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### 'SPliced RINGING.'

With the article which appears in this issue, Mr. J. P. Fidler concludes the series of hints on the 'splicing' and ringing of Minor methods. Those who have studied them will, we think, agree that Mr. Fidler has handled the subject with great lucidity, and has shown the best and simplest manner of learning and retaining a great number of methods. Before he began there must have been many who felt that to memorise thirty-five methods, such as were rung in the Norbury peal, was a task which only super-ringers could tackle. Mr. Fidler has explained the plan adopted by himself and his Norbury colleagues in such a way that no band capable of ringing a Treble Bob method should now eschew 'spliced' ringing merely because of its complexity. Compared with the ordinary seven-method peal a 'spliced' peal will still be a difficult proposition, but the practical hints by a writer experienced in this phase of ringing have done much to indicate the surest path through the intricacies of the task, and must have disposed of much of the 'fearsomeness' of the undertaking.

The manner in which Mr. Fidler has simplified the work for the uninitiated should induce a large number of six-bell ringers to turn their attention to spliced ringing, which, at the moment, at any rate, is the highest form in which six-bell extents can be accomplished. It does not follow, of course, that all will be able, or even desire, to go on to the limit of thirty-five methods reached by the Norbury band, but even if only for a service touch, a 720 in five methods will surely be more interesting to the ringers than an extent in one method only. The whole idea of splicing gives so much greater scope to a ringer's ability and variety to his practice that no six-bell band should be satisfied until they are able to ring Minor in this way, albeit, as we have said, they have no ambition or opportunity to go to the length of thirty-five methods.

When the Central Council publish their new book of Major methods it may be that there will be among them, as there has proved to be in the Minor Collection, methods which can be spliced, if not in leads, perhaps in courses, and it is a suggestion worth considering that the methods (if any) which will so splice should be brought together in groups, and an indication given as to the extent to which they can be so dealt with. There is not, of course, the same demand for splicing on eight bells as upon six, but there is no reason why that form of ringing should not be encouraged as adding interest and a certain amount of difficulty to the ringing. Eight-bell ringers (to say nothing of those who operate on ten and twelve) are a most conservative lot of 'practitioners,' as the old

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authors used to call them. Anything beyond the 'standard methods' (and in standard methods we, of course, include Double Norwich and the three old Surprise methods) the majority refuse to look at. Only here and there does one find a band venturing outside the well-trodden paths, so that anything that can be done by the publication of text books extending knowledge beyond the present limited sphere of practice, and encouraging enterprise among ringers, should be done. But to return to the six-bell splicing, with the advent of the long evenings and the general resumption of practice nights, there ought to be a great advance made in ringing multi-method extents, and any average band, starting from the basis of Oxford Treble Bob, ought, before next Easter, to be able to score a peal consisting entirely of spliced 'seventwinties.' We wonder how many will do it?

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES MEE ... ..	Treble	*A. GEORGE RIVERS ... ..	7
*ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... ..	2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... ..	8
WILLIAM TILLEY ... ..	3	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... ..	9
CHARLES J. SEDGELEY ... ..	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... ..	10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... ..	5	FREDERICK J. TILLEY ... ..	11
*GEORGE A. FLEMING ... ..	6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Stedman Cinques. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Tilley. Mr. Garrett has now rung every bell in this steeple to peals of Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve. Messrs. Hibbins, Rivers and Dennis hail from Cambridge. First twelve bell peal for the Suffolk Guild.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... ..	Treble	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... ..	6
ERNEST E. DAVIS ... ..	2	*FRANCIS T. WAITE ... ..	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... ..	3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... ..	8
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... ..	4	JAMES GEORGE ... ..	9
JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... ..	5	CHARLES CAMM ... ..	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM KENT. Conducted by B. W. WITCHELL.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters, and proposed a member before starting the peal. Rung on the occasion of the dedication festival. The band represent Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Warwickshire.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN JAGGER ... ..	Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... ..	6
A. PADDON SMITH ... ..	2	JAMES E. GROVES ... ..	7
ALFRED ROWLEY ... ..	3	JESSE SCREEN ... ..	8
EDWARD REEVES ... ..	4	WILLIAM A. COOPER ... ..	9
JOSEPH WALKER ... ..	5	REUBEN HALL ... ..	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Especially arranged and rung on the eve of the 73rd birthday of Mr. Reuben Hall, he being the oldest and a most highly respected ringer in this part of the Midlands.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

KEITH HART ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 6
JOHN THORNTON RICKMAN ... 2	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 7
ERNEST GOWER ... .. 3	ROBERT J. DAWES ... .. 8
FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4	BENJAMIN HOBBS ... .. 9
*ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 5	ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by A. J. TURNER.

\* First peal of Royal. First peal as conductor on ten bells. This was rung as a compliment to Messrs. Dearlove, Stokes and Turner, and Miss Dawe, daughter of Mr. R. J. Dawe, their birthdays being within a day or two of each other.

## NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

CHARLES GREEDY ... .. Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 6
FRED ATWELL ... .. 2	SIDNEY DAWB ... .. 7
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	HENRY T. HOWELL ... .. 8
FREDERICK J. BAILEY ... .. 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 9
JOHN BULLEN ... .. 5	WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Arranged for Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent, and also for Mr. H. Howell, of Bristol.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## DERBY.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, September 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART NO. 6.

Tenor 16 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble	JOHN FLOWER ... .. 5
THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. 2	JAMES GEORGE ... .. 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3	JAMES PAGETT ... .. 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 4	*ROBERT CURTIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH, S.E.,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE J. HARMAN ... .. Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 5
ERNEST J. KING ... .. 2	LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... 6
STANLEY C. MOYE ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	*ROBERT MOLTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

\* First peal.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY HOLDEN ... .. Treble	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 5
WALTER MASTERS ... .. 2	JOHN LLOYD ... .. 6
WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 7
JAMES WHATMORE ... .. 4	*THOMAS HEMMING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. E. PERKINS.

\* First peal and first attempt. All are members of the local band of service ringers, and all the band have now rung a local peal this year. The 100th peal on the bells, the 'century' having been rung in 20 methods. Arranged as a welcome to the Rev. H. H. Dibbin, for many years Rector of the parish, on the occasion of his visit for the patronal festival.

## DEPTFORD, KENT.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. VOYSEY ... .. Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6
JOHN GALVER ... .. 3	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 7
*HERBERT G. PRATT ... .. 4	DANIEL COOPER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER.

\* First peal of Triples on an inside bell. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble, on his 18th birthday.

## MIDDLESBROUGH.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, October 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

†MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... Treble	*CECIL ROBINSON ... .. 5
THOMAS MEYCALFE ... .. 2	GERALD DUNCAN ... .. 6
JOHN C. POLLARD ... .. 3	ROBERT LAUGHTON ... .. 7
WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... .. 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by T. LANCASTER.

† First peal in the method, and first attempt to ring the method.

\* First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal.

## WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. Treble	ARTHUR HARTLEY ... .. 6
EDWARD B. COXHEAD ... .. 2	COLIN SALISBURY ... .. 7
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. Tenor
ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 4	REGINALD L. INCE ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

Arranged for R. L. Ince, who hails from Farndon, Cheshire. Rung on the anniversary of the bells, and to the memory of Lieut.-Col. Crosse, to whose memory the bells were installed.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 5
THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 6
JOHN HAYES ... .. 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 7
THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 4	GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. HUGHES.

## GREENWICH.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ISAAC GEORGE SHADE ... .. Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 5
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2	WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 6
EDWARD E. RICHARDS ... 3	FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 7
JOHN JAMES LAMB ... .. 4	THOMAS JAKEMAN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

Specially arranged to commemorate, and rung upon, the 25th anniversary of the marriage at the Cathedral, Cape Town, of the Precentor (now Vicar of Greenwich), the Rev. Frederick James Tackley, M.A., and Mrs. Tackley. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Edward E. Richards upon the attainment of his 61st year. It was also the 39th anniversary of the marriage, at this church, of the conductor.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. Treble	WILLIAM E. ASH ... .. 5
HARRY WALTERS ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... .. 6
ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7
JOHN FRYER ... .. 4	GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST CUTFORTH ... .. Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6
ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 7
ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5
† CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... .. 2	WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. 6
REV. R. P. FARROW ... .. 3	* E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 7
SHIRLEY BORTON ... .. 4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

\* First peal in the method as conductor. † 50th peal. Rung after meeting short for London, and the band desire to thank the Rector for taking part at the last moment.

## PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 3	FREDERICK J. RISEWORTH ... .. 7
SYDNEY ELTON ... .. 4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major by all the band. This was the second peal in the method by the Guild, the first having been rung at Selly Oak on November 10th, 1902.

## EDMONTON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... .. Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 5
CHARLES V. HARE ... .. 2	EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... .. 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 3	WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 7
JOHN THOMAS ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

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## WINSFORD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

H. ROWE ... .. Treble	A. STEVENS ... .. 4
J. GRAYTON ... .. 2	R. EATON ... .. 5
A. BRYANT ... .. 3	T. BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRYANT.

