

No. 860. Vol. XXII.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 1927.

[Registered at the G.P.O. for
transmission as a newspaper.]

Price 3d.

GILLETT AND JOHNSTON

(The Croydon Bell Foundry, Ltd.)

Established 1844



THE VICTORY TOWER

Height 300 feet

OTTAWA

Where the World's Greatest Carillon is installed.

A USEFUL SCHEME.

One of the most important uses of the district meetings is to provide ringers with the opportunity of practising more advanced methods. A ringer, if he never leaves his own tower, is restricted in what he can ring to the limitations of his own band, but his opportunities are much enlarged if he regularly attends district meetings, where he will find others like-minded. At these gatherings he can generally make progress, if he has any desire to do so, for there is usually a readiness on the part of everyone to help. For the most part, however, the ringing on these occasions is quite casually arranged and if a man looks up a new method he can seldom be certain that there will be sufficient to ring it. From time to time one reads notices intimating that some special method will be practised, and such notification has its advantages. The Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association has, however, made the best advance in this direction which we have yet seen, for they have decided that they will in future take two methods for special attention at their district meetings, one method being at each end of the scale. As a beginning, they have resolved particularly to practise Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise at their next gathering.

This decision is an admirable one. When only one method is selected the advanced ringers will not always turn up if it is to be a simple method that is chosen, not always because they do not want to help, but because they imagine there are certain to be plenty of ringers present for the purpose. If the method selected is a difficult one, then the ringers who have not yet advanced to this stage will absent themselves, because they imagine they will be 'out of it' with the rest. By the plan which the Lancashire Association propose to adopt there should be an attraction for both kinds of ringers, but it will be a mistake for members to suppose there will be nothing for them unless they want to ring only one or other of these two methods. That is where 'limited' practices have broken down in the past.

When particular methods are selected for special attention it does not mean there will be nothing else rung, but that those who want to practise these methods will have special facilities. The value of organising the ringing at district meetings on these lines is that it encourages men with ambition to make definite preparation, whereas if a man goes to a meeting not knowing what he will have the opportunity of ringing he seldom takes the trouble to look up anything fresh. Often on the other hand, a man will attend a meeting hoping to achieve another step in the art, and go away disappointed at not getting the chance he desired. Sometimes this is due to

(Continued on page 578.)

Telephone
SMETHWICK, No. 18.

Telegraphic Address:
'BELLS, SMETHWICK.'

CHARLES CARR, Ltd.
Bellfounders,
SMETHWICK, BIRMINGHAM.

BELLS
FOR ALL PURPOSES

RINGS OF BELLS, Any Number

RECASTING AND REHANGING OF
EXISTING RINGS.

Also AUGMENTATIONS,

IRON, STEEL OR WOOD FRAMES,
AND STOCKS,

ROLLER BEARINGS,

CHIMING APPARATUS,

ELLACOMBE CHIMING HAMMERS,
Etc., Etc.

CHIMES FOR CLOCKS,
BELL ROPES AND ACCESSORIES.

Enquiries Respectfully Solicited.

ESTABLISHED 1780.

JOHN NICOLL.
Church Bell Rope and Clock Rope
Manufacturer,

64, LEWISHAM PARK, LONDON, S.E.13
Late of **BERMONDSEY and PECKHAM.**

Maker to St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Imperial Institute, Canterbury, Edinburgh, St. Albans, Lincoln, Durham, Peterborough, Melbourne (Australia), Rochester, Dublin, St. Patrick's, Manchester, Durban, and Worcester Cathedrals, etc., etc.

Mufflers, Ringing Mats, Matting, Flag Lines, etc., etc.

his own reticence in making his aspirations known, and ringing masters would often render useful service if they tactfully enquired, especially in the case of young ringers, if they had come prepared to ring any particular method. The ringing at district meetings might, speaking generally, be made more 'educational' than it is, and the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association is taking a practical step to ensure that it shall be so in their area.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Mary-Le-Tower Society.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-Le-Tower,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*JOHN F. TILLET, JUN. ... 1	*ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 7
A. STANLEY BOAR ... 2	*EDGAR RIVERS ... 8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3	GEORGE FLEMING ... 9
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 11
CHARLES MEE ... 6	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

