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THE COUNCIL AND ITS DECISIONS.

A correspondent this week endorses the suggestion made by our contributor "Criticus," that the time is more than ripe when the Central Council should overhaul its so-called "Rules and Decisions," and with this, we think, most ringers will agree. The early resolutions passed by the Council were embodied in one of their publications, which is still on sale, but, as the Rev. H. Drake points out, this booklet contains no record of the Council's doings in the last twenty years or so, so that, despite one or two supplementary pamphlets that have been published, members of the Exercise who really wish to know what the Council have done, or to consult their ruling on any point raised in recent years, have very little, if any, possibility of finding out, except by searching the files of the ringing press. It would hardly be fair to the Council to say that these years have produced nothing to place on record, and their "decisions," however few, ought to be available, as Mr. Drake says, to all who desire to have them. Under present conditions we doubt if even the Hon. Secretary could say what the Council has resolved on any specific point without making an exhaustive search of the minutes. From time to time the Council have adopted reports of its committees containing recommendations, and have passed resolutions of general importance to the Exercise, but all these, since about the year 1903, lie buried in the archives of the Council. Moreover, it is, we believe, a fact that some of the "decisions" arrived at years ago, need serious revision in the light of more recent knowledge, and it is therefore high time that the Council brought this part of their work up to date.

When originally formed, the Council came into existence largely upon sufferance, by which we mean that it was started and maintained by the united goodwill of the associations. Its value to the Exercise has now been established, and despite the view held by some as to its lack of usefulness—an opinion for which the Council cannot hold itself blameless in the past—without the Council the Exercise to-day would be like a ship without a rudder. But there is no question that the Council have been slow to keep ringers in touch with what they have been doing. It was not until we agitated for action that the Council took any step to bring its proceedings officially before the affiliated societies; and certainly upon all subjects appertaining to ringing, on which the Council has come to any decision, ringers ought to have at their disposal an up-to-date and concise reference. Perhaps the Council, when next they meet, will see that something is done in this direction, and we would also suggest that they should, at the same time, adopt some scheme to keep ringers acquainted with the contents of the library.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb. in C.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	FRANCIS E. DAWE 7
THOMAS A. TAFFENDER 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 8
T. WILFRED TAFFENDER 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 9
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	JAMES BULLOCK 10
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 6	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This is the first peal on twelve bells in the county, and also the first peal on twelve-tower bells by the Winchester Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM FARREY, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 6
FRED WILFORD 2	HARRY PETTITT 7
*FRANK ROLLINGS 3	WILLIAM J. ROGERS 8
HENRY KEY 4	FRED HOPPER 9
†THOMAS LAW 5	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by W. J. ROGERS.

Rung to commemorate the Patronal Feast of St. Giles. * First peal on ten bells. † First peal away from the tenor. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. (This is a corrected report of a peal published in our last issue).

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*GILBERT WAY Treble	*RICHARD TAYLOR 6
EDGAR GUISE 2	FREDERICK W. WADE 7
EDWIN J. BROWN 3	HENRY T. HOWELL 8
ALFRED PEARCE 4	HENRY J. WAY 9
GILBERT PEARCE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

F/Sgt. F. A. HOLDEN ... Treble	*FRANK BELSEY 6
*THOMAS BEAUMONT 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
*JOHN HAIGH 3	†WILLIAM HAIGH 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 9
CHARLES WINSER 5	*CHARLES NORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN.

First peal on the new bells, the harmony of which is a masterpiece of modern bell tuning. * First peal on ten bells. † 150th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY Treble	HORACE STUBBS 6
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
*G. STEDMAN MORRIS 3	MAJ. J. H. B. HESSE 8
JOHN SADDINGTON 4	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 9
ERNEST MORRIS 5	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 29, 1923, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
WILLIAM HARPER 2	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 4	JOHN AVIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Friday, August 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	T. W. TAFFENDER, JUN. ... 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
ROBERT HARDY 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK R. HOUNSELL ... Treble	FREDERICK PAGE 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	GEORGE FAULKNER 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 3	KEITH HART 7
WILLIAM WATTS 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge, Mr. Hounsell kindly taking the vacant rope at the last moment. * First peal in the method.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE H. SPICE Treble	SAMUEL TAYLOR 5
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 2	THOMAS JULL 6
CL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 3	WILLIAM NYE 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by W. SPICE, SEN.

First peal on the bells since the addition of two new trebles by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	ALBERT H. WARD 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	FREDERICK PAGE 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
WILLIAM R. DRAGE 4	KEITH HART Tenor

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On Wednesday, September 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

In St. Hugh's Tower, at the Cathedral,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) Treble	J. B. WILLIAMSON (TRIN.) 5
CANON BAKER (CLARE) ... 2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 6
J. BUTLER (FRITZW. HALL) 3	J. H. R. FREEBORN (CLARE) 7
*REV. R. H. WHITFORD (PEM.) 4	REV. C. W. C. JENKYN (TRIN.) Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method.

FARNWORTH-BY-BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK F. RIGBY ... Treble	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 5
WILFRED GRUNDY 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
FREDERICK GRUNDY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
PETER CROOK 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Dr. Kershaw, who had been interred that day. The ringer of the treble hails from Westhoughton, 2nd and 3rd from Worsley, 4th, 5th and 6th from Bolton, 7th and tenor from Walkden. Great credit is due to the treble ringer who only commenced to ring about nine months ago, and rang his first touch in the method on the 18th ult.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, September 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS LAW Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 5
FRED WILFORD 2	BERTIE O. SODEN 6
*HARRY BAXTER 3	GEORGE BASFORD 7
*FRANK ROLLINGS 4	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Day's Six-Part.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

†FREDERICK F. RIGBY ... Treble	*RICHARD FISHWICK 5
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 2	ARTHUR SEWART 6
EDWARD EDWARDS 3	PETER CROOK 7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 4	*GEORGE TYSON Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. F. F. Rigby hails from Westhoughton, the remainder are service ringers at the above church. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vice-President, Mr. John Potter, of Walkden.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 6
ROBERT J. DAVE 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... Treble	JOHN PERRY ... 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 3	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 7
*HARRY M. HAWKWOOD ... 4	EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung on the occasion of the Dedication Festival. At the conclusion of the peal the band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Perry. * First peal of Major.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE ADDISON ... Treble	ERNEST LANDON ... 5
†HAROLD EDWARDS ... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 6
*ARTHUR PEAKE ... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... 7
WALTER LONGMAN ... 4	ALBERT ASTBURY ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Mr. A. Allman has now rung every bell in tower to peals of Triples. The ringers of treble and 3rd were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT ... Treble	HARRY PRICE ... 5
JOHN BASS ... 2	JOHN LLOYD ... 6
*WILLIAM GIBBS ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 4	WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman, also the first peal on the bells since being augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles by Mr. J. E. Groves, Birmingham, the 'splice' being excellent.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. ... 2	*DANIEL COOPER ... 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 3	*JAMES E. COOPER ... 7
ROBERT A. FARDON ... 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

* First peal of Treble Bob as conductor, to whom it was rung as an 18th birthday compliment. * First peal of Treble Bob.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

*MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... Treble	GEORGE MARRINER ... 5
GEORGE COOK ... 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 6
JOHN BRAMSH ... 3	ALBERT HARMAN ... 7
ALFRED H. WINCH ... 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. * First peal in the method.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN A. GODFREY ... Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON ... 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
WILLIAM CLOVER ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS ... 7
ROBERT HARDY ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells, also by the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON ... Treble	WILSON RUSHTON ... 5
PERCY E. CLARK ... 2	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ... 6
GEORGE R. FARDON ... 3	ALFRED B. PECK ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Arranged for the Rev. A. Simpson, of Stockton-on-Tees.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARCHIBALD C. KAY ... Treble	SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... 5
DAVID HODGKIN ... 2	HENRY C. CASTLE ... 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 3	CHARLES H. SONE ... 7
LEWIS NEWMAN ... 4	PHILLIP HODGKIN ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. WATKINSON ... Treble	F. CARDWELL ... 5
*A. HILL ... 2	†W. H. DALE ... 6
†J. C. TAYLOR ... 3	§H. TAYLOR ... 7
†H. REVILL ... 4	J. GARTH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MARTIN.