## WILBY.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents differently called. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

* THOMAS NOLLER ... .. Treble	* DAVID CRACKNELL ... .. 4
* CHARLES CHAMBERS ... .. 2	† JOHN NOLLER ... .. 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 3	* THOMAS MOYES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. J. G. BROWN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since recent restoration by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. All the ringers, except the conductor, are residents of Wilby.

## STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE &amp; ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. Treble	THOMAS PRICE ... .. 4
ALBERT ARNOLD ... .. 2	GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 5
GEORGE LATHAM ... .. 3	LESLIE BARRY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

## MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE OLD PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford.

Tenor 14½ cwt. approx.

JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... .. Treble	JOHN W. HARTLEY ... .. 4
JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 3	FRED HOLT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

First peal on the bells since they were hung in this tower in 1815, and presumed to be the first ever rung on them. They were cast in 1731 by Abr. Rudhall, and hung in the old tower of Stockport Parish Church, before being removed to Marple. Previous attempts had failed through the bad 'go' of the bells.

## SHERIFFHALES, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble	JOSEPH STANIER ... .. 4
ALBERT WOODVINE ... .. 2	WALTER LAGO ... .. 5
JAMES L. HAYWARD ... .. 3	* HERBERT BROWN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. SAUNDERS.

First peal on the bells. \* First peal, and proposed a member of the Guild before starting. He is captain of the local ringers. Rung in honour of Mr. J. Lovekin's 60 years as a chorister at Sheriffhales, 59 years as a ringer, and 40 years as parish clerk. Also rung to welcome home from a world tour the Rev. E. A. Giles, Vicar of Sheriffhales.



BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED ARTHUR LING ... Treble	JAMES LING ... .. 4
WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 2	HARRY HALL ... .. 5
JOHN HALL ... .. 3	ALDERMAN LING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

A. A. Ling was elected a member of the Suffolk Guild prior to the commencement of the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Hall.

PEALS IN SUFFOLK.

The following four peals were rung during a week's holiday, spent in Suffolk, and G. H. Cross takes this opportunity of thanking the ringers who took part in these peals, and also the unsuccessful attempts, and he desires especially to thank Mr. L. C. Wightman for making the necessary arrangements.

May the ringers who took part in the attempt for London at Helmingham (which went adrift after ringing nearly 1½ hours) be successful next time, is his best wish.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours & Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER ... Treble	CHARLES ROOPE ... .. 5
CHARLES BAKER ... .. 2	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 6
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 5, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 5
GEORGE WHITING ... .. 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	THOMAS W. LAST ... 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN GOOCH ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5
GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2	ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

100th peal of Major in the method by the ringer of the 5th.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	THOMAS W. LAST ... .. 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 4	JOHN HALL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

DUDLEY PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

BISHOP OF WORCESTER TO BECOME PATRON OF  
DUDLEY GUILD.

The restoration of the bells of St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, has been completed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have returned and quarter turned the bells and rehung them on ball bearings in new fittings. The work has been carried out in a highly successful manner, and in conjunction with the strengthening of the tower has cost about £350. The cost of four of the bells is being borne by members of the families of the late Mr. W. E. Russon, Mr. R. H. Wilkes, Mr. Samuel Spittle, and Mr. James Thomas Bayliss, each of whom was closely identified with the Church's activities, and to whom the improved bells will form a fitting memorial.

The dedication service was held on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 3rd. It was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Phelps), assisted by the Revs. E. R. Wallace and W. G. Wilson. The Bishop of Worcester was present to perform the dedicatory rites, and the churchwardens (Mr. Hugh Watson and Mr. J. W. Naylor) were also in attendance. A large congregation assembled. After a beautiful rendering of the anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway,' by the choir (accompanied on the organ by Mr. A. H. L. Cutler), the Bishop performed the dedicatory duties, and at the close of his utterances a short peal announced the completion of that part of the function. Afterwards, the Bishop preached an appropriate sermon, and subsequently the bells were again rung, and gave great delight to the congregation and all who heard them.

In connection with the dedication, the Dudley and District Guild held their postponed annual meeting, the members attending the service, and afterwards adjourning to the Schoolroom, where a bountiful tea was in readiness. The Bishop was present, and before leaving, Mr. Churchwarden Naylor, on behalf of those present, extended to his lordship a most hearty welcome to Dudley, and sincerely thanked him for his presence that afternoon.—Mr. Churchwarden Watson seconded the vote, and the Bishop briefly replied, promising to become patron of the Guild. Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Naylor, Miss A. S. Payne, Miss Marks and Sister Francis presided at the tables.

At the business meeting which followed, the president (Canon Phelps) occupied the chair, and was supported by the wardens and Mr. Harry Mason.—The Vicar extended a cordial welcome to the Guild, on behalf of himself, the churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council.

The Secretary read apologies from Mr. C. E. Lloyd, M.P., Mr. F. R. McDowell, Mr. A. Spittle, and others, and then read his annual report and balance sheet, which were passed.

The Vicar of Dudley (the Rev. Canon Phelps) was re-elected president, on the proposition of Mr. H. Mason, seconded by Mr. James George, and the Vicar briefly thanked the members for the honour they had once again conferred on him. The following gentlemen were again elected as vice-presidents: Messrs. C. E. Lloyd, M.P., J. W. Naylor, H. Watson, H. Mason, A. Spittle, F. R. McDowell and J. McD. Tait.

Mr. John Goodman was re-elected Ringing Master; Mr. Herbert Sheppard, hon. secretary, with hearty thanks of the members for his services during the past year; Mr. S. J. Hughes, hon. treasurer; and Messrs. F. Evans and P. Justice, hon. auditors.

Several new members were added to the roll, and it was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Netherton, the date to be left with the secretary. It was also proposed to attempt the annual peal at Dudley, the arrangements to be left with the Ringing Master.

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. H. Mason, seconded by Mr. James George, the best thanks of the Guild were given to the president for his past services to the Guild, and for the great service he had rendered them that day, for conducting the service in church, for the use of the tower and bells, also for the Schoolroom in which to hold the tea and meeting. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. A. H. Cutler (organist) and the choir for their part of the service, to the donors of the tea, to the ladies who presided at the tables, and to those who helped in preparing and serving the tea, and looking after the wants and comfort of those present.

The President then closed the proceedings with prayer, after which members made for the belfry, where they kept the bells merrily going until late in the evening to the delight of crowds of listeners round the church.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, in connection with the dedication of the bells, and the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Caters (1,260 changes) was rung in 48 mins., by B. Gough 1, S. J. Hughes 2, W. Goodman 3, J. Goodman, junr. (conductor), 4, J. Goodman, senr., 5, W. Bayliss 6, G. Guest 7, H. Sheppard 8, A. Greenfield 9, W. Meek 10.

The belfry is open for practice on Monday nights, from 7.45 p.m., and all ringers will be welcome.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## HEALING THE BREACH AT NORWICH AND WHAT CAME OF IT.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

With the publication of Melchior's last letter, the curtain falls on the drama, and, as is usual in real life, on a drama with the last act missing. We do not know who the impartial umpire was, where he came from, or what his verdict was. We do not even know if the meeting was held. We can be sure that if it were, there was much talk, that argument begat argument, and at the end each side was the more convinced that they were right, and the others wrong. Whatever the verdict was, it was disregarded, for on the peal boards (which, of course, were not put up till a little time after the peals were rung), each band restates its claim that they and they only had composed and rung the first peal of Stedman Triples. But we do know that by some means or other, then or at a later time, the breach was healed. After a few years the curtain rises on an epilogue where all is peace and harmony.

In 1736, two trebles were added to the ring at St. Peter's, and this definitely re-established it as the leading ringing tower in the city, a position it never after lost. At the same time the bells were relung or overhauled, and other alterations made. Visitors to Mancroft will remember that one of the striking features of that noble church is the tower arch with the great west window beyond, and the stone gallery which serves as the present ringing floor, and from which also the early peals were rung. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries men understood very little about Gothic architecture, and things were done which would have caused earlier and later generations to shudder. At St. Peter's they built a wooden gallery at the west end of the church, and put the organ on the top, completely blocking the tower arch and the west window. In that case no further harm was done when a new floor was put in the tower half-way between the stone gallery and the bells. This was done entirely for the convenience of the ringers, for, as an old description of the church I have by me states, the lower belfry was deemed too far from the bells. And I have no doubt the shorter draught of rope made ringing much easier.

In 1737, on this new floor was rung a very remarkable peal. This was one of Grandsire Caters, 12,600 changes, in 8 hours 15 minutes. Of the band, eight had rung in one or other of the two peals of Stedman, and four belonged to the Mancroft party, and four to the Coslany party. Notice the order in which they stood: Melchior of Mancroft rings the treble, Pettingall of Coslany the 2nd, Gardiner of Mancroft the 3rd, Robert Crane of Coslany the 5th, Porter of Mancroft the 6th, Blofield of Mancroft the 7th, Edward Crane of Coslany the 8th, and Booty of Mancroft the 9th. It may have been a coincidence, but the fact that there were an equal number from each tower, and that they stood alternately one from each band, does look as though it was intended to tell the whole world that the bitter dispute of six years back was all made up and forgotten. The other working bell was rung by Thomas Barrett, the tenor man in the first peal of Grandsire Triples and a Mancroft ringer. It is interesting to notice also who did not ring. Thomas Crane did not stand in. Perhaps he had not forgotten or forgiven Melchior's gibes and declined to join his brother and father in the general reconciliation. Perhaps, and likely enough, he was not considered a good enough ringer. His friend, Rice Greene, is also absent. Of the Mancroft party John Foster was gone to Coddensham, and John Webster, though he was good enough a ringer, and quite able to stand a long length, was not particularly ambitious to ring peals, and preferred to be one of the 'several ingenious ringers who were abroad the whole time with proper rules to prove the certainty of the performance.'