* First peal of Maximus. Arranged for Mr. A. S. Boar, of Teignmouth, who was on holiday in his native town.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(The Ashton-Under-Lyne Society.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

JOSEPH MELLOR ... 1	CHARLES BOWERS ... 7
*SYDNEY THOMSON ... 2	SYDNEY MARSHALL ... 8
HARRY HEAP ... 3	†ALBERT GORRINGE ... 9
†WILLIAM DYSON ... 4	ALBERT ADAMS ... 10
†MISS CISSIE THORP ... 5	BENJAMIN THORP ... 11
†JAMES CARTER ... 6	THOMAS JACKSON ... Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal. † First peal on twelve bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Heap. Miss Cissie Thorp is the first lady ringer in Lancashire to ring a peal on 12 bells. This is the first peal rung on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the 'go' is excellent.

TEN BELL PEAL.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... 1	GEORGE R. JONES ... 6
FREDERICK WHITE ... 2	JAMES H. RIDING ... 7
EDWARD JENKINS ... 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 8
HARRY F. HOLDING ... 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 9
FRED LAMBETH ... 5	HARRY OVERTON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss K. Parbery and Mr. E. J. Holloway, a member of the local band. Mr. F. White hails from Cranbrook, Kent, and was elected a member of the Guild before the peal. Mr. E. Lambeth hails from Chippenham, Wilts, and this was his first peal of Stedman Caters. Mr. R. T. Holding's 100th peal for the Guild.

Bell Ropes

MADE FROM BEST RUSSIAN AND ITALIAN HEMP,
ALSO ITALIAN AND DUTCH FLAX.

Kindly write for special low prices of these superior ropes.
Satisfaction guaranteed. Established 1780. Phone 203.

DAVID MAXON, Rope Works, Grantham

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES TOVEY Treble	WALTER ROSE 5
THOMAS PENDRY 2	WILLIAM HOLE 6
*HAROLD HALFORD 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS... .. 7
WALTER YEEND... .. 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.
* First peal in the method.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

CHARLES WM. COOPER ... Treble	*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 5
GEORGE SMITH 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
T. HEMMING... .. 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
ALFRED C. BOXLEY 4	†LEONARD COZZELL Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* 40th peal. † First peal of Triples. This peal was arranged for Mr. G. Popnell, of Newport, Mon. (formerly of Clent), who was on holiday, and wishes to thank the Vicar for use of bells, and all ringers who took part.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, September 6, 1927, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble	HARRY FARLOW 5
HENRY W. WILDE 2	BERT H. POUNTNEY 6
ISAAC EVANS... .. 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	LESLIE TRUBSHAW Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss E. M. Hartill, of Willenhall, who was interred on Tuesday morning in St. Giles' Churchyard. She was for many years an active church worker, and was very closely connected with the G.F.S.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 7, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

*MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ... Treble	PERCY HARRISON 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
WILLIAM WILSON, SEN. ... 3	*WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON
* First peal of Cambridge. Arranged for Inspector W. Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Police.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 8, 1927, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	JOHN SANDERSON 5
MISS CLAYTON 2	FREDERICK HINDLE 6
THOS. WILSON 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
THOS. WATSON 4	WILLIAM E. WILSON Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal on the bells since rehanging. Arranged for Mr. T. Watson, and was his first peal of Treble Bob.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 9, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	THOS. CHAMBERS 5
HERBERT CHAMBERS 2	THOS. WATSON 6
JOHN HADFIELD 3	JAS. HARRISON 7
FRED CHAMBERS 4	JOS. A. TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT CHAMBERS.

First peal, and first attempt for ringer of 3rd. First peal as conductor.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*OSWALD CLAYBROOK... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
†ARTHUR BERRINGTON ... 2	CYRIL VALENTINE 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	WILLIAM BIBBY 7
*GEORGE COOKE 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by J. E. BIBBY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal, and made a member before starting. All the above are regular Sunday service ringers at Frodsham.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 33.

Tenor 26 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in D.

GEORGE W. HELEY ... Treble	ERNEST J. TRIMMER 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	EDMUND J. HOBBS 6
ALBERT FLEET 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
*JOSEPH ARNOLD 4	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman, and a member of the local band. Mr. Trimmer hails from London, and was elected a life member of the above association.