Conducted by J. GARTH.

Arranged for 2nd and 6th, and 4th ringers, from Tickhill and Ordsall, respectively. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. H. Dale, father of the ringer of the 6th, and a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Parker, sister of ringer of the 6th. * First peal. † First of Major. ‡ First in Method. § First away from Treble. First peal as conductor.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN AND ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	HARRY R. ROPER ... 6
JAMES DURRANT ... 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
JAMES ROSE ... 4	FREDERICK GILLINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

GUILDFORD.—On Thursday, Sept. 6th, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. A. Etheridge 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, W. Sheppard (conductor) 3, E. Raddon 4, G. Tomsett 5, C. Hazelden 6, S. Radford 7, G. Petter 8.

TUNSTALL, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWIN G. BUESDEN Treble	CHARLES W. BRETT 5
FREDERICK G. BRETT 2	WILLIAM E. PITMAN 6
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4	THOMAS JULL Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE. THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, September 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*JOHN HOPE Treble	JAMES BUTLER 5
*FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2	*SIDNEY R. HICKS 6
*WILLIAM C. CUSS 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
*WILFRED G. COOK 4	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major. Arranged for Ex-Sgt. J. Williams, of Newent. The ringer of the 7th hails from Worcester.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SAMUEL WARNE Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	JAMES FLETTY 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
†WALTER ARNOLD 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method, and first peal of Major away from the treble.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, August 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ERNEST PRICE Treble	CHRIS BOWERS 4
CHARLES LAYTON 2	E. WILLIAM TURNER 5
DAVID HORNE 3	GEORGE JORDON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after the wedding of Mr. A. C. Rayner-Wood, late Headmaster of Eton, and Miss Holland; also as a farewell peal to the Rev. Stoke-Vaughan (an hon. member of the Guild) on his resigning the living.

DICKLEBURGH NORFOLK. THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR BLAXCELL Treble	GEORGE BARRETT 3
CHARLES CATCHPOLE 2	ALPHRED J. BERRY 4
WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor	

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

This is the first peal by A. Blaxcell, who was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting. Also A. J. Berry's first peal of Doubles; first peal with an inside bell by G. Barrett, and first peal in two methods on the bells. A. Berry and A. Blaxcell belong to Thornham Magna.

HARWELL, BERKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

†WALTER V. WEBB Tenor	EDGAR HUMFREY 4
JAMES BUTLER 2	*FREDERICK WOODWARD 5
†WALTER HITCHMAN 3	†RICHARD G. RICE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BUTLER.

First peal of Minor as conductor. * First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells, which are believed to be the oldest ring of six in England.

WENDEN AMBO, ESSEX. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, called differently.

*STANLEY BROOKS Treble	JESSE WEBB 4
†MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	†HAROLD J. HAZELL 5
PERCY WEBB 3	ARTHUR G. LILLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY WEBB.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Woodbine, Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	JOHN LARTER 4
GEORGE LEE 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Miss Williams, organist and choir trainer, and a great church worker for many years, in the evening following the funeral.

HANDBELL PEAL.

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

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 18 in G.

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

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. A. H. PULLING.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. N. Burdock (of the Holy Trinity Society) and Miss K. E. Pangbourne.

SHIPLEY, YORKS. — On August 28th, touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Superlative Surprise Major were rung to oblige Mr. T. Carter, of Oxford, who was spending his holiday at Ilkley, Yorks. The ringers taking part were: H. Foster, W. Feather, F. Davison, H. Davison, F. Kilshaw (Idle) J. Broadley (Bradford), Rayner (Ilkley), T. B. Kendall, H. Haigh, H. Hutley and E. H. Simpson (the local company).

STAFFORD. — On Wednesday, August 14th, for combined practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: J. J. Taylor 1, F. Birks 2, T. Perry 3, A. G. Hunt 4, E. F. Mitchell 5, F. Haggis 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, W. G. Curtis 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of the 3rd, 6th and tenor. The ringers of 3rd 4th and 7th belong to Brewood, 2nd to Penkridge, 5th to Wolverhampton, and the rest to the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. G. Hunt. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the bells since rehanging.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

FIRST PEAL ON THE RING OF TWELVE.

The first peal on the ring of twelve bells at Winchester Cathedral was rung on Saturday last, by a band gathered from a wide area. The first twelve-bell peal in a tower is always something of an event, and when to this is added the fact that that tower is the belfry of a Cathedral, and that no other twelve-bell peal had been rung in the county or on tower bells in the whole diocese, the interest in the performance at any rate for those taking part, is greatly enhanced. So when the band coming from Hampshire, Surrey, London, Somerset and Birmingham, turned their faces towards the ancient city, which for many hundred years played an important part in the history of this country, it was with high hopes and keen desire for success. Rail, motor and cycle brought the ringers to the point of concentration, and the picture of the old-world town, with the massive grey pile of the Cathedral bathed in the sunshine of a glorious September morning, and rising in all its impressive grandeur from the centre of the city, as the view burst suddenly upon the eye on rounding a shoulder of the hills above Winchester, is a memory that will long remain with the writer.

But the tower and not the view was the objective, and about eleven o'clock the band were welcomed in the great old belfry, reached by tortuous stairs and narrow passages, by Mr. Elkins, the Dean's voicer. A start for the peal was eventually made at 11.30, but after a quarter of an hour the tenor rope slipped wheel, and put an end to the attempt. Another start, and the same thing happened with less than two courses rung. The prospect of a peal, gloomy after the first incident, looked almost hopeless the second time, but nothing daunted, and with a bare four hours in which to ring, a further attempt was made. Course after course slipped by, with nothing untoward to mar the ringing, and eventually after 3 hrs. 55 mins. Mr. F. E. Dawe had the satisfaction of calling 'This is all' to the first twelve bell peal at Winchester, as he had done nearly forty years ago on June 13th 1885, to be exact to the first peal on the old eight bells. Mr. Challis Winney, it is interesting to note, also took part in both peals.

The band take this opportunity of tendering their grateful thanks to Mr. J. W. Elkins, the courteous and ever-obliging Sacristan and Dean's voicer, for obtaining permission for the peal and also for the excellent arrangements made by him for a substantial meal afterwards near at hand.