This peal is recorded by a very fine board which was hung in the belfry on the level of the new floor, and is, now that that floor has been removed, very high up, and except in a strong light hardly readable. It reads as follows:—

On March the 8th, 1737, was rung a peal of Grandsire Caters, which for the excellency of its ringing, Harmonious Changes and ye number of them, was certainly superior to anything of its kind ever done in the World and to Remove all doubt of the truth of the performance several ingenious Ringers were abroad the whole time with proper rules to prove the certainty of ye same. Thus was this great peal perfectly compleated to the entire satisfaction, surprise and amazement of thousands of hearers in the space of 8 hours 15 minutes. The number of changes were 12,600, rung by 9 men of the company, then belonging to the company. The tenor singly by a young ringer 8,000, then a second ringer rang her to the end of the peal. The persons names and the bells they rung as follows:—

Thos. Melchior 1. Wm. Pettingall 2. John Gardiner 3. Tho. Barrett 4. Robert Crane 5. Wm. Porter 6. Tho. Blofield 7. Edwd. Crane 8. Christi Booty 9. James Jerom. Robt. Liddamton tenor.

The rather curiously worded statement that 'the changes were rung by nine men of the company then belonging to the company,' tells us

and doubtless was intended to tell us, that not only had the old enemies become friends, but the breach was so much healed that the two rival bands were joined into one company, with its headquarters at St. Peter's. The name of neither composer nor conductor is given, but we may be sure that Melchior called the bobs. He had fully vindicated his right to be considered by all as the leading ringer of the city.

The figures of the composition are lost. I imagine from the length (12,600, which is 700 leads), that it was divided into regular and equal parts, and it is pretty certain that it was on the old plan with hunts, the big bells coming home at regular intervals.

It was about this time that Benjamin Annable discovered the superiority of the titum position in Cater ringing; but the Norwich men had their own ideas about composition, and are not likely to have copied London.

When you consider that this peal was rung only twenty-two years after the first in any method you will see that it was a really fine performance. It was the sixth length of over ten thousand, the first being the 10,080 of Treble Bob at Coslany in 1727, ten years previously, and five men took part in both peals. It remained the longest ten bell peal for a hundred and fifty-one years till April 11th, 1888, when the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang 13,265 of Grandsire Caters at Appleton, J. W. Washbrook being the composer and conductor, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson ringing the fifth.

Curiously enough, though, it was only by the barest chance that Norwich kept the record so long. Only forty-one days later than the Mancroft peal, that is on April 18th, 1737, the Painswick men rang 12,006 changes in the same method. Of course, neither band knew of the other's performance, or the Painswick company would surely have added the extra six hundred changes to give them the record. Mr. Snowden seemed to think that this peal was rung by relays of ringers in the same way that Barham's peals at Leeds in 1751 and 1761 were. Twice later the Norwich record was nearly but not quite beaten, once at Painswick in 1817, when 12,312 Grandsire Caters were rung, and once at Fulham in 1837, with 12,096 of the same method. Both these latter, however, were single-handed peals.

The long peal forms a fitting climax to the first stage of known history of ringing at Norwich. The first peal of Grandsire Bob Triples was rung by a band who had to struggle hard. In 1710 they accomplished half a peal, a very great performance then. Twice they rang the whole peal, but for some reason or other neither could stand, and when at last they did succeed they probably thought they had done enough, and Garthou and his contemporaries stood aside for younger and more ambitious men. Only one man of this band rang in the first peal of Grandsire Triples in 1718, and Garthou gave way as conductor to Melchior, who, as we have seen, nobly did his part in the development of the art of ringing. And now he and his men in their turn felt that they had done enough peal ringing, and could afford to rest on their laurels.

John Webster, who succeeded as leader, was not the ambitious man his predecessors and successors were, and so nearly thirty years went by, and a new generation of ringers grew up before the next peal was scored at Norwich. This was Imperial The Third Major, at St. Giles, in 1760. It marks the beginning of the second period in the history of Norwich ringing—a period associated with the names of Lindsey, Chamberlin, Barton, Cheshunt, and others, who proved that they were fully the equals of the ringers who had gone before them. But with these men and their doings we are not at present concerned.

It would be a great mistake to judge these old ringers by the number of peals they rang. In the early part of the eighteenth century peals were much more exceptional things than they afterwards became, and very much more exceptional than they are at present. At Norwich, at any rate, the idea seems to have been that there was not much reason for going for a peal unless it was in a method that had not previously been rung anywhere, or was a longer length than had previously been accomplished. The only exception I know of was the second peal of Grandsire Triples, the one in 1719, and it is noticeable that no board was put up for that.

Something of the same idea seems to have been held about composition. When the peal of Grandsire Bob Triples was 'at last found out to the truth by JOHN GARTHON,' after it had been 'studied by the most Acute Ringers in England (but to no effect),' that was a thing worth recording. So, too, when Garthou 'perfectly discovered these intricate methods [of Grandsire Triples] which were hidden from the eyes of all ringers of England.' So, too, when Stedman Triples was 'brought to light and truth' by Edward Crane. But a 'quarter-peal' of Treble Bob Major, though it were 10,080 changes, and a peal of Grandsire Caters, though it were 12,600 changes, were much lesser things in composition. Ringers elsewhere had done as much, and the Norwich boards pass them by in silence. During the thirty-nine years that St. Peter's had ten bells only two peals are known to have been rung on them, but both were of exceptional merit. One was the long peal of Grandsire, the other the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.

It is not surprising, therefore, that although Stedman probably continued to be practised at Norwich, that no other peal of Triples was rung there till 1839, when Samuel Thurston conducted a 5,040 of Lutes, at St. Giles. The first peal of Caters was in 1843, and the first peal of Cinques in 1844. The first peal of Stedman Triples rung outside Norwich was on May 22nd, 1799, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields by the Junior Cumberland Society, composed and conducted by John Noonan. The first peal of Caters was rung by the College Youths on May 28th, 1787, at St. John's, Horsleydown, London, composed and conducted by John Reeves, and the first peal of Cinques also by the College Youths on October 6th, 1788, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, composed and conducted by Thomas Blakemore.

### ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### YOUNG BOURN RINGERS ELECTED MEMBERS.

A successful district meeting was held at Bourn on Saturday last, 30 ringers being present from Cambridge, Trumpington, Longstanton, Willingham, Great Shelford, Somersham, St. Neots, Barley, Royston, and Tottenham. A short service was held in the fine old church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Joyce, and was followed by tea and business meeting in the School, the Vicar presiding. Melbourn was selected as the place for the next meeting.

The Vicar said he would like the young Bourn ringers to join the association, and stated that if they would join he would pay their subscriptions for the first year out of a small fund which he and the churchwardens had in hand.—Advantage was taken of this offer, and seven were elected.

The Vicar was elected as an honorary member.

Mr. F. E. Haynes, a very promising young ringer at Trumpington, was also elected as a member.

The Vicar said he wished to place on record his gratitude to Mr. A. G. Rivers, of Dry Drayton, for going to Bourn once every fortnight or three weeks to teach the young Bourn ringers.

Good use was made of the bells, ringing taking place until nearly nine o'clock, ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major.

### A SOUTH AFRICAN VISITOR.

Mr. E. Royston, of Durban, South Africa, is on a visit to this country, and on a recent Sunday evening took part in a touch of 336 Grandsire Triples at Rhyl, where he learned to ring. Although a stranger to the whole of the present band, he was, naturally, given a very hearty welcome, and expressed great pleasure in being able to ring at his old town: E. Royston 1, B. Collis 2, W. Bailey 3, J. Wilson 4, J. Evans 5, C. Egerton 6, A. S. Hughes 7, F. Bailey 8.

### HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.

#### WINNERS WHO COMPETED 33 YEARS AGO.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association were held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Six bands had entered for the competition, in which they had to ring 600 changes in any method. The judges were Mr. A. Goodhall (Earlsheaton) and Mr. W. Idle (Batley), and the ringing went on merrily during the afternoon.

An excellent tea was provided by the Sandal ringers and friends in the Parochial Hall, to which over 80 ringers and friends sat down. The meeting was held later in the hall. The president (Mr. C. E. Carrington), who occupied the chair, proposed thanks to the Vicar of Sandal (the Rev. A. A. Parry), churchwardens and helpers. — Mr. Barraclough seconded.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was sorry he could not say 'fellow bell ringers,' as he had never attained the honour yet, but he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Sandal, and hoped they would visit it again. He urged young men to take up ringing, and said that most of his ringers were whole-hearted workers. Some Vicars, he said, thought that their bells were the best, and their ringers the best, but he was proud of the Sandal ringers. One had rung for 55 years, and two others over 40. He hoped that at some future date they would hear of Sandal bells being broadcast, as tower bell ringing was richer in tone than a carillon.