THURCASTON, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Latimer Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... Treble	†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 5
*MISS EVA D. LEWIS 2	†JOHN THOMPSON... .. 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	§WILLIAM H. CLARKE 7
ARTHUR H. BEAMISH... .. 4	*C. ARTHUR MANNING... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD

* First Surprise peal and first attempt. † 50th peal of Major for the M.C.A. ‡ First peal for the M.C.A. and first attempt. § First peal in a Treble Bob method and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss I. B. Thompson, of Nottingham.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*WILLIAM SHAW ... Treble	†LIONEL CLOUGH... .. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 6
*JOHN BRIERLEY 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY LANGLEY 4	*ALBERT HOUGH Tenor

! Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal away from the treble. Ringers of 1st, 3rd, 7th and 8th from Hyde, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th belong to the local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the memory of George David Warburton, for many years a ringer at this church, and, latterly, at St. George's, Stockport, who was interred on the 8th inst., aged 64 years.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL BAKER Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	CYRIL WINWOOD 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Mr. G. Popnell hails from Bedwelty, Mon.

POOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

*SIDNEY T. C. SANSON ... Treble	†ALFRED H. DREW 5
*J. IVON P. DAVIS 2	GEORGE W. STOKES 6
*HERBERT A. MITCHELL ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
FREDERICK C. BENDER ... 4	*PHILIP H. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. The ringer of the 6th is from Eastbourne, and of the 7th from London.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 3½ cwt.

GEORGE ROBERTS Treble	GEORGE SMITH 5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 2	ARTHUR E. WHATMORE ... 6
ALFRED C. BOXLEY 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	WILLIAM GIBBS Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

The conductor has now completed this circuit by calling a peal from each of the above bells.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*EDWARD LAWSON Treble	FRED BLACKLEDGE 5
*ARTHUR HATCH 2	FRED HARWOOD 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	WILLIAM SHEARPLES 7
*ADAM BLOGG 4	ALFRED BLOGG Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALFRED BLOGG.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob. First peal as conductor.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

CHARLES THORLEY Treble	JAMES MCCLUSKY 5
GEORGE CLARK 2	J. EDWARD CAWSEY 6
ARNOLD HILL 3	HARRY BARNES 7
*CYRIL F. OTTER 4	PERCY GLEDSTONE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSEY

* First peal, and elected a member previous to starting. First peal in the method on the bells.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's, on Wednesday, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. Curtis 1, Mrs. A. Lovett 2, S. Franks 3, W. Franks 4, S. Driver 5, J. Downing 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, L. Franks 8. Ringers of 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th are from Hastings, the remainder are local.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOCK Treble	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	THOMAS WALLWORK 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 3	TIXUS BARLOW 7
ROBERT WALLWORK 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

THAXTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY, JOHN-THE-BAPTIST AND LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... 5
GEORGE WIFFEN 2	GEORGE GREEN 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by JOHN JAGGER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*THOMAS STORER Treble	WILLIAM POYSER 5
WILSON ALLIN 2	HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... 6
FRANK F. HILL 3	CHARLES CARR 7
†WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 4	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

GRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	HAROLD KENT 5
JOHN H. BROTHWELL 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6
CHARLES MASON 3	JOHN HOLMAN 7
REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by J. FLINT.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN CAPP 2	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
ARTHUR T. VERRELLS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

The first peal on the bells.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

LAURENCE HALES Treble	CHARLEY BELSEY 5
WILLIAM R. G. SEAGER ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
WILLIAM SPICE 3	GEORGE GILBERT 7
*WILLIAM J. WOOD 4	JOHN EXCELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT.

* First peal for thirteen years. Rung as a birthday compliment to the future Mrs. Seager.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 11, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

RICHARD C. BELTON Treble	GEORGE A. NEWTON 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 3	T. KELHAM DEACON 7
ERNEST W. Tipler 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Composition rung for first time.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1927, in Two Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eleven 240's of Pitman's and ten 240's of old Grandsire, with 21 different callings. Tenor 8 cwt. (approx.).