Subsequently, in the lovely summer evening, Mr. F. E. Dawe piloted some of the party to the various places of interest and beauty in this delightful and historical old city including King Alfred's statue, the much-admired Mayor's Recreation Gardens, with the many streams of crystal-like water, together with the old ruins and grounds, with its more modern structure of Wolvesey Palace. Then they paid a hurried visit to the Dean's garden, from which the finest view of the grand old Cathedral is obtained. Here the conductor thanked the ladies present who were interested in the ringing, and caused a message to be conveyed to the Dean, thanking him for granting permission for the peal, and expressing best wishes for a speedy recovery from his present indisposition.

A walk along the side of the River Itchen, flowing through the peaceful meadows, amid pretty surroundings, and by the College playing fields, brought the party to the ancient and stately structure of St. Cross, where, although after closing time, they had the good fortune to encounter the Reverend Master, who at once, with the aid of a private key, kindly allowed the visitors to go round this most interesting and imposing pile.

The bells of Winchester Cathedral are a mixed lot, and originated, presumably, in a heavy peal of six cast by Richard Phelps, of the Whitechapel Foundry, in 1734. To those Thomas Lester, his successor, added two trebles in 1742, making a peal of eight. At different times the treble, fourth and sixth were recast by Robert and James Wells, respectively, of the Aldbourne foundry. In 1891 the tenor was cracked and recast by Mears and Stainbank, who, in the following year, added two trebles to make a peal of ten, one bell being given by the citizens of Winchester and the other by the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The old fifth, cast by Phelps, became cracked in 1903, and was recast at Whitechapel. In 1921 two more bells, cast by Gillett and Johnston, were given by the Winchester Guild as a memorial to the members who fell in the war.

NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reference to Immanuel and Lancashire Surprise, No. 22 is the method I named Immanuel, and No. 24 is Lancashire.—Yours,
C. SHARPLES.

Blackpool.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT EAST MARKHAM.

The autumn meeting of this Society was held at East Markham on Saturday last. East Markham is a considerable and pleasant village on a declivity $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Tuxford. The church is a neat Gothic edifice, with chancel and side aisles, and a lofty embattled tower, containing six sweet toned bells, the two trebles having been added by Taylor and Co. in 1905. There is also a commodious ringing chamber. The church, dedicated to St. John-the-Baptist, has several ancient monuments and armorial paintings of the Markham, Cressey, Meering, and other families. Sir John Markham, who was knighted by Edward IV. and made Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench in room of Sir John Fortescue, was a native of this parish, and lies interred in the chancel under a tomb which bears the date 1409. He was as learned and as upright a judge as ever sat on the Bench and Fuller calls him and his predecessor 'the two Chief Justices of the Chief Justices for their singular integrity, for though one of them favoured the House of Lancaster, and the other of York, in the titles to the Crown, both of them favoured the house of justice in matters betwixt party and party.' When Sir Thomas Cook, Lord Mayor of London was arraigned for high treason, on a charge of having supplied Margaret of Anjou with money during the War of the Roses his life and lands were saved, by Judge Markham directing the jury to find it only misprison of treason. This so offended Edward IV. that the honest Chief Justice was ousted from office and lived privately during the rest of his life.

The place being easy of access, by road or rail there was some surprise at the small number who attended, but the day being fine, the ingathering of the harvest and two other ringing meetings in the near locality provided an explanation, and the meeting was as well attended as could reasonably be expected. The following towers were represented: East and West Retford, Ordsall, Worksop, Southwell Cathedral, Sutton-on-Trent, Dunham, Laxton and the local company. A variety of well-struck touches were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was provided in good style by Flossess Chapman at the Queen's Hotel, and a word of praise is due to Mr. Page for making all the arrangements.

The business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. Page. The Rev. S. B. Blean of Laxton, was elected a member with three toilers from East Retford, and Laxton tower for the first time becomes affiliated to the association. The members hope to hold a meeting at that place in the summer next year.

The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney early in November, and will be advertised in due course in the 'Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. J. D. Crosse for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. H. E. Page for presiding over the meeting, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.—Mr. Page suitably responded, and gave the ringers a hearty welcome to East Markham.

After ringing had finished the members from the Northern district, on their cycles, had a pleasant vision from the top of Markham Hill in watching the fireworks display at the Ordsall fete and gain, some six miles away. A pleasant ride home brought 'the end of a perfect day.'

H. H.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

AN EFFORT TO REVIVE INTEREST.

The half-yearly meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Bangor on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The president (the Rev. T. Lewis Jones) was in the chair, and the Rev. Wm. M. Morgan-Jones and members from Bangor, Portmadoc, Rhyl and Buckley were present.

The association having become re-affiliated to the Central Council, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Jones) was appointed as representative of the association on the Council.

A number of towers in the district having lapsed membership of the association since the war, means of reviving interest in the art of change ringing at these places were discussed, and it was decided to arrange ringing meetings at the various places, whenever possible, and to invite the ringers of the district to attend.

The President expressed the hope that there would be an increase in the number of peals rung by the association in the near future.

It was unanimously decided to present the late Master of ringers (Mr. W. T. Pegler) and the hon. secretary with an honorarium of £1 each in recognition of their services.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. T. Lewis Jones for his services, past and present, to the association, and also to the Rev. Wm. M. Morgan-Jones for assisting at the meeting.

The Rev. Wm. M. Morgan-Jones was elected a vice-president of the association, and the Rev. Canon L. Hughes, of Llandudno, was elected an honorary member and a vice-president.

A short service was held in St. David's Church before the meeting, when an excellent address was given by the Rev. T. Lewis Jones.

The members were entertained to tea after the meeting by the president and the Bangor ringers.

Touches in various methods were rung during the day.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.**HOW THE MEMBERS ATTENDED.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It has been maintained that Oxford members are responsible for voting the festival at Oxford. Concerning this I would say that I have examined the attendance roll of the last meeting at Oxford and that I find from this that the Archdeaconries were represented as follows: Oxford 21, Bucks 21, Berks 62; also that Oxford City was represented by 3; the ten-mile radius round Oxford by 18; outside 10 and within 20 miles by 30; outside 20 and within 30 miles by 22; outside 30 by 24. The majority in favour of Oxford was about 60.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,
Master.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—On Aug. 10th, you published two peal compositions of Double Norwich Caters, which come round at hand. The figures of the method in my possession under that name start off 214365879; to come round at hand the change before rounds is also 214365879, so the method that I have will not allow homing at hand. Probably there is another method under that name; 9, 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 9, 5, 9 are the places for the half lead, 3rd's or 7th's place bob, treble in 5th's at the call. If this is correct, then the figures published must be false.—Yours truly,
Leicester, F. H. DEXTER.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The fourth annual meeting of the Southern district was held on Saturday, Sept. 1st, at Rammore, Surrey. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung before service. The Vicar conducted the Guild service, and gave the visitors a warm welcome. A good tea was enjoyed, and the business meeting followed, at which two new members were elected, viz. Miss Hastie, of Leatherhead, and Mrs. Baker, of Frittenden.

The hon. secretary (Miss Mills) and the committee were re-elected, and Guildford was chosen for the next annual meeting.