A suggestion was brought forward that the next meeting and eight-bell contest, should be held at Lightcliffe, and this was accepted.

The judges then announced their decision. The following are the names of the companies, the methods rung and the number of faults:

	Faults.	Penalties.	Total.
No. 1. Shelley, Oxford ... ..	293	10	303
No. 2. Batley, Oxford ... ..	96	—	96
No. 3. Thornhill, Oxford ... ..	Rung out.		
No. 4. Holmfirth, Oxford ... ..	Rung out.		
No. 5. Birstal, Kent ... ..	204	10	214
No. 6. Meltham, Oxford ... ..	312	10	322

Batley were declared winners, and the Vicar presented the cup to Mr. Senior, the conductor.—Mr. Senior, in reply, said he rang in his first contest at Sandal 33 years ago, and three of their present ringers also rang that day. He said the only way to achieve good striking was continual practice together.

A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed a successful meeting.

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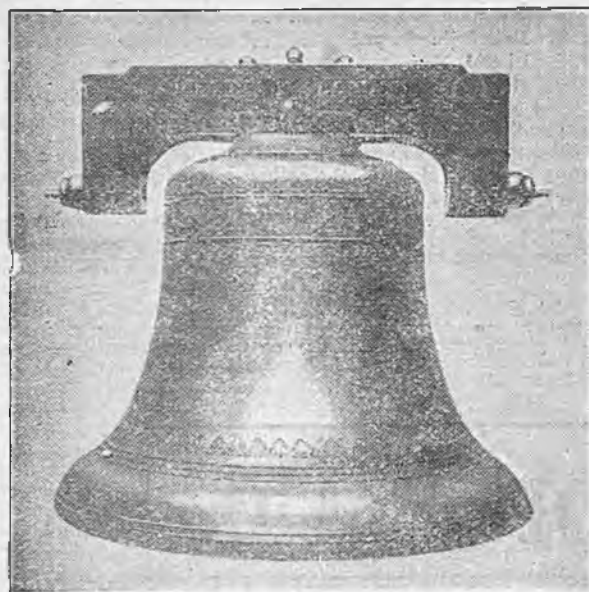
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Doncaster parish church will not be rung again until certain ornamental stonework on the tower has been repaired and made safe. Doncaster parish church is a well-known landmark to all who travel on the main line from King's Cross to the North.

Will the ringer who is removing to the Bungalow, Glenfield Road, School Road, Ashford, Middlesex, kindly forward his name? He omitted this from his letter.

Mr. Henry F. Cooper, of Stisted, Essex, we are pleased to state, has so far recovered from his accident of Sept. 4th to be able to leave the Braintree Hospital, and is convalescent at his home. Through 'The Ringing World' he wishes to thank all who came to see him in hospital, and those who made inquiries.

When did 'Stedman' first become known by that name? The heated debate between Melchior and Crane, of which Mr. Trollope has been giving us a most interesting story, prompts the question. Melchior, in one of his letters refers to Doleman, and in an edition of what we believe to be that gentleman's 'Campanologia' (the title page of the copy inspected was missing), Stedman Doubles is given under the name of 'Crambo.' This was published in 1702. Melchior called the first peal of Stedman in 1731; when did the change occur, and to whom was it due?

At Harting, in Sussex, a new set of bell ropes is badly needed, but there are no funds to purchase them, or offers of help forthcoming. The rope of the 2nd has gone beyond repair, and this bell, therefore, is now silent. In the Parish Magazine the Rector says: 'This absence of No. 2 gives a very uneven and unsatisfactory result when ringing a peal.' Perhaps some tower could spare half a dozen second-hand ropes for Harting's peal of six, or at any rate provide one for the second bell. Doubtless, the Rector (the Rev. A. J. Roberts), as well as the ringers, would welcome an offer.

The all-important word 'not' omitted from a paragraph in this column last week made a statement about the first peal of Royal in Wiltshire convey the directly opposite meaning to that which was intended. The peal at Trowbridge during the Wiltshire tour was 'not' the first peal of Royal in the county.

There is a talk of touring the Lake District by a team from the Liverpool and London areas, at the end of the month, with a view to interesting the North of England Associations of ringers. Kendall, Ambleside, Keswick and Penrith are likely towers to be visited during the week-end trip.

A correspondent writes: 'The broken door at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was a sort of "boomerang" on the conductor, who, with a crow-bar, was about to do the same when a band was ringing there some time ago, according to rumour.'

In All Saints' Church, Wakefield, there is a board recording a peal of 6,030 Grandsire Caters rung on Oct. 16th, 1820. It is additionally interesting not merely because it preserves what are apparently the part ends of the peal (in those days a part as we know it was often called a 'course'), but because of the footnote: 'This board was placed here by order of the Church Wardens in consequence of the attention and good conduct of the Ringers.'

Thomas Tolladay, a leading London ringer, and a prominent supporter of the St. James' Society, who called many peals, died on Oct. 18th, 1843.

The rivalry for the longest length of Treble Bob Royal between the College Youths and the Cumberlands, which culminated in the 12,000 by the latter in 1784, began seriously with 6,000 rung by the College Youths at Shoreditch on Oct. 19th, 1766.

The only peal of Cinques in which, so far as can be traced, John Holt took part, was rung by the Union Scholars at St. Bride's, Fleet Street. This was a 5,104 of Grandsire on Oct. 20th, 1751.

On Oct. 20th, 1776, the Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5,376 Union Treble Bob at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, and on the same day, in 1794, rang a 6,720 in the same method at St. Giles', Camberwell. This latter was a memorable performance, inasmuch as it was claimed by Shipway, who took part in it, to be the first ever rung containing the 120 course ends.

The Rev. Dr. Mason, of Trinity College, Cambridge, who nearly twenty years later interested himself in the publication of Holt's broadsheet, and received that interesting letter from John Webster, of Norwich, to which Mr. Trollope has recently referred in his 'Notes by the Way,' rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Cambridge, on Oct. 22nd, 1734, with the Cambridge Youths.

London ringing societies, writes a correspondent, have none too many towers for their own members' use, without the intrusion of outsiders. It would be better if the county associations offered more opportunity and welcome to the London men to visit the suburbs of Greater London.



## MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

## HINTS ON 'SPICING' AND RINGING MINOR METHODS.

By JOHN P. FIDLER.—CONCLUDING ARTICLE.

Some day, perhaps, our mathematicians will tell us exactly how many different 5,040's (of seven methods each) it is possible to ring from thirty-five methods. Certainly enough to keep a band on the go for a year or two. At the request of the Editor, and for the benefit of those companies who, through lack of facilities, are unable to get the practice necessary to ring a large number of methods in a 5,040. I give below a few peals in less methods.

In the second article of the series, dealing with 'splicing,' I gave a seven method peal. There is no necessity to repeat it, but presuming it has been rung, let us look at Rochester, No. 5, page 9 of the Central Council's Collection. If 'Burton' has been mastered, this can be rung straight off, College Exercise being substituted for Oxford, Rochester being produced by ringing College Exercise 'up,' and Burton 'down.' Next, look at Killamarsh (No. 14, page 11). This is Kent 'up,' with a work 'down' which can easily be learned.

## PEALS IN SEVEN METHODS.

1. Killamarsh. 2. Rochester. 3. Burton. 4. Overton. 5. Sandal. 6. London Scholars' Pleasure. 7. Kingston.
1. Disley. 2. Rochester. 3. Morning Star. 4. Trowel. 5. Duke of Norfolk. 6. College Exercise. 7. Nurbury.

In this peal each method has College Exercise work above the treble. Disley is No. 27, page 27 (Third's Place Delight section).

The following peal has two new methods introduced, viz., Hull (No. 14) and Tawal (No. 15), both on page 17. The work 'down' is the same in each, Hull having Woodbine work 'up' and Tawal, Willesden in the corresponding positions. To complete the peal add either the five methods of the Woodbine Group or those of the Willesden Group. If desired, two peals could be built up.

A peal of the seven 'odd' methods would test the abilities of a band, and an attempt for this would be very useful practice. Many others can be made up from the methods dealt with in the previous articles.

## FOURTEEN METHOD PEALS.

Further useful practice could be obtained by taking two methods (which 'splice' lead for lead) from each of the seven groups, and, this having met with success, the following might be attempted.

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. 720 Ely and Bogedone. | 2. 720 Dover Castle and Skipton Castle. |
| 2 3 4 5 6 Ely.           | 2 3 4 5 6 Dover Castle                  |
| — 2 3 5 6 4 Ely          | 4 2 6 3 5 Dover Castle                  |
| 4 5 6 2 3 Bogedone       | — 6 4 2 3 5 Dover Castle                |
| 3 6 2 4 5 Bogedone       | 3 5 4 2 6 Skipton Castle                |
| — 4 5 2 3 6 Bogedone     | — 2 6 4 3 5 Skipton Castle              |
| 6 2 3 4 5 Bogedone       | 3 5 6 4 2 Skipton Castle                |
| — 4 5 3 6 2 Bogedone     | 4 2 5 6 3 Skipton Castle                |
| 5 6 4 2 3 Ely            | — 6 3 5 4 2 Skipton Castle              |
| 6 2 5 3 4 Ely            | 5 6 2 3 4 Dover Castle                  |
| 2 3 6 4 5 Ely            | 2 5 4 6 3 Dover Castle                  |
| 3 4 2 5 6 Ely            | 4 2 3 5 6 Dover Castle                  |

Twice Repeated.