JAMES P. HYETT Treble	GEORGE R. HANKS 4
GEORGE J. PRICE 2	JAMES RANDLE 5
IVOR J. RAWLINGS 3	*SIDNEY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung on the front six after meeting one short, Joseph R. Rawlings kindly sitting the peal out. J. P. Hyett's 100th peal for the above Guild, rung in 50 towers in Herefordshire, and each of the surrounding counties, viz., Breconshire, Radnorshire, Shropshire, Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Monmouthshire. He is the first resident ringer to accomplish this, and he has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

BLAENAVON.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

G. H. RICKARDS Treble	C. MORGAN 4
C. TEMPLE 2	W. V. COWLEY 5
T. LADE 3	*W. JONES Tenor

Conducted by W. V. COWLEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. All the ringers belong to the Treveltham hand.

EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION AND THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HERBERT ROOKE Treble	JOSEPH DIXON 4
†JOHN T. BARTRAM 2	†EDWARD DALINGWATER 5
*WILLIAM ALCOCK 3	†HARRY MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by H. MORGAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods.

EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, September 5, 1927, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single Reverse, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY BARNES Treble	CHARLES AINLEY 4
*JOHN CANNINGS 2	*STANLEY SHEPPARD 5
ARNOLD HILL 3	J. EDWARD CAWSE Tenor

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

* First peal in more than one method. First peal in seven methods on the bells. All the above ringers are from Tickhill, Yorkshire.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Kent and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

NORMAN HENNINGTON ... Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 4
MISS EDNA WEBSTER 2	PERCIVAL PRICE 5
GEORGE WEST 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

Rung after meeting short for a peal of Stedman Triples in honour of the wedding of Miss Nellie Price, eldest daughter of Mr. Frederick S. Price, of Beeston, who was married at the above church previous to the commencement of the peal.

MORETON CORBET, SALOP.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one 720 of Grandsire and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... Treble	HARRY BUNGAY 4
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and relung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. First peal of Minor in the tower.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

RONALD RUSSELL Treble	NORMAN A. GEARY 3
JOSEPH NORTON 2	ERNEST F. PAYNE 4
ERNEST MORRIS Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal on these bells since rehanging on old frame in ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The only other peal here was 6,000 Doubles in 1894, conducted by W. Hyde Inglesant.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. GEORGE'S, WILTON, GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 10, 1927, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George, Wilton,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, Chester, London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

DUDLEY F. SHALDON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. COLES 4
SIDNEY A. WYATT 2	ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	GEORGE S. COLES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE S. COLES.

First peal as conductor. The band wish to associate with this peal H. E. Causley, who rang in the previous attempts, but was unable to be present on this occasion.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 9, 1927, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At 17, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF SPLICED STEDMAN AND GRANDSIRE CATERS. 5075 CHANGES;

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 1-2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 5-6
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	WILBY J. HAZELL 7-8
WALTER J. BOWDEN 9-10	

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

Mr. T. B. Worsley, of Manchester, and Mr. W. A. Cave, of Bristol, write to say that peal No. 4 of Mr. G. E. Symonds' Cambridge Surprise Royal, published last week, is false.

ELEVEN SURPRISE METHODS IN ONE 720.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to your report of the Bourne company's performance some weeks ago, it seems evident that Mr. Lake is not inclined to publish the figures of the 720, in spite of the gentle reminder in these columns of what is due to six-bell ringers generally, and to the Leytonstone men in particular.

In May, 1926, you published a record of a 720 in six Surprise methods, and we stated therein where the extent could be found. Any who cared to possess himself of a copy of 'Method Splicing' could have verified the probability of Leytonstone's performance.

On the contrary, no attempt has been made to substantiate the Bourne eleven-method extent, and those who possess 'Method Splicing' will certainly believe that the impossible has been accomplished. On page 5, in paragraph 2, will be found words to the effect that B, C and D, shown below, cannot be spliced one class with another. The methods quoted are those given in your report, and the classification is ours:—

B—Durham-York-Surfleet-Beverley.

C—Munden-Canterbury-Newcastle-Chester.

D—London-Wells-Cunecastro.

If Mr. J. W. Parker is to be believed, this report should have been corrected long since by the conductor, and we are of opinion that the six Surprise methods spliced at Leytonstone form the only combination greater than five that can be truly spliced in one 720 between rounds.

Nevertheless, we are only too willing to learn, and we eagerly await Mr. Lake's refutation of that which is implied herein.—Yours sincerely,

For the St. John-the-Baptist Association, Leytonstone,

GEO. DAWSON,

Hon. Secretary.