The tower was afterwards re-visited and further touches rung. Thanks are due to Mr. A. Dobinson for having everything in readiness.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS' ALARMING EXPERIENCE.**CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING DURING SERVICE.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, Sept. 1st, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. P. Peacock), and the handy ring of six in St. Mary's Church was kept going to various methods during the afternoon. Service was held at 4 p.m., at which an alarming experience befel the ringers, who were listening to an address by the Vicar. A heavy thunderstorm was in progress, when a loud crash of thunder, which sounded like a terrific explosion, shook the church, and outsiders stated afterwards that a ball of fire was seen to descend the conductor of the spire, which is 190ft. in height. The organist had his face slightly scorched, and the verger also felt a shock in one of his legs. The Vicar's sermon was naturally interrupted for some minutes, and one or two ringers left the church. It is feared that damage has been done to the spire, and an examination is to be made. About two years ago the weathervane was damaged by lightning.

Tea was afterwards partaken of in a hall in the Vicarage grounds, to which a company of 30 sat down, representing the towers at Beverley, Howden, Hull, Market Weighton, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet and York.

The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Vicar, in the absence of the vice-president (Mr. A. E. West). Three new members were elected: Mr. H. Hatfield, Mr. W. Terry, and Mr. F. Terry, all of Hemingbrough.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at Selby, subject to the usual permission being obtained.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. H. P. Peacock for the use of the bells and also for his excellent address, which was so unfortunately interrupted.—In replying, the reverend gentleman spoke of the great pleasure it gave him and the people of Hemingbrough to have the association there that day. They were apt to get rather quiet in the country, and that meeting had infused a little enthusiasm for which they were very grateful.

The ladies, who prepared and served the very excellent tea, and the local ringers who had made such desirable arrangements, were also accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Several members, after the meeting, took train to Selby where, by kind consent of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D.), the Abbey bells were available until 9 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal by the Society of St. Martin's Youths was rung at St. Philip's, Birmingham, on Sept. 16th, 1755. This was a peal of Bob Major.

Next Monday is the anniversary of the 11,328 London Surprise Major, rung in 6 hrs. 6 mins., at Drayton, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Sept. 17th, 1896.

Charles Middleton, composer of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, died on September 14th, 1886.

Ringers visiting Winchester will be welcomed for service ringing at the Cathedral on Sundays at 10.20 and 2.30, but it is desirable that they should communicate beforehand with Mr. Wilfred Andrews, 11, Culver Road, on account of the difficulty that may be experienced in getting up into the tower.

Ringers who had intended visiting Hatfield on Saturday for the meeting of the Herts Association are informed that the meeting is cancelled.

The bells of Haslemere, Surrey, which have been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., are to be opened on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, at 3.30 p.m.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal of Stedman Cinques at Painswick on Sept. 1st was Albert C. V. Gasson, not Groom, as published. Messrs. Herbert Spencer and John Neal were the umpires of the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Birmingham on August 30th.

CENTRAL COUNCIL DECISIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The suggestion made by 'Criticus' in 'The Ringing World' for August 31st is certainly a good one. It is both timely and opportune that the Central Council should 'overhaul their rules and decisions.'

At the Northampton meeting an agitation culminated which had for its object to get the different Associations to observe the decisions of the Central Council. Now that some of us have got a number of associations to make this observance one of their rules (and there is little doubt that the remaining associations will do the same at the next opportunity) it is up to those who agitated for this to see that these decisions are so arranged and published that they can be known, in order that they may be obeyed.

The pamphlet advertised in your columns as 'Rules and Decisions of the Council' is now twenty years old, as it only goes up to 1903. Moreover, it takes the form more of a report or synopsis of the first twelve years of the Council's work, than of clearly cut and well-arranged decisions, which can be readily referred to when wanted.

It should be possible so to codify and bring up to date what the Central Council have done, that a concise summary could be put into the hands of every ringer who cared to know of it, or at least of the members of those associations which have made it a rule to observe such decisions.

Before, however, any move can be made in this matter it would be necessary to know what is the general opinion of the Exercise about it, and especially to hear if any other members of the Council are willing to support such a movement.

Ufford Rectory, Suffolk.

H. DRAKE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT FINCHLEY.

Although not largely attended, the meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Finchley on Saturday last, was a very pleasant one, and was undoubtedly a success from an educational standpoint. From just before 4 p.m. until 5.30 the pretty peal of six bells was kept going to various Minor methods, and at the latter hour Divine service was held, conducted by the Rev. E. C. Dodderil, in the absence of the Rector on holiday.

Tea in the Mission Hall was followed by the business meeting, at which two members were elected; Mr. E. Morris (Leicester) previously provisionally elected prior to ringing a peal at Willesden, and Master C. T. W. Coles, son of the hon. secretary.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Edmonton on Nov. 3rd. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector (the Rev. W. St. Hill-Bourne) for the use of the bells; the curate for his very eloquent address at the service; the organist; and Mr. E. H. Tubb for so ably arranging the meeting.

The Hon. Secretary stated that, it having been asked when the balance sheet of the A. T. King memorial fund would be published, he would like to state that they were waiting to hear what the fee for the faculty would be. As soon as that was paid the balance sheet would be issued. It was anticipated that there would be a small balance on the right side.

After the meeting the bells were again rung, the methods practised being Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

ST. ANDREW'S, NORWICH.**ANCIENT PEAL BOARDS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—I would thank Mr. J. R. Jerram for his letter in your issue of the 17th August. Having paid meanwhile yet another visit to this belfry, I am able to give below exact details of the three tablets which are on the north wall, and to which reference was made in my letter in your number of 10th August. It does not appear to have been previously noticed that the composition of the peal of 7360 Oxford Treble Bob is recorded on the tablet; at any rate, the writer of the notes in the 'East Anglian' in 1863—and he presumably an archeologist—failed apparently to observe the figures which are somewhat inconspicuously placed on a scroll in the pediment of the tablet:—

The 2 following inscriptions are on tablets of wood:—

On November 16th, 1837, was rung in this Steeple a true and complete Peal of Oxford Treble Bob, comprising 7,360 Changes, and contains only 50 Bobs; the time occupied in ringing was 4 hours and 44 minutes. It was composed and ably conducted by SAMUEL THURSTON, and rung by the following persons.

F. WATERING Treble	G. THURSTON 5
CHAS. PAYNE 2	G. WATERING 6
S. LOVELESS 3	JAS. TRUMAN 7
ROBT. HAYES 4	S. THURSTON Tenor

W. CATTERMOLLE
W. DODSON,
Church Wardens.

W H

B 26354	—
B 24653	—
B 45236	
B 53462	
B 36524	
B 62345	

4 times repeated.
S. Thurston.

On Decr. 5th, 1823, was rung in this Steeple 5,088 changes of treble bob, it contain 27 bobs, and the first long peal ever rung in this steeple, it was well struck and completed in 3 hours and 10 minutes, conducted by SAMUEL THURSTON.

T. HURRY ... 1	J. GREENWOOD 2
F. WATERING 3	I. COLEMAN ... 4
J. HURRY ... 5	C. PAYNE ... 6
W. HAYES ... 7	S. THURSTON 8

Also Feby. 23rd 1824, was Rung in this steeple 5,040 changes of that ingenious composition of grandier tripples, it was allowed by Judges to be an excellent peal and completed in 3 hours and 10 minutes conducted by SAMUEL THURSTON.

E. MASON ... 1	T. HURRY 2
I. GREENWOOD 3	I. COLEMAN 4
C. PAYNE ... 5	T. BURRELL 6
S. THURSTON 7	W. HAYES ... 8

W. D. RICHES. G. WARREN. CHURCH WARDENS.

On a tablet of stone.

On Thursday July 28,
1825.