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| 3. 720 Abbeyville and Combermere | 4. 720 Morning Star and Duke of Norfolk. |
| 2 3 4 5 6 Abbeyville             | 2 3 4 5 6 Morning Star                   |
| — 2 3 5 6 4 Abbeyville           | 2 3 5 6 4 Morning Star                   |
| 4 5 6 2 3 Combermere             | — 4 5 6 2 3 Duke of Norfolk              |
| 3 6 2 4 5 Combermere             | 3 6 2 4 5 Duke of Norfolk                |
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| — 4 5 3 6 2 Combermere           | — 4 5 3 6 2 Duke of Norfolk              |
| 5 6 4 2 3 Abbeyville             | 5 6 4 2 3 Morning Star                   |
| 6 2 5 3 4 Abbeyville             | 6 2 5 3 4 Morning Star                   |
| 2 3 6 4 5 Abbeyville             | 2 3 6 4 5 Morning Star                   |
| 3 4 2 5 6 Abbeyville             | 3 4 2 5 6 Morning Star                   |

Twice Repeated.

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The figures of the seventh extent will be found in 'The Ringing World' dated August 14th, 1925, page 522, viz., 'Spliced' Oxford and Kingston.

It will be seen that these methods only 'splice' course for course, so care must be exercised in their introduction.

## TWENTY-ONE AND TWENTY-EIGHT METHOD PEALS.

Working to these figures, we can produce a twenty-one method peal. For guidance, I have commenced each 720 with the odd method of that particular group, so its introduction remains constant throughout. As seven more methods are required, take one from each group, and introduce it in the second part of the 720. For example, refer to the first 720, Ely and Bogedone, ring the first part as stated, but in the second part substitute Knutsford or other member of the group, and in the last part switch back to Bogedone, thus giving three methods per 720, or twenty-one methods in all.

Further use may be made of these figures, and a twenty-eight method peal rung. Ring the first two parts as instructed for the twenty-one method peal, but instead of returning to the original 'even' method after the first bob in the last part, make use of another member of the group.

Should this prove too difficult, there is an easier peal of this number of methods. It is obtained by cutting out the 'odd' method of each group, and using only the four methods which 'splice' lead for lead.

Those who have made themselves conversant with the subject should now experience no difficulty in building up peals to suit the standard of the band desirous of ringing peals of Minor.

Before concluding, what about the test of endurance coupled with the retention of the work of many methods? In the past we have had long lengths of Major Methods, Royal Methods, etc. Here is an opportunity for the strong six-bell men. How about thirty-five extents? Taking an average of twenty-five minutes per 720, it is only a matter of about 14 hours 35 minutes, and when you have done it, no doubt the Central Council will open a subscription list and erect an extra special Peal Board!

I close, hoping that this series of articles will create an added interest in six-bell ringing. If it does, I am rewarded.

[Previous articles have appeared in our issues of Aug. 14th, 21st, 28th, Sept. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Oct. 2nd and 9th.]

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

## THE MIDLAND DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I trouble you for a little space, just to state that the members of the Midland District were not misinformed with regard to what happened at Reading. To prove that, I will call a meeting, if Miss Parker will attend, asking all those who were present at the last meeting to be present, and will again repeat Miss Parker's remarks verbatim. No report was submitted to me before the meeting, or read at the meeting. As Miss Parker had either lost or forgotten it, she remarked to me before going to ring, that she had a grumble against the Midland District, it being the only district with a non-ringer secretary. I replied: 'I was quite willing to resign, but no one would take on the work.' Her reply was: 'Perhaps they will now; anyhow I have mentioned it before the meeting.' At the meeting she said she had two grumbles, one was that a district she would not name had a secretary who was a non-ringer, and she thought it time a ringer came forward and took office, the present secretary was merely carrying on until a ringer took office. I still say that after the general secretary's remark, I could not carry on any longer. With apologies and thanks for space.—Yours faithfully,

3 Malvern Road, Handsworth.

A. GROVES.

P.S.—May I add that I shall not trouble you again; if Miss Parker will not accept my offer it must be settled privately.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

An enjoyable meeting of the Southern District was held at Ashstead, Surrey, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and continued till 4.30, when the Guild service was held in the church, which was beautifully decorated for the harvest festival. Everyone enjoyed the service, especially the sermon preached by the Rector, who took for his text, 'She hath done what she could.'

A party of 25 sat down to tea, after which Mrs. Clark (president) extended thanks and appreciation to the Rector.

At the business meeting, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Seale on January 16th.

The belfry was revisited, and various methods rung from Grandsire to London Surprise.

Thanks are due to Mr. Wyatt for his kind help in getting everything ready and arranging for the choir and organist.

ULCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Thursday, Oct. 1st, for the harvest festival, at St. Nicolas' Church, touches of Grandsire Doubles: Ed. Fowler 1, Hugh Ebbatson 2, James Wareing (Barrow-on-Humber) 3, Martin Walker 4, Ed. Dannatt (Barrow-on-Humber) 5.

## NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT CLEVEDON. MAGNIFICENT GIFT TO SOMERSET CHURCH.

For the first time for a hundred years, a peal of bells rang out from Clevedon's ancient Parish Church on Wednesday, Sept. 30th, when, with quiet, but impressive ceremonial, the Archdeacon of Bath dedicated the new peal generously given by Miss Jenkins, of Clevedon.

The church originally possessed five bells. In 1825 two were sold for church repairs, and in 1827 a third passed from the church. Of the two remaining, one (which was cast by John Cockey) now rests in the body of the church, and the other, which weighs 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb., has been refound, and forms the tenor in the new peal of eight. It bears the inscription:—

'I to the Church the living call;  
And to the grave do summon all.'

The seven new bells have been cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the whole hung in a new steel frame.

The bells all bear appropriate inscriptions. One is inscribed in memory of the donor's sister; on another appears the name of the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Preb. H. E. Badcock; and the names of the two churchwardens, Mr. H. C. P. Day and Mr. E. J. Hagley are inscribed upon a third one.

The splendid work of providing the new bells and strengthening the tower has cost over £1,100.

The dedication ceremony was attended by a large number of clergy and a crowded congregation. The combined choirs of the Parish Church and St. Peter's were in attendance. A shortened form of evensong was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Horsley (assistant curate), the lessons being read by the Rev. S. B. Berry (Vicar of St. Mary's, Bridgwater, and formerly assistant curate at Clevedon Parish Church), and the Rev. Preb. H. E. Badcock, R.D. (Vicar of Clevedon). The processional hymn was 'We love the place, O God.' Psalms cxlii. and xl. were chanted, and then, after another hymn, 'We give Thee but Thine own,' the Vicar and churchwardens, with the Archdeacon, proceeded to the entranceway to the tower, where the Vicar, on behalf of the donor, requested the Archdeacon 'to dedicate to the glory of God, and for the use of this parish, the peal of bells now hung in this church tower.'

The Archdeacon, after offering prayer, solemnly dedicated the bells, and the local ringers (a band of beginners) rang a few rounds, led by Mr. T. Francis.

The singing of the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' preceded the Archdeacon's sermon, which was based on the 95th Psalm, 6th verse, 'O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.'

During the singing of the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' a collection was taken towards the cost of erecting an outside entrance to the belfry.

The singing of 'O God, our help in ages past,' closed an impressive and extremely well-ordered service.

Preb. Badcock having wished Mr. W. Gillingham to bring a band of ringers from the Chew Deanery, a quarter-peal of Grandsire was then rung: E. Goldstone (Portishead) 1, T. Wyatt (Clapton-in-Gordano) 2, R. G. Williams (Portishead) 3, J. Bishop (Wraxall) 4, G. Yeo (Long Ashton) 5, J. Nisbet (Portishead) 6, W. Gillingham (Portishead), conductor, 7, T. Francis (Clevedon) 8, after which touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, everyone agreeing that the 'go' of the bells was everything to be desired.

Amongst those who took part in the ringing were Miss Fisher (Dorking), Misses Stokes and Broad, Mrs. Edwards and Mr. G. Rowbotham (Portishead), Messrs. W. A. Cave and W. H. Thomas (Bristol), Mr. Dart (London), Mr. H. Knight (Clapton-in-Gordano), and others.

Later in the evening, the churchwardens entertained the local and invited ringers at Sweet's Restaurant, and a very pleasant evening was spent.—In replying to the toast of 'The Ringers,' Mr. Gillingham wished the young band at Clevedon every success in the branch of church work they had undertaken, and offered to assist them whenever possible.