OLD PENDLETON RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Francis Smith, of Pendleton. 'Church Bells' of May 31st, 1879, recorded that 720 Bob Minor was rung at Pendleton, F. Smith 1st, first 720. A fortnight later he rang the tenor to another 720. Since that date he has rung 64 peals in the standard methods and Superlative and Cambridge, and for a number of years was towerkeeper. It is about four years since he rang last, rheumatism claiming him as a victim, and terminating in a 'stroke,' from which he died on August 31st.

He was laid to rest in St. Thomas' Churchyard, with muffled bells from the tower and handbells round his grave.

He was 73 years old, and in bygone years his birthday was often celebrated by 'first peals in the method' on the bells. Among the floral tributes was one from the ringers, also from the bowling clubs, and several from the family.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the Lincoln District took place at Welton on Saturday, September 3rd. It was the district's third quarterly meeting of the year, and the attendance, numbering about 35, represented the following towers: Lincoln, Gainsborough, Bransford, Saxilby, Dunholme, Bassingham, Folkingham, Wragby, and the local ringers. A number of learners received a valuable course of tuition from the more experienced ringers. Following this introduction, ringing of standard methods was vigorously indulged in, and there was every indication that good progress is being made in the district.

A service followed, conducted by the Rev. W. H. Hall, Vicar of Welton, whose address upon the subject of bells and their significance with worship was of a most interesting character. His address was illustrated by drawings of some of the very early types of bells, including one made of sheet metal. Of this type there was a number on view. He referred to some of the earliest bells cast in China. These, he said, weighed approximately 60 tons, and were cast in the ground, and when the casting was completed a frame was built to support the bell. This completed, the earth was scooped from around and underneath the bell, and the means employed to create a tone from this monstrous casting was by swinging a heavy beam to come in contact with the bell. The Vicar also remarked upon the peculiar method of ringing some of the early bells. No wheels or ropes were fixed to the bell, but to take their places a strong piece of wood was attached, similar in many respects to the 'stay' on present-day bells. The ringer stood at the end of the frame and set the bell in motion by applying his strength to the wooden extension. Upon the bell reaching the horizontal position the ringer would often jump on to the wooden plank, with the result that he was lifted several feet high in the air. The Vicar remarked that this was a very dangerous practice, and often meant loss of life.

Tea was partaken of in the adjoining schoolroom, and following this a business meeting was held. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his address and to those concerned in making the arrangements for the tea and meeting. A pleasing feature of the meeting was the enrolment of eight new members, thus bringing the total number of new honorary members to nine, and ringing members to twenty-two for this year in the Lincoln district. Ringing was continued until nine o'clock.

THE ACCIDENT TO MR. A. H. PULLING.
CAUSE OF THE SPILL.

Wednesday's report of Mr. A. H. Pulling was that his condition remains much about the same. He has been more quiet and restful this week, and has gained some bodily strength, but the critical stage has not yet passed.

Mrs. Pulling wishes to thank sincerely all those who have kindly made enquiries and sent expressions of sympathy. They are so numerous that it is impossible for her to answer them individually.

The cause of Mr. Pulling's accident has now been ascertained. As he was nearing Hatfield, a near-side link of the front forks of his motor-cycle broke. This caused the near side tension spring to become expanded in a forward position, and the rider thus lost control over the steering. The cycle shot out from the near side of the road, and the handle bars touched the handle bars of another cycle and sidecar travelling in the opposite direction. Mr. Pulling's machine then cut behind the other motor-cyclist, mounted a low bank and dropped into a ditch on the off side, throwing Mr. Pulling violently against a stone wall, and it was this which caused him his serious injuries. There was very little damage to the combination, and the other motor-cyclist luckily escaped with a cut across the fingers, where he was struck by the handle bars.

The breakage on Mr. Pulling's machine accounts for what eye witnesses described as his extraordinary action. All agreed that he was travelling at a steady pace well on his near side of the road when for some, to them, unexplained reason, the cycle suddenly shot across the road.

A doctor, who was called to the scene of the accident, at once ordered his removal to hospital, and he was on his way thither within twenty minutes of the occurrence. He has since received unremitting care and attention from the hospital staff, and Mrs. Pulling has been by his bedside almost continuously. His great vitality and sound constitution are enabling him to hold his own in the face of the severe injury which he received.