This peal of ten bells was opened And rung for the first time with the Addition of the two smallest bells Which were Given by MR. THOMAS HURRY who was many years one Of the Ringers of this Parish.

This tablet is Placed here as a Tribute of Respect by SAML. THURSTON one of his Brother Ringers.

And now a further peal on the ten bells has come to light. Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glemsford, has kindly sent the following newspaper account from his collection:—

'St. Andrew's, Norwich.

'On Friday night, November 24th, 1843.

'St. Peter's Society of Ringers Ascended the Tower of St. Andrew's Church and rang Shipway's Celebrated Peal of Caters on Steadman's Principle, comprising 5,295 changes in 3 hours and 30 minutes, which for bold and regular striking was highly admired by all who heard it. This Intricate Composition has the Peculiar Properties of 5th and 6th bells their full extent behind the 9th. The harmonious effect of these positions are well known to persons who are skilled in this difficult science. The peal was conducted by Henry Hubbard and we believe it is the first time this Intricate Peal was ever performed, and rang by the following persons:—

JOSHUA HENRY Treble	CHARLES MIDDLETON 6
ROBERT BURRELL 2	GEORGE SMITH 7
JOHN GREENWOOD 3	JAMES TRUMAN 8
WILLIAM GAUL 4	HENRY HUBBARD 9
ELIJAH MASON 5	ROBERT COLE Tenor

This correspondence points to the necessity on which your leading article of the 31st August lays, very properly, so much emphasis, of compiling as quickly as may be, a list of all known ancient peal records. It is unlikely that copies of many of the old 'steeple-boards,' as is the case with the Norwich tablets, are safely in print. Many of the older boards must be approaching a state of decay, and their inscriptions becoming illegible, and apart from this vital consideration, a close scrutiny might reveal details of interest, such as the figures of the methods or of the compositions. Inquiries should also be made if any boards have been taken down and removed from the belfry.—Yours very truly,
G. P. BURTON.
Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**A FINE EXAMPLE OF DETERMINED EFFORT.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Peterstone, Mon., on Saturday, Sept. 8th when quite a good number attended, representing towers of both dioceses. The bells, a light musical ring of eight, were available, and raised early in the afternoon, and kept going until 5 o'clock, when a service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Hubert G. Stanley, who gave a most interesting address, touching upon the history of bells and ringers.

Following the service, the business meeting was held, the Vicar, at the outset, welcoming the association to the parish.

Various routine items were dealt with, including instructors' reports, restorations, and election of new members. The whole of the ringers of Llanarth were elected, thus bringing into the association the affiliation of one more tower.

The Hon. Secretary explained the reason why the meeting, as originally proposed, could not be held at Penhow.—The Vicar humorously replied that if similar circumstances again arose he would be only too pleased to fill the second place, if desired. The bells were afterwards rung during the evening.

It is worth mentioning here that this parish provides a fine example of what can be done if an effort is made in real earnest. When the present Vicar came to Marshfield his two churches each possessed a ring of six bells in a deplorable state. He got to work, and it was not long before Marshfield was restored and the octave completed; this was followed by the taking in hand of Peterstone with the same result. Both churches are situated midway between Newport and Cardiff (six miles), and the bells are always available for a peal by any visiting ringers.

The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Dinas Powis, on Saturday, October 13th if it can be arranged.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**ANOTHER ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.**

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at the beautiful village of Kingswinford, Staffs. on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells, which have recently been augmented to eight by Mr. J. E. Groves, were at the disposal of the members from three o'clock. Service was held, the Guild form of service being used, conducted by the assistant priest, who also gave a very eloquent and helpful address on 'service.'

Afterwards the members adjourned to the Schoolroom, where a bountiful tea awaited them, upwards of forty members sitting down, representing, among others, the following towers: Bradley, Dudley, Netherton, Sedgley, Rowley, Tipton, Old Hill, Wombourne, Handsworth, and the local band.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. John Goodman, junr. (Ringing Master), presided, and sixteen new members were added to the roll.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at the Lye if the usual permission is obtained. Other business of a routine character being finished, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Kingswinford (who was unavoidably absent) for his kindness in granting permission to the Guild to hold this meeting at his church, also for the use of the bells and Schoolroom in which to hold the meeting; to the Rev. Norman Hemmingway for his great kindness in coming to conduct the service; for his address, and for presiding at the organ for the musical portion of the service; to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea, and for attending to the comfort of the members; also to Mr. Eric A. Lownes and the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements, and to all who had contributed in any way in making the meeting a happy and successful one.

After the meeting some strolled round the village, while others kept the bells merrily going until 8.30, when the gathering dispersed, after a most enjoyable afternoon.

ROWLEY REGIS BELL RESTORATION FUND.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

BUSHEY AND OXHEY SOCIETIES.

For the fourth year in succession, the Bushey and Oxhey Societies, on Sept. 1st, held a combined outing. Leaving Bushey at 8 a.m., in a commodious 'National' charabanc, a brisk run through Hemel Hempstead and over part of the Chiltern Hills, brought the party to Leighton Buzzard. Mr. Nicholls, the genial local conductor, here awaited them, and the fine peal at All Saints was soon going to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Superlative on the back eight. Those who desire a comparison between Simpson tuning and the other method will find a strong argument for the latter in this tenor (27 cwt.) and peal generally. After a little argument with the car engine, a sharp run brought the excursionists to Woburn, where Messrs. Herbert welcomed them. This magnificent church, built by the Duke of Bedford, was much admired. Its massive tower contains a fine peal of eight bells (tenor 24 cwt.). A touch of Stedman Triples and a course each of Superlative and London Surprise comprised the ringing. Leaving Woburn, with regret, the journey, part of it through the Duke of Bedford's magnificent park, was continued to Bedford. At dinner, at The Silver Grill, the visitors were joined by their old friend and tutor Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham. The afternoon was spent in various ways, and the homeward journey was commenced after tea, the only call being at Hitchin, where Messrs. Foster, Elise, etc., were waiting as well as an old Bushey member lost sight of for 11 years. Touches of Stedman Triples, Superlative and London Surprise were rung here, a lumpy peal, tenor 28 cwt. The tower is very massive and roomy, and requires another 100ft. on top to take off its squat appearance. Bushey was reached about 10.45 p.m., after a most enjoyable time had been spent. The best thanks of the party are tendered to the incumbents for permission to ring, and the aforementioned friends for meeting the visitors and helping to make the outing a success.

AMONG SIX-BELL TOWERS IN KENT.

