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LESS PEAL RINGING.

The Analysis of peals rung during the year 1925, compiled by the committee of the Central Council, reveals a substantial falling off in the number for that year compared with 1924. That is the outstanding feature of the committee's report, which is again full of interesting statistics. The number of peals last year was the lowest since 1921, and was, in fact, nearly 660 lower than the peak year of 1913, when the amazing aggregate of 2,358 was reached in the twelve months. While peal ringing is one of the best marks of the standard of ringing reached by various associations—it is an indication of keenness, as well as of ability—there need be no cause for pessimism in so striking a drop in the total figures. The falling off is nearly ten per cent., but it may be accounted for by many factors, and we cannot say that it is due to any lessening of enthusiasm unless there was some record—which there is not—to show that fewer attempts for peals had been made. Indeed, one explanation may be that there has been a more or less general endeavour to ring higher methods, and consequently a greater percentage of peals have been lost.

As a consequence of the Council's decision at Chester, peal points disappear this year from the table, and no comparison can, therefore, be made through this means with preceding years. The only use of points was to indicate with some degree of accuracy the relative value of the methods rung—they could be no criterion to the merit of any particular performance—and a large number of peal ringers will miss this feature from the analysis table without having any regrets at its absence. Another decision taken last year was to omit for the future the list of conductors, which had figured annually as part of the report, the object being to make the statistics as impersonal as possible. This year, however, the committee, as a graceful gesture to the ladies, who are coming more and more into the field of peal ringing, give some fairly exhaustive details of their performances, while carefully omitting names. We see no objection to this action on the part of the committee, if they care to take out the statistics, but why not include similar particulars about the men, some of whose records would be found equally interesting? We cannot, however, seriously ask this hard-worked committee to do more than they already do. Their labours extend throughout the year, and are stupendous. The Exercise, as well as the Council, owes them a big debt of gratitude, not only for providing a permanent record of a year's work in compact form, but a report which is full of interest and valuable information if we would compare the activities of the associations throughout the country.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES MEE Treble	H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	HARRY R. ROPER 8
WILLIAM TILLET 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9
PERCY MAY 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 11
ALBERT A. FLEMING 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

No 43, in Sir A. P. Heywood's 'Duffield.' First peal of Duffield Maximus by all the band, and by the above Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE ANTIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND,

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

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHAGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

BRO. JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON, Birchfield Lodge, 4549 Treble	
WOR. BRO. HARRY ARGYLE, Abbey Lodge, 432 2	
BRO. THOMAS H. REEVES, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 3	
WOR. BRO. ERNEST BISHOP, Royal Sussex Lodge of Emulation, 3554 ... 4	
BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS, Arts and Crafts Lodge, 4134 5	
WOR. BRO. JOHN S. PRITCHETT, Alma Mater Lodge, 1614, Assistant Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire 6	
BRO. GEORGE WALKER, Forward Lodge, 1180 7	
BRO. ALBERT A. HUGHES, Doric Lodge, 933 8	
BRO. BERT HORTON, St. Peter's Lodge, 481 9	
BRO. GEORGE H. ROBINSON, Chatsworth Lodge, 3430 Tenor	

Composed by BRO. FRANK W. PERRENS.

Conducted by BRO. THOMAS H. REEVES.

This is the first peal of Stedman Caters rung entirely by members of the Masonic craft. After the peal the members were kindly entertained to tea by Worshipful Bro. William Hand, Worshipful Master, Silhill Lodge, 4786, Solihull.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, W.C.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*STANLEY C. MOVE Treble	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	LEONARD H. BAYBUT 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	GEORGE A. CARD 8
*CECIL V. HARE 4	HARRY MANCE 9
JEFFERY R. GAMMON 5	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on ten bells. † First attempt for peal of Surprise Royal.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	C.S.M. JAS. BENNETT, R.M. 6
GEORGE W. SIERRE 2	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
*JOHN A. COLE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 8
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS 9
WILLIAM T. BEESON 5	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 10, 1926, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRISON SMITH Treble	C. W. BRETT 5
S. TAYLOR 2	W. SPICE 6
F. C. BRETT 3	W. J. WALKER 7
E. C. BUESDEN 4	F. W. FAIRBEARD Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells, and first peal of Major on them since 1812.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 19, 1926, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR DIXON Treble	GEORGE LADD 5
WALTER H. WOOD 2	REGINALD SCOTT 6
F.-SGT. F. A. HOLDEN 3	WILLIAM DICKENSON 7
SIDNEY PROCTOR 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to John T. Holmes, a ringer at the above church for 35 years, who was interred at Heckington the previous day.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

WILLIAM STEGGALL Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 5
BERTIE HARRISON 2	ARTHUR LEEDER 6
TOM FORD 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
*CLEMENT MORE 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

First peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight by Messrs. Meats and Stainbank. * 100th peal. † 50th peal.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 20, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK C. EXON Treble	*RICHARD J. R. CHAUNDY 5
FRANK TOFFREY 2	JOHN SIMONS 6
WILLIAM STONE 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
MAURICE SMITH 4	JACK JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as a compliment to Miss Jessie Kathleen Fardon, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Fardon, Mayor and Mayoress of Woodstock, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. Hedley Lester Griffin, of Bilston, Staffs. * First peal in the method.

RICKMANSWORTH.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 21, 1926, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

*WILLIAM CROSELEY Treble	G. H. GUTTERIDGE 5
H. W. KIRTON 2	W. F. ELLIOTT 6
†T. STEPHENSON 3	T. B. MARKS 7
*GEORGE FOSTER 4	J. H. R. FREEBORN Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by J. H. R. FREEBORN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. All except Mr. Gutteridge are local Sunday Service ringers.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 21, 1926, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	JAMES PAGETT 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
RICHARD C. BELTON 4	JOHN CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*RALPH S. LONG Treble	*COLIN HARRISON 5
*ARTHUR CRAVEN 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
*FRANCIS WARD 3	*HAROLD NAYLOR 7
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 4	*JOHN THORPE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. THORPE.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1926, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	WILLIAM MARTIN 6
L.-BDR. C. A. ANDREWS 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. C. Randall, for some years Sunday School superintendent at the above church. This peal has 22 courses in 4, 6, 8 position, and 6th the extent Home.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN & PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Thursday, April 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

WILLIAM E. WILSON Treble	JOHN SANDERSON 5
FREDERICK HINDLE 2	*JOHN BAILEY 6
THOMAS WILSON 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN BROWN 4	JAMES HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of York.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, April 23, 1926, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HENRY W. JACKSON Treble	REV. CANON H. J. ELSEB 5
JOHN POTTER 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 6
FRED F. RIGBY 3	PETER CROOK 7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

First peal in Bolton by the Ancient Society of College Youths, and rung to honour the birth of a Royal grand-daughter to the King and Queen.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours & Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES

Tenor 28 cwt.

†CHARLES H. WALKLATE ... Treble	JOHN MALYAN ... 5
*BERNARD H. SWINSON ... 2	†CHARLES JEFFS ... 6
FREDERICK HUNT ... 3	†SIDNEY E. LINDSELL ... 7
LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 4	H. E. C. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the anniversary of the institution of the Very Rev. E. L. Henderson as Dean of St. Albans Cathedral, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th. It is 20 years since the ringer of the 7th had rung in a peal.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 0 lb.