RINGERS WEDDED.

MR. F. W. GOODFELLOW AND MISS G. BAKER.

A wedding of considerable interest in the ringing world, especially to members of the Middlesex Association, took place at St. John's Church, Hillingdon, recently, between Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, of Hounslow, late of Ealing, and Miss G. Baker, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, of 'Dillwood,' Harlington Road, Hillingdon.

The bride was charmingly attired in an ivory crepe-de-chine gown, very daintily trimmed with ivory silk lace, and her handsome hand-embroidered lace veil was held by her two small attendants, Masters Roy and Max Rix, nephews of the bridegroom; her bouquet was of large white chrysanthemums. The two bridesmaids, Miss N. Baker (sister of the bride) and Miss P. Goodfellow (sister of the bridegroom), were attired in gowns of periwinkle blue, their hats being of felt, of a fancy design, fawn shade, with fawn shoes, etc. Their bouquets were of pale pink chrysanthemums. Mr. A. Fulwell, of St. Mary's, Ealing, ringers, acted as best man.

The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Kitcat), and was attended by a very large number of people, including many ringers known to the happy pair, and Mr. T. Beadle, of Isleworth, the oldest ringer in the Middlesex Association.

As the bride and bridegroom left the church, the bells pealed forth from the tower. The reception was held at the bride's home, and, later, the newly-wedded couple left for Seaford, where the honeymoon was spent.

They were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents, including a handsome clock from the Hillingdon ringers, of which band both are members. The bridegroom has previously been secretary of St. Mary's, Ealing, Society.

ON THE DEVON AND SOMERSET BORDER.

On Saturday, September 3rd, St. Mary's Guild, Taunton, had their annual outing, when they made a charabanc trip to the borders of Somerset and Devon. Leaving Taunton at 8.15 a.m., the first stop was at Uffculme, where they found a new ring of eight by Taylor and Co. These were raised in peal, and some very good touches of Stedman Triples were rung before they were again lowered. Then a move was made for Cullompton, with its nice ring of ten. These were raised in peal and set going to Stedman and Grandsire Caters. Some well-struck touches were brought round, and the bells again lowered in peal. The next place of call was Tiverton, which possesses one of the finest rings of eight in the West. These also are by Taylor and Co., and recently new. Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on them. From here, the journey was continued through the beautiful Exe Valley to Timberscombe, where more Stedman Triples were brought round, before going on to Minehead, where lunch, which was thoroughly appreciated by all, was partaken of at the Strand Private Hotel. There followed a ring on Minehead bells, and Stedman Caters were once more rung. After tea and an hour by the sea, the homeward journey was commenced, and only one stop was made for ringing, this being at Old Cleve, where some Stedman Triples were tapped off. Taunton was reached about 9.30 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed the day's trip. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars and steeplekeepers of the various towers, and especially Mr. Atkins, of Minehead, for having everything in readiness for them.

LONDONDERRY SURPRISE.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Please allow me, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to convey to the members of the Middlesex Association, who rang in the first peal of the above method, my congratulations and thanks for their accomplishment.

I must also thank you for publishing a lead of the method.

The statement that Middleton's peal is the only peal that will run true to the method is incorrect, because, although there are five false course-ends:

32546
24365
46253
65432
53624

these form one complete round block, and they, therefore, act only as one, consequently there are thirty true courses.

The following peal contains portions of the thirty true courses:—

5,120.
23456 B M W H

52436 — —
23564 — —
62534 — —
35426 — —
64523 — —

Repeat four times.

I have many other peals of varying lengths; and there are other features worthy of note concerning the method, which will extend to infinity, although there is never any place making above sixth's place.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

'STONY' RINGERS' RESIGNATION.

At Loughton, Essex, on Tuesday, August 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: J. Rann, jun., 1, G. Perry 2, A. Reeves (first quarter-peal away from treble) 3, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 4, J. Rann, sen., 5, S. Carter 6, G. Carter 7, W. Clark 8.

This society has recently taken over the Sunday service ringing, the 'Stony' band having been called upon to resign.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SYSTEMATIC PRACTICE.**

A very successful meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at Hale on Saturday. About 40 members and friends were present, including Mr. W. H. Shuker, the general secretary.

