salisbury branch, also expressed the hope that their own branch would soon wake up, no meetings having been held for a very long time.

The Rev. C. F. Burrell was heartily thanked for conducting the service, and the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc., to which the Rev. Burrell suitably replied.—The ringers adjourned to the tower, and some good touches of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandfire Triples were rung.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN DIVISION.**

By the kind permission of the Rev. A. J. Walker, Vicar of Malton, the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association held their quarterly meeting at Malton on Saturday, Oct. 21st. Although the meeting was not a very large one, the visiting ringers made good use of the privilege afforded them, and during the afternoon and evening the fine peal of eight bells were kept going in various touches of the more popular methods. A short service was held in the church, at which the Rev. A. J. Walker, who is an honorary member of the association, addressed the ringers, extending to them a hearty welcome to the tower, and expressing his appreciation of the work of bell ringers.

Tea was provided at Clark's Cafe, followed by a business meeting, presided over by Mr. Bourne, churchwarden of the Parish Church, Scarborough, in the absence of the Rev. E. Drage, Vicar of Pickering, and vice-president of the association.

Armistice Day, being this year on a Saturday, it was decided that a peal be attempted at the Parish Church, Scarborough, in commemoration of this event.

The visiting ringers greatly regretted the absence of the Malton ringers, both at tea and the meeting, as they had hoped, by holding the meeting at Malton, to elicit their help and gain their interest in the work of the association.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. J. Walker for his kindly welcome and the ready help he is always ready to extend to the ringers.

**PRESENTATIONS AT GLOUCESTER.****DEPARTURE OF CAPT. A. A. BENNETT.**

A well-attended meeting of the Gloucester and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held on Saturday week in the parish of St. Mary de Lode. Proceedings commenced with a short service in the church, at which Captain A. A. Bennett, of the Church Army, late hon. secretary of the branch, gave a very helpful and appropriate address, based on Genesis i. 1.

Following the service the company adjourned to St. Catharine's School Room, where a capital tea had been provided by Mrs. Bennett and friends, to which those assembled (40 in number) did full justice. At the business meeting the chairman of the branch (Mr. Walter B. Wood) presided, and after various routine matters had been disposed of, the Chairman announced that the special object of the meeting was to say farewell and bid godspeed to Captain and Mrs. Bennett, who were shortly leaving to take up a fresh sphere of work in New Zealand. They did so with very great regret, for their presence among them would be very greatly missed. The Association, however, would ever remember their kindly and genial influence, and more especially the splendid and successful manner in which Captain Bennett had furthered the interest of the branch during his term of office. He (the chairman) had the greatest possible pleasure in asking Captain Bennett's acceptance of a watch, suitably inscribed, and Mrs. Bennett's acceptance of a book of 'Sketches of Old Gloucester,' remarking that although the gifts were small, many of the subscribers being only working men and some out of work, they conveyed the heartiest good wishes of the members of the Association.

Captain Bennett, in returning thanks on behalf of Mrs. Bennett and himself, said it came as a very great surprise to know that their small services had been so greatly appreciated, but the knowledge of this fact gave them the greatest satisfaction, and they would always remember in the far-off country to which they were going their many happy associations with the Gloucester ringers.

**BLETCHLEY RINGERS' OUTING.**

The ringers of St. Mary's, Bletchley, had their annual outing on Saturday, October 14th, in the neighbourhood of Reading. Mr. R. T. Hibbert, the hon. secretary of the Oxford Guild, had made the arrangements in his district, and met the party of twelve upon their arrival at the Biscuit town at 10.30 a.m. Caversham tower was the first objective, and here the visitors were greeted by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), and other Caversham ringers, viz., Mr. A. D. Cullam, Mr. Menday and Miss Davis. Several touches were rung, and then the party adjourned to dinner, an ample meal which had been provided by Mr. and Mrs. Hibbert, and over which the Master presided. The afternoon was occupied by a car run to Sonning and Shiplake, at both of which villages ringing was indulged in, and places of note visited. After tea, at Caversham, another visit was paid to the tower, and touches in various methods, including Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, were rung. After a social hour with local friends, train was taken at 10 p.m., and Bletchley reached at 1.15 on Sunday morning. Thanks were extended to Mrs. Hibbert, who was responsible for the catering, and to all those who helped to provide such an enjoyable day.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Estab. 1637).—The 285th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 7/6 each, may be obtained from any of the following committee: Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. Howell, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young. Towers open for ringing from 3.30 to 5.30: St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. Magnus', London Bridge; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate; 4 to 5 p.m., All Hallows, Barking, Great Tower Street.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—Meetings for practice at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, third Monday, each month, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing for service at Shoreditch second and fourth Sundays each month at 5 p.m. Practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields temporarily suspended.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Estab. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., 9th & 23rd; \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 14th (election of officers); St. Andrew's, Holborn, 16th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, 28th. All at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.**—Next Meeting Nov. 11th, Sheffield Cathedral.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A Monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Earl Shilton, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at Hoylandswaine. All ringers welcome.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Secretary.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts Branch will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells at Hemingford Abbots (6) and Houghton (5) available from 2 p.m. Service and address 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton, Cambridge.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Alverstoke, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells available 2.30. Tea and business 5.30.—E. J. Harding, District Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Walton-le-Dale, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Two peal boards will be unveiled.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Woolton, on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea and Meeting 6. Tea 6d. Members intending to be present please send word to Sec., Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**LONDON. — ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.** — St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening, 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing on Nov. 12th and 26th, 10 till 11 a.m., also at 2.15 till 3.15 p.m. on Nov. 12th. Armistice Day (Nov. 11th), half-muffled ringing at 11.2 till 11.15 a.m. and 2 till 3 p.m. Visitors to London this week-end will be welcome.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Nov. 13th and 27th; Bishopsgate, Nov. 20th. Sundays, St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th, at 5.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Branch.—A Monthly ringing meeting for practice will be held at Old Hill, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Wells St., W., on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Service at 6.30 p.m. All ringers invited. Business meeting at 8 p.m.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14a, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea in the Church Cottage at 4.45. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Nov. 11th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's R.C. Churches, Lytham, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The Annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available from 2.30. An address by the Rector (Rev. Y. E. Gilbert) at 4.15 at St. Peter's Church. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 4.45. Business meeting to follow for the election of officers. It is hoped all members will try and attend. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