FREDK. BORRETT ... Treble	FRANK COPEMAN ... 5
ERNEST WHITING ... 2	CHARLES CLARKE ... 6
EDWIN GOATE ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
GEORGE GOWER ... 4	GEORGE CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Treble	DANIEL COOPER ... 5
*MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... 2	ALFRED J. BULL ... 6
FRANK E. DAREY ... 3	*FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7
*MISS FREDA E. ORR ... 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford as conductor.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	WILLIAM PYE ... 5
*JAMES Y. DUNHAM ... 2	P.S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	REUBEN SANDERS ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	JOHN T. KENTISH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... Treble	*ARTHUR S. ROBINSON ... 5
JOHN W. SYKES ... 2	*NORMAN FISHER ... 6
*RONALD E. JOHNSON ... 3	REV. W. P. WRIGHT ... 7
NORMAN SHORT ... 4	FRED WATKINSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

Rung on the vigil of the Festival of St. Mark, and for St. George's Day. Also to commemorate the enthronement of the Rt. Rev. B. O. F. Heywood (some time Vicar of Leeds) as third Bishop of Southwell, which took place in Southwell Minster on Wednesday, April 21st.
* First peal. First attempt by the ringer of the 3rd, aged 15. With the exception of the ringer of the 7th (Eyam) and tenor (Handsworth) the peal was rung by the local company. The composition, No. 172, now rung for the first time, contains the full combination of 4, 5, 6, in 5-6.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Treble	PERCIVAL PRICE ... 5
MISS EDNA WEBSTER ... 2	GEORGE WEST ... 6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7
FREDERICK S. PRICE ... 4	*ERNEST CLULOW ... Tenor

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.

* First peal. First peal, and first attempt in the method as conductor.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY MORGAN ... Treble	JOHN HAMMOND ... 5
TOM FORD ... 2	JOHN W. JONES ... 6
CHARLES GREEDY ... 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 7
FRANK J. BAILEY ... 4	HAROLD FORBES ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

First peal on this lovely ring of bells recently put in by John Taylor and Co.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE LANCASTER ... Treble	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 5
ALBERT BOND ... 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 6
SIDNEY PALMER ... 3	FREDERICK LAMBETH ... 7
HENRY W. L. WELLS ... 4	ALFRED E. REEVES ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

All the band are employees of the Great Western Railway Company. Believed to be the first peal of Double Norwich by a band of railway-men.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

JOHN PARKER ... Treble	HARRY PARKER ... 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 2	JOHN BRASSINGTON ... 6
GEORGE ADDISON ... 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN ... 7
THOMAS HURD ... 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by ARTHUR ALLMAN.

First peal of Major as conductor. 25th peal on the bells for the Guild.

ESCRICK, Near YORK.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES W. FOUNTAIN ... Treble	JOHN K. DOUGLAS ... 5
THOMAS HAIGH ... 2	ABM. HAIGH ... 6
THOS. FREDK. EARNshaw ... 3	EDWARD RICKITT ... 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 4	HENRY N. IMESON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by H. N. IMESON.

The first peal rung on the bells. Rung in honour of the birth of the Royal Princess.

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BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ALFRED FALLON Treble	SIDNEY ELTON 5
JOHN C. ADAMS 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
JOHN PERRY 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	THOMAS PERRY Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung on the 25th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Prob. Dunkley as Vicar to the parish; also to commemorate St. George's Day, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Perry, the local leader and towerkeeper, to whom, with Mrs. Perry, the band are greatly indebted for kind hospitality after the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THURLEIGH, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 28, 1926, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With nine different callings.

P. WYNOTT Treble	S. LITCHFIELD 4
E. ASQUE 2	H. PAYNE 5
W. DARLOW 3	C. LOVELL Tenor

The bells were rung half-muffled, in memory of Thomas Hart, who was for over 50 years the parish clerk.

LITTLE GLEMHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 17, 1926, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

L. CARTER Treble	W. SMITH 3
A. A. LING 2	A. E. SMITH 4
A. LING Tenor	

Conducted by A. LING.

Rung for the induction of the Rev. Morse.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LEDBURY DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, April 18, 1926, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*FRANK PRICE Treble	CHRIS. BOWERS 4
WILLIAM NIBBLET 2	DAVID HORNE 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GEORGE JORDON Tenor

Conducted by D. HORNE.

* First peal of Minor.

APSLEY END, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ARNOLD BRINKLOW ... Treble	*JACK STOPP 4
†WILLIAM C. HUGHES ... 2	AUGUSTUS V. GOOD ... 5
*CHARLEY J. HENLEY ... 3	*WILLIAM JONES Tenor

Conducted by A. V. GOOD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Ringers of 4th and tenor were elected members previous to starting. Ringers of treble, 3rd and 5th are local men, this being the first time local men have taken part in a peal at this church. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. O. Houseman, who recently left the parish.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Luke's Church, on Monday, April 12th, in 48 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Lintott 1, J. H. Moore 2, J. Allen 3, T. Jennion 4, E. Jones 5, T. Hammond 6, G. R. Newton (conductor) 7, P. W. Cave 8.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 22, 1926, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

J. WALLIS Treble	W. R. HUMPHREY 4
A. J. BULL 2	F. J. SANDERS 5
A. HOLMAN 3	H. R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Bob, Single Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*WALLACE G. CHURCH ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 2	HARRY TYSOE 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal on six bells. First peal of seven plain methods by all the band.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

JOHN LEWIN Treble	THOMAS GARLEY 4
JOSEPH SADDINGTON ... 2	HARRY BAXTER 5
MISS KITTY MOORE 3	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

This peal was rung to welcome home, after four years in Burma, Mr. Rupert Thursfield, son of the Rector of Cranford, who is president of the above branch.

CADOXTON, NEATH.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

THOMAS C. SCOTT Treble	*CYRIL LAKE 4
HARRY BOYCE 2	D. J. LEWIS 5
WILLIAM J. THOMAS 3	GWYN I. LEWIS Tenor

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	*NORMAN S. BAGWORTH ... 4
PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM 2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
ALBAN DISNEY 3	THOMAS K. DEACON Tenor

Conducted by THOS. K. DEACON.

First peal as conductor. * First peal of Minor. The band wish to thank Mr. Alban Disney for his kind hospitality after the peal.

ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD.—On April 8th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Hill 1, Miss M. M. Webb 2, J. Sturdy 3, H. Hovard 4, J. Keyte (conductor) 5, F. Hill 6. The ringer of the 3rd came from Soalsbury; the 5th from Charlbury; and the remainder from Churchill.

HANDBELL PEALS.

WOBURN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 18, 1926, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. C. HERBERT.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

W. JANE	...	...	1-2	C. HERBERT	...	...	5-6
E. HERBERT	...	...	3-4	*D. HARRIS	...	...	7-8
E. HOBBS	...	...	...	...	...	9-10	...

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD. Conducted by E. HOBBS.

First peal of Grandsire Caters for the association 'in hand.' First in the method by all 'in hand.' First as conductor on ten bells.

* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 24, 1926, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

IN TRINITY COLLEGE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath.)	1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's)	5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	...	*S. H. WOOD (Magdalene)	7-8
(Trinity)	3-4	...	...

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal on handbells, and first of Major.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Newbury branch was held at Shaw, near Newbury, on Saturday. This was the first meeting to be held at Shaw, and 50 members attended during the afternoon and evening from the following towers: Bucklebury, Beedon, East Ilsley, Highclere, Kintbury, Newbury, Peasmore, Thatcham, Woolton Hill, Yattendon, and the local ringers. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Kingsley-Kefford), who gave an excellent address. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, 38 being present, and a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. H. W. Curtis, and seconded by Miss S. Davis, was accorded to the Rector for his excellent address, and the use of the bells, to the organist, and to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea.

The Rev. Kingsley-Kefford welcomed the ringers, and hoped this would be one of many meetings to be held at Shaw.

Apologies were received from the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch), and the Rev. E. M. Thorpe, of Bucklebury.

Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, were rung on this musical peal of six during the afternoon and evening.

The summer meeting is fixed for June 19th, at Bucklebury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting was held at Gosforth on Easter Monday, being the 25th anniversary of the opening of the bells of All Saints'. Ringing started at 11 a.m., and continued until 8 p.m., members from Whitley Bay, Sunderland, Darlington, Tanfield, Cramlington, Newcastle Cathedral, Jesmond, Chester-le-Street and Gosforth, taking part.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. S. Kennedy), who gave a suitable address. A collection was taken for the fund for erecting a memorial to the late Major Robert Hudson, who was killed in a Sunderland belfry, and £1 2s. 5d. was forwarded to the treasurer.