A most enjoyable trip into the heart of Kent was taken by the Charlwood (Surrey) and district ringers on Saturday, August 18th. The party, 14 in number, under the guidance of Mr. O. Sippetts, set off by motor charabanc, at 7 a.m., for Shipbourne, which was reached at 9.45 after a very pleasant journey through the hop gardens and orchards of Kent. Time did not permit of much ringing here, but touches of London Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round. The Vicar greeted the party, and a visit was paid to the war memorial under his guidance. A start was then made for Mereworth, where they were met by a local gentleman, who conducted them to the tower. The bells were soon set going to Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. The next stop was Watlingbury and here the Vicar conducted the visitors to the tower. A nice light peal of bells were found, but the ringing chamber and the circle are sadly in need of improvement, a rather large staircase to the upper regions taking up a great deal of room. The ringer of the 4th stands on this staircase above all his fellows, and the 5th man is on the edge of a trap-door and expecting to disappear below every moment. However, touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, London and Cambridge Surprise were successfully accomplished, the bells lowered, and a start made for Yalding. After lunch, provided by Host Ditcher, of the Two Brewers Inn, the tower was visited, and here was found the best peal of the day. The bells, with a tenor approximately 19 cwt. in E, from the Whitechapel Foundry, beautifully hung by Bowell, were soon being turned in to Cambridge, York and London Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and the visitors were sorry to leave, but a funeral made a longer stay impossible. The next stopping-place was East Farleigh, and here they were met by Mr. S. Hayzelden. The bells, although light, required some little handling, and there was more bad than good ringing here. Cambridge, Oxford and Woodbine were rung, and it was then time for tea, which had been arranged at the Schoolroom. After tea, instructions were taken from Mr. Hayzelden as to the best way to get to East Malling, which was the next stopping-place and he informed the excursionists that they would go up by the North Pole, and they subsequently found this all right. East Malling was reached, the tower visited, and the bells soon going to Cambridge and Chester Surprise, Violet and Oxford Treble Bob. This nice peal go exceedingly well. After refreshments, Ightham was visited. Here there are some very old bells, with a tenor about 8 cwt.; a long draught, and locally made ropes, but some good ringing was accomplished, including Carlisle and Canterbury Surprise, Violet Treble Bob, London Scholars etc. The bells were lowered, and a start was then made for home, which was reached about 11.30 p.m. The conveyance behaved very well except on a very steep hill after leaving Yalding. Here she stopped half-way up, and had to unload and make the ascent herself. A few miles from home there was also a little trouble, but nothing really serious. A most happy and successful day had been spent, seven towers had been visited over 5,000 changes had been rung, and over

100 miles had been traversed. The conducting throughout the day was shared by Mr. O. Sippetts and Mr. A. Ellis. The thanks of all are due to the local clergy for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness and for meeting the party at the various places.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday, Sept. 8th, the band from St. Mary's tower, Reading, together with a few friends, enjoyed their annual outing. Soon after 1 p.m. a charabanc started from the church, and running to the east end of the town picked up the rest of the party. Once all were aboard a quick run was made to Warfield, where Mr. G. Higgs met the party, and conducted them to the tower. Here, short touches of Stedman and Bob Major were rung, the first touch of the afternoon being absolutely perfect, and an omen of the enjoyable afternoon to follow. With the aid of Mr. W. Pole-Routh's map the driver found his way to Windsor Great Park, which was crossed till Old Windsor was reached. The river was followed as far as Staines, where a further halt was called. At St. Mary's Church, Stedman was the order for half an hour, and then, after re-loading, the party went on to St. Peter's Church, which is pleasantly situated by the side of the Thames' tow-path. The 'go' of these bells was well-nigh perfect, and they were soon tapping Stedman, Kent and Double Norwich, the party being joined by Messrs. Greenwood and Parker, of Staines. The party then adjourned for tea, previously arranged for by Mr. F. W. Hopgood. After tea, it was 'all aboard for Bagshot.' So perfect were Mr. Hopgood's arrangements that once again the party was welcomed by a local ringer. This time it was Mr. Nye. Good touches of Stedman and Kent were rung here, and very soon the party was speeding towards Yately. While Mr. Harry Simmonds was getting his coat off and anxiously hanging on to the tenor rope (which nothing would induce him to release) the rest of the party was shown the two historical and valuable chalices in the church, one plentifully encrusted with diamonds, pearls and turquoises, and the other of silver-gilt and crystal which is practically priceless. The band was dragged to the tower at last, and Stedman, Bob Major and Grandsire finished the day's touches. At 8.45 p.m. the party once more loaded on the bus, and at 9.21 (according to Mr. Harry Simmonds' watch) Reading was reached. Everywhere the ringing was good, and therefore, enjoyable, but the fine weather, a carefully-chosen route, an excellent drive and a pleasant company made it all the more enjoyable.

A VISIT TO THE PEAK.

The ringers of St. Leodegarius Church, Old Basford, had their second annual outing on August 18th, when they visited the Derbyshire Peak district by charabanc. Starting at 8.30 a.m. they proceeded by way of Langley Hill and Ripley to 'Holmesford Cottage,' High Peak Junction, where a right royal breakfast of ham and eggs, with other good things, was waiting to assuage the keen appetites of the early risers. 'I can hop it' then pursued its way to Darley Dale Church, where the visitors rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Continuing the journey through the glorious scenery of Chatsworth Park, Baslow, Hathersage, Castleton, the ultimate destination was reached about 3 p.m. The wonderful caves, and the well of ice-cold water, which overflows at the rate of some 2,000 gallons per minute were visited, and the return journey was made through Eyam and Middleton Dale, with its scenery of beauty and grandeur. Dinner was provided at High Peak Junction, and home was reached at 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day.

FARNHAM RINGERS VISIT HENFIELD AND BRIGHTON.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, together with their wives and a party of friends, numbering 31 in all, had their annual outing on August 11th, when they visited Brighton. Leaving Farnham at 7 a.m., by charabanc, they proceeded through Farncombe, Bramley and Horsham, to Henfield, Sussex, where the first stop was made. Here the whole party were cordially welcomed and entertained by Mr. Alfred Baigent (an old friend and ringer of Farnham), who was awaiting their arrival. A visit was paid by the ringers and some of their friends to the beautiful old Church of St. Peter, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the grand-toned peal of bells, permission for the use of which had been previously obtained by Mr. Baigent. After a stay of about an hour the journey was resumed the party being augmented by Mr. Baigent, and Brighton was safely reached at about 11.45 a.m., where the party broke up to enjoy themselves in their own way. At 6 p.m. the return journey was commenced, a stop being again made at Henfield, where a very pleasant half-hour was spent and the journey continued, halts being made at two more stages before Farnham was again reached at 10.30 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the weather conditions having been splendid. This is the first outing the Farnham ringers have had since the war, but it is hoped that it will now become an annual event.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BRAILLES, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for evening service, 240 Grandsire Doubles: A. Large 1, H. Terry 2, W. Large 3, J. Keyte 4, E. Withers 5, L. Bryan 6. This band intended to ring a quarter-peal on these heavy bells, but was unable to do so owing to meeting too late.

WASHFIELD, DEVON.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Snell 1, W. E. Snell junr., 2, T. Arscott (conductor) 3, F. Taylor 4, W. Snell, senr., 5, P. Balmont 6.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On September 9th, at the Priory Church, for evening service, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. E. Sharman (conductor) 1, Canon W. W. C. Baker 2, A. V. Good 3, G. Heley 4, A. G. Matthews 5, F. Ramsey 6, J. B. Marks 7, C. T. King 8.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Mouncey 1, T. Senior 2, F. Hutton 3, H. Pearce 4, A. Pickles 5, E. Whiteley 6, W. Ambler (conductor) 7, C. Drake 8. First in the method by all the band.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster, for morning service on Sunday, Sept. 9th, 539 Grandsire Caters: W. Gibson 1, H. Ringrose 2, A. E. Sellers 3, J. Braithwaite 4, C. P. Bradley 5, G. C. Constable 6, A. E. Coles 7, B. V. Wells, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Daggett 10. — For evening service, 575 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Constable 1, H. Ringrose 2, C. P. Bradley 3, J. Braithwaite 4, P. Osgerby 5, G. C. Constable 6, A. E. Sellers 7, W. Gibson 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Daggett 10.