**SALOP GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Wellington, Salop, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Ringing and prayers 2.30. Meeting 5 o'clock. Tea at 6, to be ordered per Mr. J. L. Hayward, 12, Haybridge Road, Hadley, near Wellington, or Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The Autumn meeting will be held at Southleigh on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Service at 3 o'clock, preacher Rev. E. B. Rand. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available during the day. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The Annual meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.

Service at 4.30, tea and meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 21st?—G. Miles, Owlsmoor, Camberley, Surrey.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District. —The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, Nov. 25th, by kind consent of the Vicar (the Right Rev. Bishop G. D. Iliff, D.D.). Bells (8) available from 1.30. Service 4 o'clock, at which it is hoped the address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Tea in Church Schools at 5 o'clock (1/6 each) to those who notify Mr. M. Tate, 22, Manuel Street, Goole, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 21st.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District. —An interim meeting of the above will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Nov. 25th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Collis). Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. All members intending to be present must notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 21st.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

**NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available 2 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. It is hoped all who can will attend.—George T. Peggall, Dist. Sec.

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#### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

The ringing friends of the Midlands, also many at a distance, send hearty congratulations to Mr. William Rock Small on his 83rd birthday, and wish him 'many happy returns,' and may God bless him.

#### DEATH OF A BICESTER RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. R. Neal, who was for many years a ringer at Bicester. Deceased was an active member of the band until a 'stroke' prevented him taking any further part in ringing. Afterwards he moved to Birmingham, where he died. His body was brought to Bicester on Friday week for interment on the following day, and at the service a course of Triples was rung over the grave by F. Neal 1—2, E. Hims 3—4, B. Cox 5, J. Grimsley 6, E. A. Clifton 7—8. After the service a touch was rung on the bells, which were half-muffled, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Triples were rung by E. A. Clifton 1, R. Elkerton 2, J. Grimsley 3, F. Neal 4, B. Cox 5, F. Sharpe 6, E. Hims 7, T. Clifton 8.

#### MORE SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**PORTSEA, HANTS.**—On Sunday, October 15th, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples: J. J. Symons 1, C. Groves 2, J. D. Harris 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 8th, for evensong, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Rogers 1, T. R. Taylor 2, C. Groves 3, P. W. Cave (conductor) 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

**LITTLEBOURNE.**—At St. Vincent's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, before evensong, by the local band: H. Stringer 1, P. Smith (conductor) 2, J. P. Cobbold 3, W. Savage 4, E. Bye 5, A. Johnson 6. This was a unique event, as Mr. P. Smith celebrated his 21st birthday on that day, and it was his first attempt at calling a 720.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, October 15th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. J. Neale 1, S. E. Moya 2, T. W. Taffender, junr., 3, J. S. Hawkins 4, G. J. Harman 5, G. Shipp 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, C. Chapman (first quarter-peal) 8.

**LEICESTER.**—At St. Margaret's Church, on October 15th, for evening service, 756 Grandsire Caters: G. S. Morris 1, F. Sharman 2, A. Ballard 3, T. Bent 4, E. Whitehead 5, H. Peach 6, J. Morris 7, C. Cattell 8, E. Morris (conductor) 9, J. Grant 10.

**CLAPHAM.**—On Sunday, Oct. 15th, at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, S.W.12, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: Mrs. A. T. Smalley 1, Miss Hardcastle 2, Miss Orr 3, Miss M. Philip 4, J. S. Higgins 5, A. T. Smalley 6, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 7, W. Wilson 8.

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