Dinner was served in the Church Hall, and was much enjoyed by the twenty-five who were present, the catering being done by the wives of the local bell ringers.

Mr. James E. Goffon (vice-president) took the chair, after the toast of 'The King.'—Mr. William Story proposed 'The welfare of All Saints' Ringing Guild.' He gave sound advice to the Gosforth ringers, and to the other members present. He also referred to the great losses the Guild had suffered through the deaths of Mr. R. Falconer and Mr. N. Fleck.

Thanks to the ladies for their services was proposed by Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and was suitably responded to by Mrs. Oubridge.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Church Hall.—The Vicar, in replying, said he always gave the members of the association a warm welcome, and was delighted at any time to help the ringers in their great work.

The methods rung during the day were Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters, Erin Caters, Forward Royal, Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal and Double Norwich. Thirty ringers took part in the ringing during the day.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE.—THE POINTS OF THE QUESTION.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

On several occasions lately, both privately and at association meetings I have attended, I have been asked to explain the question of the naming of methods, which is to come before the Central Council at Ipswich. As the matter concerns every ringer, I take this opportunity.

Three of the Council's committees are involved. They are:—

(1) The Analysis Committee, consisting of A. T. Beeston, J. W. Parker, G. Williams, and Miss E. K. Parker.

(2) The Nomenclature Committee, consisting of A. D. Barker, T. Hervey Beams, G. P. Burton, A. L. Coleman and H. Drake.

(3) The Methods Committee, consisting of H. L. James, E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope.

In 1907 the Methods Committee issued a book containing the total number of Plain and Treble Bob Minor methods, which conform to the conditions generally accepted as necessary for a method. (As a matter of fact four were omitted in error.) The success of the book has been altogether beyond expectation. It is not too much to say that it has revolutionised six-bell ringing. In place of the dozen or so Minor methods at one time available, the progressive six-bell ringer has now twenty-seven Plain and two hundred and thirty-two Treble Bob methods, all of which I believe have been rung. Moreover, the book made splicing possible, and as spliced ringing is still in its infancy, and is being adopted by eight-bell ringers, the book has indirectly had an influence wider than its immediate scope.

The greater part of the methods included were necessarily new and unnamed, and the question arose whether to supply them with names or merely to give them numbers and leave the naming to others. The second course was adopted. It was decided to give to the band that first rang any method the opportunity and the privilege of naming it.

It has long been held in the Exercise that the band which first rings a method has a right to give it a name. Thus, when in 1718 the Society of Union Scholars rang the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob they renamed it. To quote Mr. Jasper Snowden: 'In accordance with a custom prevailing at that time the society called the method after their own name, Union Bob, as they considered themselves entitled to do this by reason of their being the first company who accomplished a peal in the method.' And in late years we have had many instances of the same thing. Of course, when we talk about rights in this matter, the word must always be understood in a limited sense. A band has the right to call any method what they please, but they cannot always get other people to adopt it. In the instance I have just referred to the title 'Union Bob' was only partially accepted, and very soon died out. The 10,080 rung at Norwich in 1727 was called a 'Quarter Peal of Oxford Treble Bob, all eight in, or the Union Bob,' and very shortly the newer title was entirely dropped.

And, too, there are other rights of naming methods which have been and are equally recognised. The first man who produces a method or the first man who publishes a method usually calls it what he thinks fit. And the names of some have come by a process of natural evolution: as, for instance, Double Norwich, Stedman's Principle, Kent Treble Bob, etc. So long as the method gets a good name it is no great matter who supplies it, and the people who first ring it are at least as suitable as any other.

But whatever plan had been adopted with these six-bell methods there was bound to be things against as well as for. There is no doubt that the idea of being the first to name a method did act as a great incentive to bands to practice fresh ones. On the other hand a certain amount of confusion and misunderstanding was inevitable. The methods were rung and named here and there, and at different times, and though each fresh name was duly published there was no means of knowing easily what was named and what was not. Consequently some of the methods were named twice or even three times. But gradually the names were supplied, and then came the time when it was felt that they should be revised, the missing ones supplied, and an official list issued. The Analysis Committee found themselves hampered in their work of collecting statistics by the want of such a list, and they pressed for its being prepared. As the Analysis Committee consisted of a number of as able and experienced men as you are likely to get, it seemed fitting that they should do the job. The proposal came from the Methods Committee, Mr. Law James moving and I seconding.

The Analysis Committee undertook the work, adopted a comprehensive scheme, and prepared a list of names. So great was the confidence placed in their abilities that most people supposed that their list would be accepted without comment. Indeed, at Salisbury, where their report was received, the president inadvertently declared it carried without discussion. But this apparently excellent and uncontested list contained two things which gave rise to great opposition.

First, the Analysis Committee had not only revised the new names and supplied the missing ones, but had altered some of the names

printed in the book. These were put there by the Methods Committee, and they objected to alteration. It is not to be supposed that the book does not need any revision; but the Methods Committee held that that must be done when the whole matter of the methods (apart from the names) is overhauled for a second edition. Meanwhile, names deliberately put there should not be altered.

And when the list was printed it was found that some of the names caused great dissatisfaction outside the Council. Objection was strongly taken to names of flowers being used. Floral names have been in use in the Exercise for very many years. Tulip and Primrose are names already printed in the book, and it is not easy to see why such as Daffodil, Bluebell and Shamrock should be objectionable. Personally, I do not like these floral names, but it is hard to answer Mr. Pritchett when he says: 'You call ladies by the names of flowers, and what is good enough for your wife and your sweetheart or your daughter is surely good enough for the methods you ring.' I suppose the real reason is that people feel that they are too pretty and feminine. Ladies' Christian names are, after all, very intimate and personal things, not as a rule used by any but their closest acquaintances. In the rare cases where a woman has to have a Christian name that everyone uses you look for something more dignified. Queen Mary or Queen Elizabeth or Queen Victoria sound all right, but anyone can see that there is something wrong with Queen Pansy or Queen Violet—unless it were in a fairy tale.

Anyhow, ringers did object to these floral names. The Leytonstone band, one of the foremost of six-bell companies, led the opposition. They had abundant support throughout the country; the Editor of 'The Ringing World' lent his powerful aid, and Mr. George Burton became the spokesman.

It was clear that the matter would be brought up at the London meeting, and many representatives had instruction from their associations to vote against these new names. But as it happened, the matter was so handled that the Council did not have the opportunity of giving a direct vote for or against these floral names. It was proposed to appoint a committee with instructions to go into the whole question of the naming of methods. Now, there were quite a number of members who would have voted against the floral names, but who were not convinced of any great need for altering the names of other methods. These people were rather in a difficulty and there was some cross voting. I knew of two men whose opinions were practically identical, one of whom voted for and the other against.

The committee was appointed by a small majority. It is not quite

fair to go behind the exact terms of the resolution, but I think it may be taken that the vote did mean that a majority of the Council was against the floral names, but not that there was any great wish for any alteration of names in general.

GUILDFORD RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Ringing at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on April 19th, in connection with the church's jubilee celebrations, Mr. Geo. J. Nichols, of Merrow, was taken ill afterwards, and died unexpectedly the next evening. The tragic suddenness of his death came as a heavy blow to his fellow ringers, as well as to his friends in the village of Merrow, where for many years he had been connected with practically every phase of village life, and the deepest sympathy goes out to the widow, son and two daughters who are left to mourn their loss.

Mr. Nichols, who was 57 years of age, had been head gardener to Mr. F. Baring-Gould, at Merrow Grange for the last 30 years. He was one of the oldest members of the Merrow Show and Fete Committee, and was closely connected with the running of the Village Hall Club. He was a member of the late Merrow bell ringers' band, and for some years had been a ringer at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford. He served on the show committee of the Guildford and District Gardeners' Association, and for a considerable time was a member of the now extinct Merrow Rifle Club. He was also interested in the Cricket Club, having been a member of the committee. He was also a member of the Guildford Constitutional Club and the Guildford and District Chrysanthemum Society.