GREENS NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feast Sunday, Sept. 9th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: F. Lucas 1, J. Wilfred Sharp 2, Geo. Mansfield 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6. — For Holy Communion service, at 8 a.m., several 120's of Bob Doubles and St. Simons were rung: W. Wise 1, A. Booth 2, J. M. Gray 3, Geo. Mansfield 4, A. Mansfield (conductor) 5.

MARKET DEEPING.—At the Parish Church on Sept. 9th, for morning service, 720 of Cambridge Surprise: T. Henson 1, H. Hayes 2, A. Riggall 3, H. M. Day 4, W. A. Day (conductor) 5, G. H. Wells 6. First 720 of Surprise by ringers of 1 and 2. — For evening service, 720 of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: F. Simpson 1, H. M. Day (conductor) 2, A. Riggall 3, W. A. Day 4, J. Landon 5, G. H. Wells 6.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for morning service, for the annual Church Parade of the local Branch of the British Legion, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Tribe 1, Mrs. Baker 2, J. Foster 3. — Hammond 4, Miss R. Thomas 5, W. Button 6. H. Baker (conductor) 7, A. Blackman 8. J. Foster from Guildford, Hammond from Horsmonden, Miss R. Thomas from Mersham, Mr. and Mrs. Baker from Frittenden, Tribe from Tenterden Messrs. Blackman and Button are local men. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells since rehanging and quarter tuning by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

SUTTON-UNDER-BRAILES, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for evening service, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles (2,520 changes), in 90 mins.: A. Large 1, H. Terry 2, E. Withers 3, J. Keyte 4, W. Large 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 9th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: L. T. Osborn 1, J. Barnes junr. (first quarter in method) 2, G. Wheeler 3, W. Simmonds (first quarter in method) 4, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 5, H. Doby 6, G. Cook (first quarter in method) 7, H. Osborne 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 9th, for Divine service, 1,280 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Payne 1, F. Webb 2, L. Tuffrey 3, W. F. Judge 4, R. G. Rice 5, G. Holfield junr., 6, W. T. Elson (Putney) (conductor) 7, W. Thorne 8. Arranged for W. T. Elson, who hereby tenders his thanks.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): B. Collison 1, H. Markwell 2, A. Smeathers 3, S. H. Green 4, W. Collison 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Latter (conductor) 7, R. Rush 8. Arranged for A. Smeathers, who hails from Rushden, Northants.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. A. Trollope 1, W. H. Wood 2, F. Goddard 3, W. H. Hollier 4, G. C. Hles 5, A. Cutmor 6, J. Milner 7, F. Skevington (conductor) 8, A. Beekensale 9, G. Spencer 10.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sept. 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: D. Luck (first 720) 1, F. C. Webb 2, G. Cherry 3, F. Adams 4, R. E. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (conductor) 6.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—On Sunday, Sept. 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: G. W. Brown 1, F. Naish (conductor) 2, J. Smith 3, R. G. Rice 4, W. Hutton 5, F. W. Woodward 6.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: H. Chinnery 1, W. Wade 2, E. J. Butler 3, A. Howell 4, A. Keeling 5, W. Watson (conductor) 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles, with T. Patrick on the tenor.

TAUNTON.—At the Church of St. James, for Divine service on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, 1,260 of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): F. Millard 1, J. Hunt 2, W. J. Tarr 3, A. S. Boar 4, A. R. Thorne 5, E. Priddle 6, E. E. Burgess (conductor) 7, W. H. Tarr 8.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: Miss W. Turley 1, J. Medhurst 2, Miss E. Tomlinson 3, A. Maynard 4, D. Vincent (Tonbridge) 5, J. Denton 6, J. Maynard (conductor) 7, J. Meades 8.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for morning service, failing a quarter-peal, 392 Grandsire Triples: F. Naish 1, T. Smith 2, J. Bower 3, J. Davis 4, W. Hutton 5, F. Woodward 6, L. Stillwell (conductor) 7, S. Naish 8. Arranged for Messrs. Smith and Stillwell of Windsor.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, at the Church of St. Chad's, 416 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Pole 1, J. Griffiths 2, J. E. Lilley 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, G. Jones 5, D. J. Boucher 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8. Longest touch of Double Norwich by all except 7th and 8th. Also 220 Grandsire Cinques: F. Lycett 1, J. Griffiths 2, G. Boylin 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. Pole 5, J. E. Lilley 6, G. Jones 7, A. Griffiths 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, D. J. Boucher 10, E. V. Rodenhurst 11, D. James 12.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sunday, August 26th, for evening service, 378 Grandsire Triples: W. James (age 15) 1, J. Evans 2, B. J. Toby 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. Jones 6, D. R. James 7, A. W. Wright 8. Also 168, with T. Petty (age 15) treble.

CROPREDY, OXON.—On Sunday, August 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Impy 1, H. Terry 2, F. J. Baldwin 3, W. Tandy 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, L. Lambert 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles, H. Terry conducting.

TERRINGTON, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, August 19th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for afternoon service when members of the Ancient Order of Forresters attended, 720 Bob Minor: W. W. Cousins 1, C. Bunting 2, A. Wigmore 3, J. Rodwell junr., 4, B. Gogle (conductor) 5, C. Cousins 6.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. T. Lender 1, W. Henley 2, W. H. Fussell 3, E. Hancock (Hillingdon) 4, C. H. Woodberry (Kidderminster) (conductor) 5, R. Carter (Uxbridge) 6, P. E. Jones (Hillingdon) 7, G. Barkus 8.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Sunday, August 5th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: *C. Mounsey 1, G. Hughes 2, *H. Smith 3, *A. Mincher 4, *T. Palfryman 5, T. Hughes 6, J. Barber (conductor) 7, *A. Hubble 8. * First quarter-peal.

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NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at South Hackney on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. It is hoped that a good number will attend.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Exeter and District.—Inaugural meeting Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing, St. Thomas' (new 8), 12 to 1; St. Petrock's (light 6), 2 to 2.45. Service at Cathedral at 3 o'clock. Business meeting to follow in Church House; also ringing at Cathedral (12) from 6 o'clock. All lady ringers invited.—Information Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 14, St. James' Road, Exeter.

ON S'AMUSE.

'SIR' SAMUEL ACKNOWLEDGES HIS 'KNIGHTHOOD.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Not having seen our paper for the last four weeks it has taken me all my time to become 'au fait' on all points of interest, but first let me say that when ye best of spouses informed me that at last my many virtues had their reward and I was mentioned in the 'birthday honours list,' I asked whose birthday: hers or mine? She did say, 'No dolt, the King's, for you are knighted, Benighted oft hast thou been, but—the accolade at last!!'

But when I saw the announcement in our own Court Journal I did wink and say, 'That little rascal I. Pistor, bless his heart, he was sure to be in it, I know.'

But, good Sir, I misdoubt me about that trusty blade of yours, which curled up o'er my feckless pate: it could not have been the real Toledo brand. Don't trust the Simpson-tuned variety, Mr. Editor; stick to the real old M'Kie; only those can tackle a cranium like mine with impunity.