## RINGER'S FAREWELL AT NORTON. PRESENTATIONS TO MR. COLIN OLDFIELD.

The ringers at St. James', Norton, Derbyshire, rang farewell touches on Sunday, Oct. 11th, to Mr. Colin Oldfield, one of the band, who is shortly leaving Sheffield for New York.

Mr. Oldfield has been a ringer and a church worker, as well as the company's handbell instructor, for several years, a chorister, and deputy organist.

The ringers presented him with a gold bell pendant, and the church choir gave him a handsome gold chain.

For the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was brought round, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Biggin, to mark the occasion; also as a birthday touch for the ringer of the 2nd: W. Biggin 1, Miss Elsie E. Smith 2, H. Beardshaw 3, Tom O'Hara 4, George Smith 5, T. E. Lee 6, Jas. A. Dixon 7, Colin C. Oldfield 8.

## W. ROCK SMALL'S MEMORIAL FUND.

In connection with the above fund, the following donations have been received: W. W. Worthington, 10s. 6d.; J. S. Pritchett, £1 ls. All contributions should be addressed to Mr. John B. Evans, 52 Park Lane, East Tipton, Staffs, and will be acknowledged through this paper.

## BEQUEST FOR BELLS AT GORING, OXON.

A local tradesman, of Goring, Oxon, who recently passed away, left in his will £1,000 to the parish church, and £500 for the augmentation of the ring of six bells to the complete octave. The work is to be put in hand shortly, and a handy-going ring of eight should be the result. As there is a first-class band of Minor ringers attached to this tower, eight-bell ringing should flourish here before long, which will fill a long-felt want in the district, change ringing bands being few and far between in the Thames Valley between Reading and Oxford.

## BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION. CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE B.B.C.

On the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, at Drayton, on Sept. 26th, proceedings started at 10.30 a.m., when members from Taunton, Ilminster and Midsomer Norton, together with the Vicar of Drayton, the Rev. A. Rhys James, met for a peal at Curry Rivel. The attempt, although productive of some very good ringing, ended in failure. Later, the band were the guests at lunch of the Rev. and Mrs. Rhys James. The Rev. T. H. Scott, Mr. Eastment (churchwarden) and Miss Eastment were present.

Ringing then took place on Drayton bells, members from Langport, Yeovil, West Pennard, Minehead, Curry Rivel, Wilton, Milverton, Shepton Mallett and Street, being present. A welcome visitor was Mr. A. B. Peck, of London, who, however, could not stay long.

At evensong, the Rev. A. Rhys James officiated, the Rev. E. S. G. Lock (Master) read the lesson, and the Rev. T. H. Scott, M.A., gave the address. Tea and the business meeting followed.

Routine business having been transacted, Mr. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster) gave an interesting account of correspondence he had had with the Director of Programmes of the B.B.C. Mr. Taylor said that he had written to express appreciation of the broadcasting of the ringing at St. Philip's, Birmingham. He had gone on to give a lengthy explanation of the difference between ringing and chiming, and had strongly deprecated the latter, as being liable to give a totally erroneous impression of bell ringing. He had further suggested that ringing from some of the London towers should be broadcast, and had given to the Director of Programmes the address of the secretary of the College Youths.

The B.B.C. had replied sympathetically, saying that they welcomed constructive criticism, and had filed Mr. Taylor's remarks for further reference.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Rhys James, Miss Eastment, and all who had helped to make the meeting a success, were then passed. Further ringing, consisting of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Minor, concluded the evening.

## ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

A meeting was held at Kingsway Episcopi, on Saturday last, when the peal of six bells was kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Minor. The service was conducted and an address given by the Vicar (the Rev. E. R. Tuxford).

A short meeting followed tea in the Church Room. In the absence of both president and vice-president, the Vicar of Kingsbury kindly presided.

The local ringers decided to join the association as probationers, and Mr. G. Jeanes, of Langport, was made a full member.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Gale, seconded by Mr. J. E. Baker, that the annual meeting be held at Martock.

The secretary (Mr. F. Farran) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his very kind welcome, his excellent address, and for making all arrangements. He regretted there was only a small attendance, and especially the unavoidable absence of the officers, the Revs. G. W. Saunders, A. Rhys James and Mr. D. G. Taylor, president, vice-president and Ringing Master, respectively. He also thanked Miss Bradford for presiding at the organ, and the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea.

Rev. E. R. Tuxford suitably responded, saying he was glad the secretary had not forgotten the ladies who had provided tea, as theirs had been the most arduous task, his had been quite a pleasure.

There were ringers present from Langport, Milverton, Street, Yeovil and Martock, and the local men.

**THE CHEAPER FARES MOVEMENT.****NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION'S APPLICATION.**

In support of the movement to secure cheaper railway fares for ringers, the following letter, which incidentally illustrates the handicaps under which some societies labour, has been sent to the Chief Superintendent of the L.M. and S. Railway at Derby, and the G.W.R. Superintendent at Oswestry.

Dear Sir,—I have been requested by members of the North Wales Change Ringers Association to make application to you for reduced fares for our members when attending meetings in connection with the association of bell ringers. I would like to point out to you our association includes Flintshire, Denbighshire, Carnarvonshire, Merionethshire and Montgomery, and meetings are held in various towns in these counties, but, owing to lack of cheap fares, our members are unable to attend these meetings as regularly as they would like to do so. For instance, a meeting was held in Barmouth a few days ago, and owing to the heavy railway fare from Rhyl to Barmouth not one member was able to attend, but had a reduced fare been available, such as fishermen and golf players participate in, I think I could safely say seven-eighths of the members from Rhyl would have attended this meeting. And the same applies to members from Wrexham, Buckley, Ruthin bell ringers' societies and other societies in the North Wales Association. Then, again, various members of this society would often like to travel to visit bellries to ring peals, but owing to the lack of a reduced fare for bell ringers this cannot be done.

Our association consists of about 200 members, and if reduced fares were granted to members of bell ringers' societies going on bell ringers' business, I am sure many more would use the train service, to the mutual benefit of both parties.

I am given to understand various associations in Great Britain are applying for a special reduction in fares for use of bell ringers, and are forwarding their application to headquarters in their district. I trust you will give this application your consideration and that we may have a favourable reply granting us conditions of reduced fares, as enjoyed by other clubs and societies.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN DIVISION MEETING AT THIRSK.**

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Thirsk on Saturday, Sept. 26th, when ringers attended from Leeds, Bradford, Hull, Middlesboro', Thornaby, Helmsley, Pickering and Thirsk.

In the afternoon a service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Rev. H. G. Metcalfe (Vicar of Felixkirk, near Thirsk), who also gave an interesting address on the history of bell ringing.

During the afternoon, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire Triples were rung.

Tea was enjoyed at the Three Tuns Hotel, and was followed by a brief business meeting. The Rev. H. G. Metcalfe presided, and in expressing his pleasure at so doing, thanked the ringers' for the kind reception they had given him.—The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president), expressing regret at his inability to be present.

It was decided to hold the February, 1926, meeting at Kirby Moorside.

Mr. Metcalfe extended a cordial invitation to the ringers to hold a summer meeting at Felixkirk.—Thanks was expressed to Mr. Metcalfe by Mr. J. H. Blakiston (Middlesboro'), who suggested that the Felixkirk ringers should become members of the association, and that Mr. Metcalfe himself should become a honorary member.

Mr. J. Sinclair (Thornaby) thanked the Vicar of Thirsk for the use of the tower; Mr. J. Stolt (captain), and the local ringers for the arrangements made for the comfort and enjoyment of the ringers.

During the evening, Stedman Triples, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung. The ringers from Leeds and Bradford stayed the night at Thirsk, and on Sunday morning joined with the local ringers in ringing a very enjoyable touch for morning service.

**FIRST DERBYSHIRE LADY PEAL RINGER.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to have to reply again to the above subject, after having answered a like controversy some six months ago—in all probability from the same source of inquiry.

I venture through your generosity, after seeing the inquiry again in the 'Ringing World' of Sept. 11, to give the following particulars due to the performances of Miss Elsie E. Smith, a native of Norton, Derbyshire: Peal No. 2,971, March 10th, Midland Counties report, 5,376 Bob Major (1923). Also a peal for the Yorkshire Association at 'St. James', Norton, Derbyshire (Bob Major), in 1920. Miss Smith, being a native of Derbyshire, claims the title.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. LEE.

31, Hartshorn Road, Woodseats, Sheffield.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****JOINT DISTRICT MEETING AT RYDE.**

The first of a proposed series of joint meetings between the Portsmouth and Isle of Wight districts was held on Saturday week at All Saints', Ryde, when beautiful weather prevailed. About 30 ringers were present from Alverstoke, Bournemouth, Carisbrooke, Fareham, Hambledon, Newport, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ryde, Swanmore, Whitwell and Wickham; also Mr. J. Parker (Edmonton).

Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and some good practice was indulged in for two hours, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major. The ringers then adjourned to tea, at a close-by institute, and this was followed by handbell ringing until 6.30 p.m.