The funeral took place at Merrow Parish Church on Friday, and was attended by a large gathering of villagers and representatives of the various organisations with which Mr. Nichols had been connected. Before the service, the bells were rung muffled by Mrs. Hazelden, Mrs. Melville, Messrs. S. Radford, A. H. Pulling, C. Hazelden, W. R. Melville (Guildford), J. F. Goacher and N. Harding (West Clandon), and after the committal, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. W. Melville, C. Hazelden, A. H. Pulling and S. Radford. Among the wreaths was one from the S. Nicolas' ringers.

On the evening before his death, Mr. Nichols took part in a touch of 1,226 Stedman Caters, rung by members of the S. Nicolas' Society: E. Raddon 1, F. Radford 2, E. Etheridge 3, Mrs. Hazelden 4, C. Hazelden 5, W. W. Thorne 6, G. J. Nichols 7, G. Tomsett 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, E. G. Heath 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We understand that London is shortly to gain a modern peal from the Loughborough foundry, an order having been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. to install a ring of eight, tenor 15 cwt., in the tower of Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, Wandsworth.

The bell hangers are now at work erecting the massive frame at York Minster for the new ring of twelve which Messrs. Taylor and Co. are shortly to install there. A great deal of careful work has, of course, to be done before the peal can be ready for opening.

The Whitechapel Foundry has in hand the rehangings of the eight bells of Bennington, Herts, associated with Squire Proctor. They are also rehangings the peal of eight at Pinner, Middlesex, and have just cast a heavy hour bell and quarter bells for Westminster chimes at the Prince of Wales' College, Achimota, West Africa.

The many friends of Mr. George Baker, of Brighton, will be glad to learn that he is improving excellently after his recent operation, and is now back in his home.

Mr. William Markwell, of Henfield, an old member of the Sussex Association, died on Thursday of last week, after a long illness.

The band who rang the heavy handbell peal at Leicester in February of last year wish to congratulate the band who rang the handbell peal reported last week with a 15 cwt. tenor. They are not thinking of trying to beat this, but hand over the 'laurels' gracefully, writes 'E. M.' Of course, we feel duly chastened for the typographical error.

Only a few weeks ago the Ipswich band rang the only peal of Forward Maximus achieved out of Birmingham. On Saturday they added a peal of Duffield Maximus to the methods rung at the famous St. Mary-le-Tower Church. They would like to know whether more than one previous peal (that at St. Martin's, Birmingham), has been rung in this method.

The anniversary of the first peal ever rung, the Grandsire Bob Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1715, falls on Sunday next.

A peal of 12,312 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick on May 5th, 1817. The first peal (Grandsire Triples) in Dorset was rung at Bridport on May 5th, 1887.

The first peal of Grandsire Bob Maximus was rung at Southwark on May 7th, 1792.

A band, which included John Reeves, rang the first peal on Harrow bells, '5,040 Bob Majors,' on May 7th, 1780.

The peal rung at Wicken on April 12th was Grandsire Triples, not Stedman, as published in last week's 'Ringing World.' Also it was the first peal of Triples with a bob bell by the ringer of the 4th.

We regret to record the death, which occurred suddenly at Coleshill, Warwickshire, on Saturday, April 24th, of Mr. Frederick Clayton, in his 55th year.

LANCASHIRE'S VETERAN TREASURER.

Ringers will congratulate Mr. Henry W. Jackson, the worthy treasurer of the Lancashire Association, on having taken part in a peal of Grandsire Triples, as reported elsewhere.

Mr. Jackson, who is in his 80th year, has been a ringer at Bolton Church for 62 years. He is the sole survivor of the band who rang the first peal for the association (incidentally rung at the same church), and has not taken part in a peal during the last 43 years.

He handled his bell in a manner that would do credit to more able-bodied ringers.

RINGERS' SILVER WEDDING GIFT.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on Sunday, April 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. T. Evans 2, R. Martin 3, R. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, E. Jones (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8. This was rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Griffith Whitfield. Mr. Whitfield has been Ringing Master at this tower for 38 years, and the happy couple were presented with a silver table centre piece by the ringers.

LEAD OR NO LEAD ON SIX.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I shall be obliged if you can find room in 'The Ringing World' for a few words relating to six-bell ringing. For some time there has been a difference of opinion as to whether an open lead should be made on six, the same as is done on eight bells. As a boy, I started ringing with a band of ringers, all learners, in Suffolk. Capt. Moore was our instructor. He always said we should never have good striking unless we made an open lead. Now, in Lancashire and Yorkshire, some make a lead, others do not. It follows that when a mixed band get together the ringing is also mixed; then an argument starts as to which is right. Generally, Yorkshire ringers say no lead should be made on six. I should like to hear what the 'big guns' have to say on this subject.—Yours truly,

ONE OF THE SMALL FRY.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1925.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

ASSOCIATIONS.		Number of Conductors	MAXIMUS.		CINQUES.		ROYAL.		CATERS.		MAJOR.		TRIPLES.		As per Separate Table.	Total Peals on Tower Bells.	Total Peals on Handbells.	Grand Total of Peals.	Numbers Corresponding with First Column.																									
			Cambridge Surprise	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Grandshire	Cambridge Surprise	Leicester	Pudsey	Treble Bob	Little Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman						Grandshire	Spiced	Stedman & Grandshire	London Surprise	Guldford	Rochester	Bristol	Yorkshire	Cambridge	New Cambridge Surprise	Norfolk Surprise	Rutland	Superlative	Double Norwich	Double Oxford	Little Methods	Treble Bob	Plain Bob	Stedman	Erin	Grandshire	Spiced	Plain Methods	MINOR.	DOUBLES.
1	Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths...	8	1	1	1	1	2						2																	1	1	4						14		16	1			
2	Bath and Wells	25											2										2				2				2	3	2				68		66	2				
3	Bedfordshire	14									1																1				2					42		42	5					
4	Cambridge U. Guild.....	3																																			2		5	7				
5	Chester Diocesan	25																																			25		97	5				
6	Cleveland and N. Yorks.	7																																			15		15	6				
7	Devonshire	6																																			12		12	7				
8	Dudley and District	2																																			7		7	8				
9	Durham and Newcastle	10				1					1		3				1				1										3	1	5				25		26	9				
10	Ely Diocesan	6																																			13		20	6				
11	Essex County	17	1			1					1							9									11	1									8	2	57	2	59	11		
12	Gloucester and Bristol	27					2					7	2					2											1								2	10	58	12	58	12		
13	Hereford Diocesan	13																																			4	14	35	13	35	13		
14	Hertford County	15										1	1								1		1				1				1	1	4			12		24	5	29	14	15		
15	Irish Association																																											
16	Kent County	39	3	1		1					1	1		3									4	1			5	18			20	13	36	1	28	1	153	4	157	16	16	16		
17	Ladies' Guild	1																																										
18	Lancashire Assoc.	44				1								4	2							1	10				4	12			21	11	22		17	23	128	3	131	18	18	18		
19	Lincoln Diocesan	12					3																														20	1	27	6	33	19		
20	Llandaff & Monmouth	15									2		1		10																1	1	5		6	1	2	31	21	31	20	21	21	
21	London County	8		1		1		1			1		2	1									1								2		9				22		22	22	22	22		
22	Middlesex County	26	3			2		2				1	2	1				1			6		5		1		2	3			11	5	10		3		2	1	59	1	60	22	60	
23	Midland Counties	44	1				2	1	1	1			1	6	1			1	4		3	2		9		1	18	2			11	17	31		15		14	6	139	4	143	23	23	
24	North Notts	7																																										
25	North Wales Assn.	7									1											5									3		1		5				12		12	25	25	
26	Norfolk Guild	15				1					1																												14	2	61	2	61	26
27	Oxford Diocesan	21												3									2				4				15	4	2		1				5	2	38	2	40	27
28	Peterboro' Diocesan	17					1					1	1														1	8				4	2	4				21	3	47	4	47	28	
29	St. Martin's Gld. B'ham.	12				7							1										3								3	3	5				5		29	4	53	29	53	29
30	Salisbury Diocesan	14									2				5												2					1	3	3					24		24	30	24	30
31	Salop Archidiaconal	1																																						1	1	1	31	31
32	Soc. Royal Cumberlands	2																																										
33	Stafford Archdeaconry	11				1							1																										1	19	19	33	33	
34	Suffolk Guild	26			1	1												6	1	1	4	1	7	2			6	8	1		3	4	3			10	1	62	6	68	34	68	34	
35	Surrey Association	19				2							1	2																		2	2	2		8			4	2	45		45	35
36	Sussex Association	14					1				3		2																			2	1	1		6			3	1	31		31	36
37	Swansea & Brecon	3																																					1	2	3		3	37
38	Warwickshire Guild	14					1											3									1					1	2	6	1	2			3		22	4	26	38
39	Winchester Diocesan	14																																										
40	Worcester & Districts	18																																										
41	Yorkshire Assn.	26		1																																								
42	Independent Societies...	28								2				1																														
TOTALS...			9	4	1	24	1	16	1	1	19	2	8	44	46	1	49	1	1	21	7	92	7	3	2	72	110	2	4	155	111	237	2	197	1	4	281	92	1,629	60	1,689			