I am sorry that I have raised the ire of 'a constant reader,' but you know, Mr. Editor, how hard it is to please even a few. However, I take unto myself the consolation that ye good Mr. Imitation is my sincerest flatterer. Two years ago we had little to enliven our journal, but now it is full of interest each week, and such people as 'Criticus' and 'I. Pistor' do their honest best to make it so. Might I remind 'A.C.R.' that the 'Ringing World' is entirely made up of what ringers themselves send to it; supplemented by the very excellent matter written by its Editor, who inserts only the best of what he receives; so if the matter is not much good who is to blame? We ourselves, of course. So come along, Mr. 'A.C.R.,' send up some better than the best, and we shall all be pleased.

I agree with 'Criticus' in his article of August 17th, the 'dog days' are now on top, and so let's all have a bite, but there are so many tempting calves about that one does not know where to begin.

I might explain that there are three sorts of calves, those terminating in dainty chausses, those that are the pride of Mullinga's heifers, beef to the heel; and the bucolic sort who when in an epicurian mood, seek out the modest dandelion as a tit-bit for after dinner with the nuts and wine. But why not call that method 'Tripe and Onion,' beloved of Mr. Jiggs; that would be easy to digest if we did not like its sound.

Points for peals never were agreeable to all parties, principally to those who had not earned any; but do away with them—all who want to know could keep a copy of the 'Ringing World,' with the last 'points list' by them, and use it as a ready reckoner to tot up the points of what interested them.

I pointed out the words Passalators, etc., to Mistress Peppery, and she said it was no doubt 'soldier hat' for 'passez les pommes de terres.' Just one word more, re ve beste of spouses. She can't help being Peppery, no ringer's wife can. You see she was born 'Pepper,' and in childhood's days, if dame rumour speaks correctly, was one of Pepper's corns. Those days now past, she has, I tell her (when of good courage), acquired the sting of real cayenne.—I am, Sir, yours in deep humility,

SIR SAMIWELL PEPPERY.

P.S.—I know I am the whole suite in the bumptious arrogance line, so no one need bother to write you to that effect.

A JOINT MEETING OF YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES.

FRATERNISING AT DONCASTER.

A joint meeting between the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society and the Doncaster and District Society was held at St. George's, Doncaster, the headquarters of the latter society, on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Members of the two societies were present from Arksey, Adwick-le-Street, Badsworth, Sheffield, Rotherham, Wortley, Leeds, Hatfield, Fishlake and Ecclesfield.

The beautiful heavy ring of eight bells (tenor 30½ cwt.) of the Parish Church were rung during the afternoon and evening, touches of Stedman, Grandfire, Double Norwich and Plain Bob being brought round.

At the business meeting, the President of the Sheffield Society, Mr. G. Lewis, took the chair. Miss O. Lumley, of Leeds, and S. Walker, of Rawmarsh, were elected members of both societies.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Doncaster for the use of the bells, was proposed by Mr. S. Briggs, to which Mr. G. Halksworth responded.

Business being concluded, the handbells were brought into use, and a course of Stedman Caters was rung, followed by one of Bob Major.

WEST NORWOOD, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, at the residence of Mr. G. N. Price a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples from Carter's Odd Bob one-part: G. N. Price 1—2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3—4, C. F. Winney 5—6, E. Alex. Young 7—8.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available 3.30. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—W. Ayre, Dist. Sec., School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting to elect officials for the ensuing twelve months.—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, September 15th. Bells of St. James' (8), and St. Andrew's (8) available. Service at St. James' at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 (free to members who produce their receipt for current year's subscription, non-members 2/-), at the Church House, Bull Ring.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, September 15th (8 bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at Beale's Cafe, price 1/3 each. There is a late train leaving Royston for Hitchin and London at 9.25 p.m. A good attendance is respectfully requested.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The September meeting of the Western Division will be held at Bramley on Saturday the 15th.—The new peal of bells will be available for ringing after the dedication by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Knaresborough. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal with Ambleside on Saturday, September 15th. Kendal bells (10) available all day; Ambleside (8), until 1.30 p.m. 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church, Kendal. 4 p.m. tea in Parish Hall at 1/6. 5 p.m. meeting.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS. — North-Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus (6), on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5.15.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Witthleigh Vicarage, Tiverton, Devon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Limington, near Ilchester, on Saturday, September 15th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea should give early notice to F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton Regis on Saturday, September 15th. The bells will be available at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—A practice meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, September 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. All ringers heartily invited.—Chas. E. Fisher, Hon. Dist. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A special meeting will be held at Gretton (5), on Saturday, September 15th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Harringworth (6) available after tea.—R. G. Black, Dist. Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at West Haddon on Saturday, September 15th.—Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Dist. Sec., Guilsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Hugglescote on September 15th. Bells (8). Ringing at 3 o'clock.—J. Saddington, Dist. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The meeting arranged for Hatfield has been cancelled.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for September.—St. Clement Danes, Monday, 17th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 24th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Islington, N.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, September 22nd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Sept. 15th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association Commemoration Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, High Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6 p.m. prompt. The chair will be taken by the Venerable J. Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield. The bells of All Saints (8), Ranmoor (8), and Handsworth (8), will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Mary's R.C. (8) and the Cathedral (12), from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Earlier party ringing by arrangement. Applications for dinner tickets (5s. 6d. each), must reach the undersigned not later than first post Tuesday, September 18th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, September 22nd, 1923. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, at Oldham Parish Church. Business meeting 6.30. All are welcome.—William Horan, 2, Greenhurst Hey, Todmorden, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham and District Branch.—The

next meeting of the above will be held at Beckford on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Parish Hall. Business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present at tea please advise me not later than the 18th inst.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon, near Cheltenham, Branch Hon. Secretary.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good turn up is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. All those requiring tea kindly advise me not later than September 18th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, September 22nd. Business meeting in the Church Hall at 3.15 p.m. Tea to follow. Service at 5 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton Latimer on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, September 19th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hoole, Chester, on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning on Saturday, September 22nd, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Old Woking on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Staindrop (6) on Saturday, September 22nd, to assist the new band. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—Cyclist Church Parade and Harvest Festival at Mayfield, Sussex, on September 23rd. Tower open 2.15 and 5.30. Service 3.15. Tea in Vicarage garden free to those attending Church Parade. All ringers cordially invited. Will those requiring tea write to A. R. Miles, Captain, High Street, Mayfield?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hever on Saturday, September 29th. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswald-twistle on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob to London Surprise.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —The annual meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available from 2 till 4.30, at which time a special service will be held in the church. Tea (free) at 5 o'clock to all those who notify me of their intention of being present on or before Tuesday, September 25th. The general business meeting will follow the tea for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, the 29th instant, at Bakewell. The tower (8 bells) will be open from 1—9 o'clock, and Youlgreave bells (8) will also be available from 3—9 o'clock. If a party can be arranged for the latter place a conveyance will be obtained. Members will make their own arrangements for tea—there are many suitable places near by. The committee will meet at 4.30 and the general meeting will be at 5 o'clock in the church institute.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Meltham on Saturday, September 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/6 each to those who send word on or before Monday, Sept. 24th, to 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.—L. Hargreaves, Sec., 30, Bankfield View.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 4th, the President, the Dean of Norwich, presiding. Committee meeting will be held at the Deanery at 11.15 a.m. Divine Service will be held at 12.30 p.m., by the kind permission of the Dean of Norwich, in the choir of the Cathedral. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m., followed by the general business meeting. Full particulars next week.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. —Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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