Mr. F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth district secretary) pointed out how pleased they were to come to the island to meet their old friends, and hoped that they would make such meetings a regular feature between the districts.—In reply, Mr. H. Barton said that he was quite justified when he thought that the idea of holding such meetings would tend to improve the social as well as the practical side of ringing, as was seen by the large attendance.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. B. J. Snow (Ryde), who had kindly undertaken the catering arrangements, and also to those responsible for the meeting. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Portsmouth.

During the afternoon, 252 Stedman Triples was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Fred Mabey, eldest son of Mr. A. Mabey, of East Ashley, I.O.W., and Dorothy M. Rolf, of Watford, who were married at St. Mary's, Watford, on that day: H. Barton (conductor) 1, H. Phillips 2, A. G. Bennett 3, F. A. Burnett 4, A. D. Callaway 5, J. B. Williamson 6, A. R. Ward 7, F. S. Bayley 8.—Mr. Barton proposed health and happiness to the bridal pair.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.****SWINDON BRANCH MEETING.**

A quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Chippenham on Saturday, Sept. 26th. After ringing in the afternoon, tea was partaken of at the Waverley Hotel. The Rev. — Wood, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Chippenham, was voted to the chair for the subsequent business meeting, when the secretary read the list of subscriptions to the Washbrook Memorial Fund, amounting to £1 3s.

Towers for the two monthly practices were selected, viz., Brinkworth in October, and Blunsdon in November, and it was decided to advertise these meetings in 'The Ringing World,' as it is hoped to see a larger attendance at these practices.

The annual branch meeting is to be held at Swindon in January.

The Vicar of St. Andrew's was elected an hon. member, and given a hearty welcome, to which he suitably replied. A return to the tower was then made, and Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were practised until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal. The following towers were represented: Chippenham, Melksham, Trowbridge, Swindon and Wootton Bassett.

Owing to Brinkworth bells not being available on the 17th October, two monthly meetings referred to above, will be reversed, as advertised in the notice column of this paper.

**HAPPY GATHERING AT WEST BROMWICH.**

After the peal at West Bromwich last Saturday, recorded in this number, the band and a number of other friends were entertained to a substantial meat tea by Mr. Reuben Hall, in commemoration of his 73rd birthday.

Mr. Paddon Smith, in proposing the health of Mr. Hall, congratulated him on the way he rang the tenor to the peal on the eve of reaching his 73rd year. The speaker referred to Mr. Hall's genial manner, and hoped he would be spared to live among them for many years, so that they might continue to enjoy his ready wit.

The health of Mr. Hall was drunk with musical honours.

On behalf of the Oldbury handbell ringers, Mr. Hall was presented with a very comfortable pair of slippers. He was also the recipient of a bottle of 'John Begg.' All this (including the bottle) was very much appreciated by Mr. Hall.

The rest of the evening was spent with tunes by the Oldbury handbell ringers, songs, etc.

Mr. Hall, who is the oldest ringer to take part in a peal in this part of the Midlands, is a native of Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, but except for a few years spent in the back woods of America, he has lived the major portion of his life in West Bromwich.

**NEWPORT, MON.—**At All Saints' Church, on Thursday, Oct. 8th, for harvest festival, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Day 1, T. Ford 2, J. W. Jones 3, A. E. Morgan 4, H. Morgan 5, F. Chapman 6, J. Hammond (conductor) 7, H. Forbes 8.



### BERKSHIRE TOWER'S NEW BELL.

On Sunday, October 4th, at St. Mary's Church, Shaw-cum-Donnington, Berks, a new treble bell was dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) in the course of the morning service. The augmentation has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, and the bells now make a very nice ring of six.

After the service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with ten different callings, was rung by the following members of the Oxford Guild, in 43 mins.: H. W. Curtis (conductor) 1, E. W. Smith 2, C. Poole 3, E. Crocker 4, T. Curtis (first quarter on an inside bell) 5, F. Owen (first quarter) 6.

### THE STEDMAN CINQUES AT SHREWSBURY

The stopping of the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Chad's calls to mind an incident of about 110 years ago, writes a correspondent.

About this time, the famous Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, anxious to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques, took a band from various parts of the country to make an attempt at Shrewsbury. After ringing some considerable time, it was brought to an end under peculiar circumstances.

It appears a sweep was engaged to sweep the vestry chimney, the top of the vestry being on a level with the belfry window. The sweep had—as they did in those days—to climb up the inside of the chimney, and just as he popped his head out of the top he heard someone call 'Bob.' His name being Bob Roberts, he went to inquire what they wanted with him; another bob was called, and he jumped inside!

Lawrence never rang his peal of Stedman Cinques.

### A PROUD RECORD.

Sixty years as chorister, 50 years as ringer, and 40 years as parish clerk, is the proud, and we should imagine, unsurpassed record of Mr. J. Lovekins, of Sherifhales, Salop. A peal in his honour was rung on Saturday, and it was also a 'welcome home' to the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Giles; after a world tour. The Vicar, churchwardens and ringers, after the peal, sat down to a meat tea, splendidly served by local ladies, in the Parish Hall, and the visitors would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who helped to make their visit most enjoyable.

### CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION'S MEETING AT MIDDLEHAM

The little village of Middleham was the venue for the September meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and the members from Ripon, Thirsk, Richmond, Darlington, Middlesbrough, Ormesby and Saltburn, who journeyed there, were entranced with its beauty. The splendid peal of eight were soon running, and excellent touches of Double Norwich, Kent, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were obtained, the striking being a most praiseworthy point.

Forty-one members and friends, including the local ringers, sat down to tea, the business meeting following, under the chairmanship of Mr. Young, the newly-appointed Vicar.

After nine new members had been elected to the association, the meeting debated their president's notice of motion as to the change of the date for the annual meeting. An amendment to the notice substituting Easter Monday for the second Saturday in September was moved and seconded, and it was decided to further discuss the matter at the Easter meeting.

The association decided to support the Gloucester and Bristol Association in their endeavour to obtain cheaper railway facilities, and the secretary was requested to write to the London and North-Eastern Railway Company on the matter.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower once more, and further touches were rung. The arrival of the bus for the last train home, however, brought the meeting to a close, and the members dispersed, after a most enjoyable day.

### THAT UNLUCKY 13.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read Irenæus' pithy notes with pleasure on every occasion, but must just make a small correction as to the youngest M.C.A. ringer to score a 5,000. On December 20th, 1919, I had the happiness to call a peal in which my brother, G. Stedman Morris, rang. This was on his 12th birthday, but was on handbells. On July 6th, 1920, however, I called a peal at Kirby Muxloe, in which F. J. Bowley, junr., rang the treble, he being then only 11 years 4 months old, and, therefore, claims the record.

I had already written to Mr. Gobey pointing this out, and, like Irenæus, want both he and 'Young Falstaff' to take this as written, in a kindly spirit, and accept our hearty congratulations. May the latter go on with the good work, and keep 'growing greater' every day. The best of luck to him.—Yours faithfully.

Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

### RINGERS' OUTINGS.

#### KETTERING RINGERS AT LEICESTER.

On Saturday, Sept. 12th, the Kettering ringers and friends had a very pleasant outing. Leaving Kettering at 1 p.m., they reached Kibworth, in Leicestershire, after a very interesting drive. Permission had been given to ring on the fine peal of eight bells, and the party were met at the tower by Mr. F. Staniforth. A good touch each of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise were brought round. The next tower on the list was St. Saviour's, Leicester, where the visitors found the bells up, and the steeplekeeper (Mr. J. S. Needham) engaged in putting everything in apple-pie order. On this fine peal of eight (tenor 27 cwt.), Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Surprise were successfully brought round, but Double Norwich for some reason would not 'go.' The bells were lowered in peal, and the party escorted by Mr. Ernest Morris to a cafe in Belgrave Road, where a substantial tea was enjoyed. By special permission, the party was very kindly allowed to ring for a short time on the beautiful peal of twelve bells at St. Margaret's. After a course of Stedman Caters had been brought round, an attempt was made for a course of Cambridge Royal, which ended unsuccessfully. A large number of Leicester ringers had by this time arrived, and, with their very able assistance, some of the party were able to ring their first course of Stedman Cinques. At the Black Boy Hotel a social evening was afterwards spent. Messrs. W. Willson, H. Poole and E. Morris delighted the company with some excellent tunes on the handbells, while Mr. Josiah Morris and Mr. J. S. Needham contributed songs. Several courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung 'in hand' on some very old cup handbells (kindly lent by Mr. J. S. Needham), which were cast at Kettering by Thomas Garry, the bell founder. Thanks of the visitors are due to the very great kindness of Mr. F. Staniforth, of Kibworth; Mr. Ernest Morris and Mr. J. S. Needham, of Leicester, for their arrangements for the comfort of the party, and to all those Leicester ringers who met them and gave them such a warm welcome. The Kettering men extend their warmest thanks, and trust in the future to have the pleasure of welcoming them to Kettering. D. J. N.

#### WALTHAMSTOW RINGERS IN SUSSEX.

On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19th and 20th, members of the St. Saviour's Society, Walthamstow, had a most enjoyable outing to Lindfield and Cuckfield. Ringing at Cuckfield on Saturday afternoon, with the help of some of the local ringers, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, were brought round. At Lindfield in the evening, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were the methods rung: for service in the morning Grandsire and Plain Bob; and for evening service, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of Lindfield and Cuckfield for so readily granting them permission to ring, and Messrs. A. Tomsett and F. R. Hounsell for making the necessary arrangements on their behalf.

#### VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH.

On Saturday, August 29th, the ringers of Sawley Church, with the two churchwardens, held their annual outing. Travelling by motor, they first called at Shephed, but owing to illness were not able to ring, so they proceeded to Whitwick, and enjoyed about an hour's ringing. The journey was then continued to Woodhouse Eaves, where tea was served, and afterwards the visitors had a short ring on the parish church bells. They next went to the bell foundry at Loughborough, where a good time was spent. Through the medium of the 'Ringing World' the ringers wish to thank the respective Vicars and the local ringers for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Taylor for the use of the bells at Loughborough. The methods rung during the afternoon were Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor, and Bob Doubles.

#### WOODFORD AND LOUGHTON RINGERS IN MID-ESSEX.

On Saturday, August 22nd, the above ringers and friends set off for the day by charabanc into Mid-Essex. Leaving Loughton at 8 a.m., Epping Town was reached, where a number of touches were brought round. After a nice run, Writtle was their next stopping place, and here a few more touches were successfully rung. Kelvedon was the next stop, where lunch (catered for by Mr. and Mrs. C. Rycraft, of High Street) was greatly appreciated by the company. The next halts were at Feering and Braintree, touches being rung on both these peals. A pleasant run then brought the party to Brentwood, where an excellent tea was provided by one of the ringers; this also was greatly appreciated by all. A move was made to the tower, where ringing was indulged in for about an hour and a half, home being reached about 9.30 p.m., the day having been greatly enjoyed. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars and steeplekeepers, especially Mr. W. Keeble, of Feering, for recommending the lunch headquarters, and Mr. F. Ringe, of Brentwood, for arranging tea.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 11th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1,260 changes (from Thurstans' Four-part), in 47 mins.: James George 1, G. E. Large 2, L. Griffiths 3, St. Grove 4, F. Price 5, C. Dale 6, B. W. Wiltchell (conductor) 7, W. Gee 8. Rung in honour of the christening of the son and heir of the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A. (Vicar of this church), and Mrs. Badger; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Badger and Mrs. Gelling, the last-named lady being the wife of the donor of the bells. In consequence of illness near the church a full three hours' peal for these auspicious events was impossible.

**UTTOXETER, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): F. Oliver 1, E. Roberts 2, G. Elliott 3, F. Richardson 4, G. Lewis 5, G. Burrows (first quarter of Stedman) 6, C. Smith (conductor) 7, E. Green 8.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: A. W. Cox 1, W. V. Webb 2, A. H. Webb 3, H. K. White 4, T. East (conductor) 5, B. Corderoy 6, R. G. Rice 7, H. C. Mulford 8.

**MARKET DEEPING.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 10th, for harvest festival, evensong, 720 of Cambridge Surprise and 240 of Oxford Treble Bob: F. Otter 1, W. A. Day 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, H. Holmes 4, Jos. Landon 5, G. H. Wells 6.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (with the second out): A. F. Bennington 1, E. J. Pannett 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, E. B. Crowder 5, T. A. Easterby 6, T. Jakeman 7, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 8.—For evensong: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, W. A. Martin 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, T. A. Easterby 6, T. Jakeman 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

**OXFORD.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, at Old Headington Parish Church, after the evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Brigham 1, G. Collett 2, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 3, H. G. Field 4, F. Clinkard 5, W. Finch 6. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest thanksgiving services, for Matins, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) Bob Minor, in 42 mins.: B. Lucas 1, W. Chester (first quarter and first attempt in the method) 2, A. Booth 3, W. Wise 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6. Also 144 Oxford Treble Bob.—For evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Wise 1, A. Booth 2, A. Mansfield 3, G. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 6.

**OXFORD.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for the 10.15 Choral Communion, at St. Mary Magdalen, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Brigham 1, W. Finch 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, G. Collett 4, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 5, F. Clinkard 6. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.—For evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, H. G. Field 2, G. Stace 3, G. Collett 4, H. G. Bungay 5, F. Clinkard (conductor) 6.

**PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evening service and harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: R. Rockall 1, G. Howard 2, P. Asplin 3, J. W. Haynes 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5, J. Monk 6.

**CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for the evening harvest thanksgiving service, a 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.—Also 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Pritchard 1, G. Lewis (conductor) 2, R. Lewis 3, C. Bowers 4, D. Horne 5, G. Jordan 6.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

## BRANCH MEETING AT KENWYN.

A quarterly meeting of the Truro District Branch of the Diocesan Guild was held at Kenwyn Church, Truro, on Friday, Sept. 25th, this being the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving. The attendance was somewhat small, owing to the wretched weather, only about 15 ringers attending, representing the Cathedral, Kea and Kenwyn bands. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung.

The Vicar, the Rev. F. Thomas, provided tea for the ringers, and afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples were practised. Before the thanksgiving service, 336 Grandsire Triples were brought round by W. E. Minors (Cathedral) 1, P. Harfoot (Kea) 2, W. Arthur (Cathedral) 3, A. F. Knight (Kenwyn) 4, E. C. Friend (Kenwyn) 5, A. S. Roberts (Cathedral) 6, W. H. Sleeman (Cathedral) 7, F. M. Roberts (Cathedral) 8. After the service, the bells were kept going for about 45 minutes, with short touches of Grandsire Triples and rounds.

## THE LATE MR. F. R. BACON.

At the funeral of the late Mr. F. R. Bacon, of Hitchin, president of the Hertford County Association, the local ringers were represented by Messrs. E. W. Day, J. F. Foster, H. Day, C. Cannon, J. Hare and L. Fidler, and the band sent a floral tribute, fashioned in the shape of a bell.

Mr. Bacon, who resided at Elv before going to Hitchin, had rung several peals for the Herts and Ely Associations.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 288th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, Horton, Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roberts, Rowbotham, Albert Walker, Winney and Young. Closing date, Thursday, Nov. 5th. Towers open for ringing from 3 to 5 p.m.: St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on October 29th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th (6 p.m. for service), \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd (8 p.m.); all the others at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Meeting at Turner's Hill (Grange Road Station) Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open 2, service 4.30, tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Vicar). Bus service from Haywards Heath or Three Bridges.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South District.—A business meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Everyone will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and meeting as usual. Please let me know all who require tea. Wood Green bells open from 7 to 8 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual branch party will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tickets obtainable from local secretaries, gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 6d.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pendoylan (Peterston Station) on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Ufford on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available all day. Tea at 4. Meeting afterwards. Certificates now ready, 6d. each.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) available from noon. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will all members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1925 try and do so at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672), **NOTTINGHAM.**—A practice and meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open from 5 to 9 p.m. Will all members please make an effort to be present?—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 17. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting for business 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17th, at Black Notley, near Braintree. Service in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea afterwards. It is hoped that ringers will make an endeavour to attend this, the first meeting, at this somewhat out of the way parish to give some encouragement to a young band of ringers.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Godmanchester on Oct. 17th. Service 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room at 5, followed by business. Bells: Godmanchester (8) and St. Mary, Huntingdon (8).—H. B. Woolley, Dis. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Presteign on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea free to those who notify me not later than Monday, Oct. 19th.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Len Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembrokeshire.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—By invitation of the Rev. E. P. Stanley, the next quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton Courtenay on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Oct. 20th, how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—A visit to Wembley is being arranged for Saturday, Oct. 24th. Meet at Wembley Park Station (Metropolitan Railway) at 2 o'clock. Tea arranged for those only who let me know by Monday, Oct. 19th. Gentlemen specially invited to join us.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in Women's Institute Hut. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 21st?—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Lyvinge on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Address by the Rector. A tea will be provided at 1s. per head. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify the local secretary, Mr. G. L. Webb, The Valley, Lyvinge, by Wednesday, Oct. 21st? Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—Edwin G. Bresden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting, Bushey, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 4.30 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Norfolk, etc.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The quarterly business meeting of the above will be held at Heanor on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Tower open 2.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.**—Dedication of the new ring of eight bells on Saturday, Oct. 24th, at 3.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Chester. Permission for visitors to ring on this occasion cannot be promised, but on Saturday, October 31st. The bells will be available for visitors from 11 a.m. Tea provided, at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Those requiring same must inform William Fernley, 1, Grove Street, Hazel Grove, Cheshire, by Tuesday, Oct. 27th. A short service will be held at 7 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. A. Clements, Master of the Chester Guild.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford (6) on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 20th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room (kindly provided by the church authorities), and business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. It is imperative that all who require tea should let me know not later than Monday, Oct. 26th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at St. Michael's Church, Mottram. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. prompt.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. The association service will be held in the Church at 5, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Elliott Mitchell). Tea, at the Co-operative Cafe, New Road, will be provided for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, the 28th inst. The business meeting will be held after tea, and the Mayor of Gravesend (Alderman J. A. Axcell, J.P.) will take the chair. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. Expecting a good number of members to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 48th Annual Festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, October 31st. Included in the business is the proposed alteration to Rules 6, 9 and 10. Further particulars next week.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

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