a=1 of 3112.

b=1 stated to be Real Double Norwich.

c=Derford Little Bob.

d=Union Triples.

e=St. Clements.

f=1 Union and 1 Oxford Bob.

g=Includes 1 of 7392.

h=1 stated to be Real Superlative.

TOWER BELL PEALS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES rung during the Year 1925.

Associations.	MINOR.										Total	DOUBLES.							Grand Total Peals.
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Bath & Wells	5	1	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	10	13	4	1	—	—	—	—	18
Bedfordshire	6	1	—	2	3	12	—	1	—	—	25	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	5
Chester Dio.	11	—	6	—	1	7	—	—	—	—	25	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	3
Ely Diocesan	8	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Essex County	4	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2
Glos. & Bristol	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	9	—	—	1	—	—	10
Hereford Dio.	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	4	11	1	2	—	—	—	—	14
Hertford Co.	5	—	2	—	5	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Kent County	1	1	1	2	8	—	—	—	—	—	14	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	15
Lancashire	15	1	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	22
Lincoln Dio.	6	2	3	3	—	1	2	2	1	—	20	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Llandaff & Mon.	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Middlesex Co.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Midland Co.	7	1	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	3
Norfolk Guild	10	2	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	14	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Oxford Dio.	6	—	3	—	2	8	1	—	—	—	21	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	7
Peterboro' Dio.	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
St. Martin's G.	4	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Salop Archd.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Stafford Archd.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Suffolk Guild	3	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Surry Assoc.	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Sussex Assoc.	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Swansea & Br.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Warwickshire	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Winchester Dio.	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Worcestershire	4	—	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	21	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	6
Yorkshire	2	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Ind. Societies	4	—	2	—	1	8	—	—	—	—	15	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	24
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Includes four 360's.

HANDBELL PEALS rung during the year 1925.

Associations	CINQUES.	ROYAL.	CATERS.	MAJOR.	TRIPLES.	MINOR.	DOUBLES.	Total Handbell Peals.
	Stedman	Treble Bob Plain Bob	Stedman Grandsire	Double Norwich Treble Bob Plain Bob	Stedman	1 Method 7 Methods	2 Methods	
Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2
Cambridge Univ. Guild	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	3
Durham & Newcastle Dioc.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Ely Diocesan	—	1	—	1	2	—	1	5
Essex County	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Hertford County	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	3
Kent County	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
Lancashire Association	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	3
Lincoln Diocesan	—	1	2	—	3	—	—	5
Middlesex County	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Midland Counties	—	—	2	—	1	—	1	4
Oxford Diocesan	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
St. Martin's Guild	3	—	1	—	—	—	—	4
Suffolk Guild	—	—	1	1	3	3	—	8
Warwickshire Guild	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	4
Worcestershire & Districts	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	3
Yorkshire Association	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	4
Total	6	2	5	9	13	22	6	60
Granta Variation.								

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1925.

The year 1925 may be termed, as regards peal ringing, a quiet one. Not more than two or three peals of outstanding merit have been rung, and, in addition, the total number is 171 less than the previous year.

The peals, in all, number 1,689, being an all-round decrease, tower bells being 114, and handbells 57 less.

The following table shows the totals for the year:—

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Maximus	14	—
Cinques	25	6
Royal	47	7
Caters	92	12
Major	637	26
Triples	441	6
Minor	281	2
Doubles	92	1

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60

Compared with the preceding year, the table shows a decrease of 24 on 12 bells; 15 on 10 bells, 106 on 8 bells, and 26 on 6 bells. Separating these, the only increase is that of two handbell peals of Royal, while on tower bells Caters and Minor peals are each exactly the same number as last year.

The greatest number of peals has again been rung by the Kent County Association, with 157, including four on handbells, being two peals less than last year. Two others, the Midland Counties and Lancashire, have each over 100 peals; the former with 143 (an increase of 12), and the latter with 131, an increase of 25 peals over last year's score.

The most encouraging feature of the year is the continued advance in Surprise ringing. While peals of Royal in this class have fallen by two (from 20 to 18), Maximus peals have increased by four, to nine peals, and Major by ten, to 255.

The Maximus and Royal Surprise are all Cambridge except two peals, these being one each of Leicester and Pudsey Surprise Royal. Analysing the Surprise peals of Major, London shows an increase of eight peals, Bristol a decrease of 11, Cambridge and New Cambridge an increase of 10, and Superlative an increase of 9. Unfortunately, other Surprise methods do not find much favour, there being only 14 peals in all, a decrease of 6.

A considerable decrease, of 60 peals, will be noticed in the several variations of Treble Bob, the total number of peals rung being 183 made up as follows: 4 of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 20 of Kent Treble Bob Royal, and 1 spliced peal of Royal. Major peals consist of 123 of Kent, 25 of Oxford, 8 Spliced, 1 Granta, and 1 in the Cam Variation.

Double Norwich Major has decreased from 129 to 111 peals, but Double Oxford reappears with 2 peals. Plain Bob has only 147 peals on all numbers, as against 171 last year. Little methods peals are the same number, including the irregular Dartford Little Bob, the only new method rung during the year.

Peals on odd numbers are still practically confined to two methods, though a little variation has been introduced by splicing. The following table shows the methods rung and the number of each:—

	Stedman	Grandsire	Erin	Spliced	St. Clement's	Or. Bob	Union
Cinques	30	1	—	—	—	—	—
Caters	53	49	—	3	—	—	—
Triples	243	197	2	1	1	1	1
	326	247	2	3	1	1	2

Stedman has decreased by 18 peals, Grandsire by 30, and other methods by 1. A feature worth noting is that last year the peals of Grandsire Triples exceeded those of Stedman by 24, while in 1925 Stedman Triples are 46 more than Grandsire.

On tower bells, five and six-bell ringers have held their own in Minor, but rang 8 fewer peals of Doubles. On handbells, however, there is a woeful falling off, only 2 peals of Minor and 1 of Doubles being rung during the year, a decrease of 18 peals.

Only two lengths of over 7,000 were rung, being 8,112 of Plain Bob Major by the Ely Diocesan Guild, and 7,392 of Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the Middlesex County Association. The latter must be regarded as a remarkable performance, being the greatest number yet rung on 12 bells in this difficult method.

Other notable performances include one in the same method, which may be put down as the outstanding peal of the year being the first peal of Surprise Maximus on the bells of St. Paul's. This was accomplished by the College Youths, and is a great addition to the records of this society. Peals of Spliced Stedman and Erin and Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and the first spliced peal of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Royal are also features of the year. Other peals which may be noted are: Stedman Triples on the heaviest set of handbells on which a peal has been rung, by the Midland Counties', and the heaviest octave on which a peal of Stedman Triples has been rung, by the Bath and Wells Association. A Masonic peal, in the same method, by the Durham and Newcastle Association, and another of Stedman Triples by the giants of the Exercise, the band averaging 6ft. 2½ins., and all over 6ft. high. No one, of course, expects these last to be contained in one association. A peal of Bristol Surprise Major by the local band of St. Mary's, Luton, Bedfordshire Association, being the first peal in the method by all, also deserves special mention.

The following table shows the number of peals rung each month in the years 1924 and 1925:—

	1924	1925		1924	1925
January	132	161	July	106	83
February	142	148	August	195	156
March	155	104	September	132	142
April	147	109	October	148	153
May	158	171	November	207	183
June	123	124	December	210	145

The number of peals rung on each particular day of the week being as follows: Sunday, 64; Monday, 162; Tuesday, 120; Wednesday, 148; Thursday, 153; Friday, 69; and Saturday, 973.

It is to be regretted that, owing to its late publication, a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Melbourne, Australia, on Sept. 30th, 1925.

is not included in the figures. We, however, congratulate the band on keeping the art alive, under great difficulties, in their far-off land.

Summarising the footnotes to peals, it is found that 539 rang a peal for the first time, 735 their first in the method, and 33 their first in Surprise; 250 rang a method on a different number of bells for the first time, while their first of Doubles was accomplished by 20 ringers, first of Minor, 85; Triples, 21; Major, 76; Caters, 13; Royal, 17; and Maximus, 8. Six succeeded in ringing their first on six bells, 35 on eight bells, 30 on ten, and 9 on twelve.

New conductors numbered 58, while 79 conducted their first peal in the method.

Forty-eight peals were the first, and 165 the first in the method on the bells, also 32 were the first after restoration, etc. Sixteen peals were stated to be by the service ringers; six were the quickest on the bells, including the quickest peal on tower bells. The number of peals for particular occasions or reasons was as follows: Birthdays, 231; weddings (including silver and golden), 83; welcome, 28; farewell, 15; anniversaries, 47; memorial, 1; complimentary, 7; thanksgiving, 2; Empire Day, 11; Armistice celebrations, 14; watch-night, 4; death of Queen Alexandra, 81; and for church festivals, 22: 31 peals were rung fully muffled, and 114 half-muffled.

Ladies are now taking such a prominent part in peal ringing that some few particulars of their doings cannot fail to be interesting. During the year no less than 80 ladies rang peals, the number of peals which included at least one lady being 225. One of the peals, Stedman Triples, was rung by ladies alone, while one was rung with four ladies, five with three, thirty-six with two, and 182 with one lady in the band.

That they are not daunted by the higher methods is shown by the fact that this number included seven peals of London four of Bristol, nine of Superlative, ten of Cambridge, and one of Rutland Surprise Major, four peals of Cambridge Royal, while two ladies took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus. Twelve of the peals were on handbells, being five of Royal, two of Caters, and 5 of Major.

Coming to individual performances, one lady rang 18 peals, one 14, one 12, two 11, one 10, three 9, five 8, three 6, three 5, four 4, seven 3, nineteen 2, and 30 ladies one peal.

There were four lady conductors, one having one peal of Bristol, one of London and two of Stedman Triples to her credit, one with two peals of Grandsire Triples, one with a peal of Stedman Triples, and the fourth conducted a peal of Doubles in six methods.

We conclude our report by giving the number of peals rung in representative years since 1881, the total for the whole period being 48,331:—

1881—1886	1888—1902	1914—1915	1921—1922
1885—500	1892—1313	1915—259	1922—1885
1889—797	1905—1519	1917—130	1923—1885
1894—859	1909—1628	1919—1048	1924—1860
	1913—2358	1920—1471	1925—1689

A. T. BEESTON, New Mills, Stockport.
GEORGE WILLIAMS, West End, Southampton.
EDITH K. PARKER, 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.
JOSEPH W. PARKER, 5, Amberley Street, Sunderland.

DEVON GUILD.

The N.-E. branch of the Devon Guild held a very successful quarterly meeting at Silvertown on Saturday. About 50 ringers were present, the visitors including the general secretary of the Guild, and representatives from the Cathedral and other Exeter towers, also from Exmouth, Talaton, Thorverton, Christow, Newton St. Cyres, Ken, Sowton and Chipstaple. The striking was above the average usually attained at meetings, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Minor were brought round. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 19th, at Bradninch, subject to the consent of the Rector of that parish.

PONTEFRAC T RINGER HONOURED.

At the Vestry meeting, on Monday, April 12th, the Vicar (the Rev. John Young, M.A., R.D.), appointed Mr. J. H. Lenton as his warden. The Vicar stated that, as a ringer, he was pleased to pay this compliment to the belfry, which rarely received the reward it deserved.

In honour of the occasion a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted on the 13th, but came to grief half-way. Therefore, on the 15th, touches of Grandsire Caters were rung by the following: Rev. J. Young, J. H. Lenton, W. Fox, A. Fox, J. Agar, V. Applegate, A. Walker, T. Holder, H. Waters, J. Carter, E. J. Pickard, B. Moody.

The Pontefract company commenced a series of evening outings on Monday, April 19th, by visiting Wakefield Cathedral. They were welcomed by the Wakefield and Horbury ringers. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung; also a course of Grandsire Cinques.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING OF CENTRAL DIVISION.

As mentioned in our last issue, the annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association was held at Cuckfield on Saturday, April 17th. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and ringers continued to arrive until the very satisfactory number of 45 were present. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon C. W. G. Wilson), who gave a very interesting and helpful address. A splendid tea was partaken of in the Churchroom, and the Vicar presided at the tea and the business meeting which followed, supported by the curate, and the Master of the Association (Mr. J. T. Rickman). The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. Morey, Henfield, G. W. Swallow and E. Wadey, Lower Beeding.

The Divisional Secretary gave a brief report of the work of the division during the past year, stating that the position of the division had been well maintained, and they had had the pleasure of welcoming two new branches, viz., Lower Beeding and Turner's Hill. The accounts showed a small increase on the previous year, but owing to the rail allowance there was a slight decrease in the amount paid over to the hon. treasurer. The local secretaries again gave valuable assistance in arranging the meetings.

The following divisional officers were elected: A. D. Stone, hon. secretary; Messrs. J. A. Hart, O. Sippetts and J. Wren, committee; Messrs. K. Hart, F. Bennett and C. Tyler, committee of advice.

The secretary then called the attention of the meeting to the anonymous attack on the peal rung at Turner's Hill, and read the original letter and the correspondence which followed, as published in 'The Ringing World.'

The author of the attack, who had received an invitation to the meeting, was asked to come forward and justify his assertions; but as no one answered this invitation, the conductor of the peal, Mr. Keith Hart, was invited to speak on the matter.

Mr. Hart stated that with the exception of one or two false blows, the ringing was good from start to finish. There was nothing approaching a shift course, and the bells came home perfectly at the end of the peal. This evidence was supported by other members of the band, six of whom were present at the meeting. The result of the discussion was the unanimous resolution, as published in 'The Ringing World' of April 23rd.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Rickman proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service and address.

Ringing had just recommenced when a request came for it to cease owing to very serious illness close by. This was most unfortunate on account of the large number of young members present. The Lindfield ringers kindly placed their tower at the disposal of the meeting, consequently a number set off on the four-mile journey across the fields, taking a good deal of the day with them. The bells were soon got going, a good hour's ringing being obtained, and at 9 o'clock the bells were lowered. Grandsire Doubles to Loudon Surprise were rung during the day.

The following towers were represented: Barcombe, Lower Beeding, Bolney, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Crawley, East Grinstead, Heene, Hurstpierpoint, Lindfield and Shoreham. There were also one or two visitors present.

RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of All Saints', Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, held their outing on Easter Monday, visiting towers at Henley, Watlington, Haddenham, Thame and Long Crendon. There was some good ringing at each place, and the party wish to thank the Vicars and the foremen of the respective towers for the use of the bells, and especially the Vicar of Long Crendon for his kind invitation to tea and concert. At the latter, the visitors gave a few selections on the handbells, which were much appreciated. The ringers taking part were: Messrs. G. Martin, A. Martin, J. Eldridge, T. Goodchild, E. Eldridge and L. W. Copey. The conductors for the day were G. Martin, A. Martin and J. Eldridge.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EDENBRIDGE.—On Easter Monday, 1,260 Stedman Triples and a touch of Grandsire Triples were rung for the wedding of Mr. Vincent, who has been a frequent visitor to the tower. The ringers in the quarter-peal of Stedman were: E. Leigh 1, E. Collison 2, G. Malyan 3, W. Leigh, sen., 4, H. Leigh 5, E. Seal (Hewer) 6, J. Heasman 7, E. Leigh, sen., 8, W. Leigh, jun., and E. Leigh, jun., took part in the Grandsire.

BEXHILL.—On Easter Monday, at St. Peter's, Bexhill, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Parkin 1, W. H. Easton 2, S. Driver 3, F. J. Pont 4, H. Rapley 5, J. Downing (conductor) 6, W. H. Rapley 7, A. Reid 8. This was John Downing's first quarter as conductor, and was rung at his 3rd attempt. Treble, 3rd and 6th ringers are from Blacklands, Hastings; the remainder are of the local band.

NORFOLK'S NEW PEAL OF EIGHT. GENEROUS GIFT TO NORTH LOPHAM.

The original peal of five bells which hung in the tower of North Lopham, Norfolk, and had been in a dilapidated condition so long that few if any of the inhabitants have ever heard them rung, have now been restored by the recasting of three of them, and with the addition of three trebles now constitute a useful peal of eight. The renovation and augmentation have been made possible by the munificence of Mrs. Stephen Beales, in memory of her husband. The work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The old tenor and fifth were found to be sound and also satisfactory in tone. These bells have been preserved, and now form the tenor and seventh of the reconstituted peal. Both the old treble and second were badly cracked, and with the third have been recast, three new bells being added to complete the octave. The old inscriptions on the three bells which were recast have been reproduced, thus preserving their record. The reconstituted peal have been hung with completely new and modern fittings, in new framework. The latter is constructed of cast iron mounted on a foundation of steel girders, the foundation being so arranged that it takes a bearing in all four walls of the tower, and acts as an effective tie to the tower, upon which there will now be less strain with the eight bells than was the case with the old five. The bells are hung on the latest type of ball bearings, and the guide rollers also revolve on ball bearings, thus reducing all friction to the minimum. A chiming apparatus has also been fitted which will allow of the eight bells being chimed by one person when the ringers are not available.

Affixed to the wall of the tower is a brass memorial plate, inscribed: 'To the Glory of God and in memory of Stephen Beales, the devoted husband of Annie Caroline Beales, the bells in this tower were renovated, rebung and augmented, A.D. 1926.' The bells and tablet were dedicated on Sunday afternoon, April 11th, by the Archdeacon of Norfolk (the Rev. A. R. Buckland, Rector of Pulham Market) in the absence of the Lord Bishop of Norwich, through indisposition. A very large congregation was present, including many well known local residents, the service being specially arranged for the occasion, and the children of the parish took a prominent part in the singing.

The service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Eastwood (Rector), consisted of the customary form of evening prayer, and commenced with the singing of the hymn, 'Praise to the Holiest.' The special Psalms were 96 and 150, and the lessons were taken from Zechariah xiv., v. 16, and Revelation xix., 1-16. The anthem, 'Let God arise,' was admirably rendered by the choir, the solos being taken by Mrs. Bussey and the Rector.

After the second hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' the Archdeacon, accompanied by the Rector and churchwardens (Mr. Thomas Crowe and Mr. Tim Stevens), proceeded to the belfry, where they were met by Mrs. Beales, who, addressing the Archdeacon, said: 'Reverend sir, I respectfully request you to dedicate this renovated belfry and three new bells to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Stephen Beales.'

The Archdeacon then said the form of dedication and prayers, after which the clergy and churchwardens returned to the chancel and the choir sang, 'Ring out, O bells, in gladness,' and the dedicated peal was then rung for a few minutes by members of the Diss company of change ringers.

The Archdeacon delivered an appropriate address and the service concluded with the hymn, 'For all the Saints.' Mr. A. A. Hughes was present at the dedication, representing the founders.

Ringers from Diss and other places, under the conductorship of Mr. John Souther, rang the bells after the service, and it can be said that through the generosity of Mrs. Beales, who has borne the entire cost of the work, North Lopham now has a very fine 'ring,' constructed on the latest and most up-to-date lines. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative were rung, and all were delighted with the tone and 'go' of the bells. The weights and inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Tenor.—10 cwt. 2 qr. 0 lbs., F sharp. 'Thomas Osborn, Founder, Downham, Norfolk, 1799. Saml. Porter and Nathl. Cook, Churchwardens.'

7th.—7 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs., G sharp. 'William Dobson Founder, 1811. —Samuel Porter, Churchwarden.'

6th.—6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs., A sharp. 'Robert Gurney, Founder, Bury St. Edmunds, 1666.' (This bell was recast and the following added.) These bells were restored and augmented as the gift of Annie Caroline Beales, A.D. 1926.'

5th.—5 cwt. 3 qr. 0 lbs., B sharp. 'Thomas Newman, Founder, Norwich, 1733. John Cook and James Aldrich, C. W. Robert Howlett. Recast 1926.'

4th.—5 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs., C sharp. 'Thomas Newman, of Norwich, made mee, 1733. Recast 1926.'

3rd.—4 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lbs., D sharp. (New Bell). 'Thanks be to God for the life and work of Stephen Beales.'

2nd.—3 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lbs., E sharp. (New Bell). 'May God bless all Whom we do call.'

Treble.—3 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs., F sharp. (New Bell). 'Day by day we magnify Thee.'

A number of young men of the village have intimated their willingness to learn the art of campanology.

It is interesting to note that the late Mr. Stephen Beales for many years carried on the business of a linen manufacturer, and kept a number of men and looms constantly employed in making hand woven goods; in fact, he was practically the last of a school of manufacturers of hand woven materials in Norfolk. All the looms are now silent, and most of the weavers have died.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

FUNDS DEPLETED.

The 19th annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Warwick on Saturday, April 17th. There was a moderate attendance, and the bells of St. Nicholas' were used in the afternoon until 4.30, when the members attended evensong, which was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Trickett, curate of St. Mary's. Tea was provided at the Dale Temperance Hotel, at which 24 members sat down.

After tea, the Rev. H. A. Hayden, Vicar of St. Nicholas', warmly welcomed the Guild to Warwick. The general meeting followed, and the Vicar was voted to the chair.

The Rev. J. L. White, who was absent through illness, was re-elected president, and the following officers were also re-elected: Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Chapman; general hon. secretary, Mr. J. A. Fenton; auditor, Mr. O. J. Hunt. The district secretary for Coventry, Mr. F. Pervin, having resigned, Mr. J. H. White was elected in his stead.

The Secretary presented a statement of accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £5 6s. 4d., the lowest in the history of the Guild. The funds being so low, there will be no annual report this year.

The monthly meetings for May and June will be held at Allesley and Bulkington.

Mr. Wilkerson brought the meeting to a close by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the clergy of Warwick for the use of the bells, to which the Rev. H. A. Hayden suitably replied.

Ringling during the day included Stedman and Grandsire Triples at St. Nicholas', and Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Bristol and London Surprise Major at St. Mary's.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

The annual ringing contest of the Cumberland Association was held on Easter Monday at All Saints' Parish Church, Cockermouth. All the teams failed at the first test, which was 720, so it was decided to ring 360 to decide the winners. The first team, Egremont, rang 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor in 14 minutes, with 27 faults. Crosthwaite (Keswick) rang Kent Minor for 10½ minutes, when they broke down with 84 faults. Bridekirk rang Woodbine for four minutes, when they broke down with 72 faults. Cockermouth rang 360 Woodbine in 13 minutes, with 10 faults, and being the home band, were penalised another 10, making 20 in all.

At the meeting which followed, the judge, Mr. G. R. Newton (Liverpool) gave his report, and awarded the shield to the Cockermouth band to hold for another year, they having won it the previous year.

Workington (St. Michael's) were affiliated again to the association, after an absence of 13 years, and Workington was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, to be held on July 31st.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and rooms, to the judge for coming, and to the chairman for presiding. Tea was afterwards partaken of in the Churchroom, followed by ringing by various mixed bands present.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCH.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's Church, on Sunday, April 18th, for evening devotions, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: J. Tuke 1, C. H. Lake 2, C. Harrison (conductor) 3, G. Lewis 4, R. Harrison 5, J. Evinson 6, R. Harrison, jun. (first quarter in the method), 7, H. Hurst 8.

NOTICE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Forest Branch.—Meeting on May 8th at Newland, near Coleford. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 o'clock, at the Village Club Room. All ringers who intend to be present must let me know by Thursday, May 6th, so that arrangements for tea can be made.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on May 4th; St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 3. Will arrange tea for 5.30. Ringing finishes at 8. Acton bells available from 8.20 to 9.30. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hendon, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea on usual terms at 5.30; please let me know all who require same.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells of St. Luke's, Bromley Common, also available 3—4.30 p.m.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The opening of the recast bells at St. Laurence, Alton, is fixed for Saturday, May 1st. Service at 3.30. All ringers invited.—W. Perry, Hon. Sec., 35, Ackender Road, Alton, Hants.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, May 1st. Ringing from 2.30 to 6.30 and 7 to 8.30 p.m. Tea can be obtained at cafe close to the church. Reports now ready, 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday, May 1st. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged by the Vicar. Red bus New Street to Dudley passes church. Nearest rail station Blackheath, Great Western from Snow Hill. Those intending to be present please advise A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Sellindge on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, May 1st. The bells (10) will be ready at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Sharnford on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (6) available from 4 p.m. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sutterton, on Saturday, May 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea 5 p.m.; this will be followed immediately by the usual business meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, near Boston, Lincs.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Lavenham District.—A meeting will be held at Monks Eleigh, on Saturday, May 1st. Tower open 2.30. Business meeting 4.30. A large attendance requested.—A. Symonds, Dist. Sec., Lavenham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, May 1st. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for May.—St. Clement Danes', Sunday the 2nd, at 10 a.m., and Monday, the 10th, at 7.30; St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, the 3rd, at 7.30; and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 18th, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 8th, at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, jointly. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. General meeting at 6 p.m. in the St. Marie's Presbytery, Canon Doland in the chair. Visitors will find ample refreshment cafes near both churches.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Sheffield.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All are welcome.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Slimbridge on Saturday, May 8th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Kindly notify me not later than May 4th.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Enstone on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on May 8th at Woborough, Newton Abbot. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at St. Leonard's at 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow. Highwick bells (8) also available. Will those wishing to ring at the latter tower in the afternoon please advise me by the previous Thursday, also those requiring tea? All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—**Ichester Deanery Branch.**—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Yeovil (10 bells) on Saturday, May 8th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea should give notice not later than Tuesday, May 4th.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—**Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Leverington on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (6) ready 2 o'clock. Will those who want tea kindly notify J. H. Shinkins, Leverington, Wisbech, by May 6th? 1s. 6d. each. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, Dis. Sec., 101, Elvey Road, March.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Hereford District.**—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holm Lacy on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) available 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Please notify me not later than May 3rd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LADIES' GUILD.—**Northamptonshire District.**—A meeting will be held at St. Neots (8) on Saturday, May 8th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Eynesbury Tower (6) also open. All ringers welcome.—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—**Northern Division.**—The annual festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, May 8th, when the 6 bells, which have recently been recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., will be available at 2.30 p.m. A short service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 4.45, which will be given at St. Mary's Room. All ringers are welcome. Will those intending to be present let me know not later than Wednesday previous? —H. W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—**Bedford District.**—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, May 8th. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. All welcome.—W. Stapleton, 24, New Fenlake, Bedford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Brighton on Saturday, May 8th. The towers of St. Nicholas' and St. Peter's will be open for ringing from 1 till 3.15, and after the service. Business meeting in St. Nicholas Hall, St. Nicholas Road, at 3.30. A meat tea will be provided at the Imperial Hotel, Queen's Road—price 3s. each (1s. 6d. to members). Service at St. Nicholas Church at 6 p.m. Half rail fare (maximum 2s.) will be allowed to resident members attending the meeting. Those intending to be present must notify the general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 4th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. General Secretary, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LADIES' GUILD.—**Southern District.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingfold, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) available from 3. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 4th?—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, May 8th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Notices of attendances should be sent not later than May 3rd to Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—**Rochdale Branch.**—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—**Preston Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Chipping Parish Church, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Fried Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—**Bolton Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, May 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea will be provided for all who send in their names to the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, M.A., 12, Chorley Old Road, Bolton or myself not later than May 5th. A good attendance is requested.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, May 8th. Service at the Parish Church at 12.30 p.m. (Preacher: Canon E. P. Knubley), followed by luncheon and business meeting in St. James' Hall. Members requiring lunch must notify the Hon. Sec. not later than May 4th. Incumbents of the following churches have kindly placed their bells at the disposal of the Guild:—Ring of ten, Trowbridge; rings of eight, Bradford-on-Avon (Holy Trinity and Christ Church), Melksham, Warminster and Westbury; rings of six, Holt, Hilberton, Keevil, North Bradley, Seend and Steeple Ashton.—T. Hervey Beams, Assistant Hon. Sec., Bradpole, Bridport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—**Manchester Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, May 8th. Bells at liberty 3.30, meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—**Western Division.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pulborough on Saturday, May 15th. Tower open 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. The Rectory gardens will be open to ringers and friends. Those intending to be present kindly advise by Wednesday, May 12th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—**Witney and Woodstock Branch.**—The branch spring meeting will be held at Tackley on Saturday, May 15th. Service 3 p.m., Parish Church. Preacher: Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, president. Members who intend to be present must let me know by Thursday, May 13th.—W. Evetts, jun., Sec., Tackley Park, Tackley, near Oxford.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—**Ipswich District.**—A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, May 15th. Tea, 6d. each, at 5 p.m. Please notify me by May 12th. Bells at Sproughton and Bramford available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome at this annual affair.—G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

YORKS ASSOCIATION AND LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the above two associations will be held at All Souls', Haley Hill, Halifax, on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m., and the bells of the Parish Church (12) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Akroydon, Halifax, not later than first post Tuesday, May 11th.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Joint Hon. Secs.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—A business meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, May 15th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Everyone heartily welcomed. Will those coming to tea let me know before the 12th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

ESSEX & HERTS ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford (Herts) on Saturday, May 15th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 5.30 in St. Michael's Parish Room. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea kindly advise us before May 13th.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford (Essex Association); W. H. Lawrence, Little Mundon, Ware, Herts (Herts Association).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 47th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 24th.—F. J. Pitstow, General Sec., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. John Saddington, secretary of the Loughborough District, M.C.A., has removed to Four Winds Bungalow, Swing Bridge Lane, Derby Road, Loughborough. Will all local members and other hon. secretaries please note?

WANTED.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—If any member has a copy of Second Annual Report (1883-4) I should be glad to acquire same for binding with official records.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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