It was decided to take two particular methods for special attention at each meeting, in addition to the usual standard methods—one method at the lower end of the scale and one at the higher end. The methods selected for the next meeting were Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise. Mr. J. Wilkinson was appointed to the office of Branch Ringing Master.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the branch at Widnes on Saturday, October 8th.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.**JOINT MEETING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.**

The fourth annual joint meeting of the S.W. Division of the Essex Association and the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association was held on Saturday last at Waltham Abbey, and still proved an attractive feature in the programmes of the societies. In all, some 40 members attended, including many whose names are well known to the Exercise, and whose presence helped considerably with the ringing during the afternoon.

Shortly after three o'clock a touch of Stedman Caters opened the proceedings, and this was followed by Stedman Cinqes, Bob Royal, and Grandsire Caters, until tea time arrived. After a good tea had been disposed of, Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex Association) welcomed the company, and expressed pleasure at the continued support given to this annual event, which, he said, was a sure sign of the good feeling existing between the two societies. He apologised for the absence of the president of his association, who was on holiday.

Mr. E. J. Butler (hon. secretary, Essex Association, S.W. Division) endorsed all that was said by the previous speaker, and hoped that the meeting would continue to be popular for many years to come.

A suggestion that the Hertfordshire Association should be invited next year to officially support the meeting was considered quite a good idea.

A vote of sympathy with that well-known ringer, Mr. A. H. Pulling, and with Mrs. Pulling, was passed, coupled with a hope that the former would quickly and completely recover from the effects of his serious accident.

Subsequently the bells were again set going, touches of Stedman Cinqes and Caters, Grandsire Cinqes and Caters, and courses of Cambridge Maximus and Royal being rung.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

THE

LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

MEARS & STAINBANK,

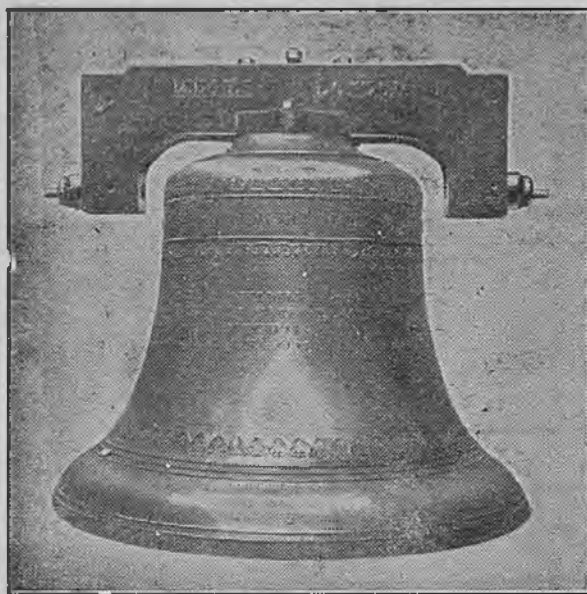
**Foundry
Established
A.D. 1570**

(12th year
of reign of
Elizabeth).

**Bellfounders and
Bellhangers,**

**32 & 34. WHITECHAPEL ROAD
LONDON. E.1.**

Telephone: London Wall 9549



ESTIMATES SUBMITTED

for

Recasting, Retuning and Rehangings.

HANDBELLS

In Sets of any number.

BELL ROPES, MUFFLES. &c

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rev. C. F. Carver, Vicar of Capel, Surrey, who is taking considerable interest in the proposed new Guild for the diocese of Guildford, was formerly curate of Duffield, Derbyshire, and learnt to handle a bell there when the late Sir Arthur Heywood rang regularly in that belfry.

The death has recently taken place of Mr. W. E. Pitfield Chapple, of Axminster, who was a contemporary at Oxford of Canon Coleridge, the late Rev. H. A. Cockey and Mr. G. H. Phillott. He rang with the Oxford University Society, and at Axminster he gave the tenor of the present ring of bells.

Two young and promising ringers, W. Jones and R. G. Edwards, took part in a peal at Bidston, Cheshire, which we recorded last week. Although only 13 years of age, they rang inside bells in a five-method peal of Minor, which included Cambridge Surprise. They should have a great ringing future before them.

The first peal by the Society of St. Martin's Youths, now St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was rung on September 16th, 1755. This was 5,040 Bob Major at St. Philip's Church.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the 11,328 London Surprise Major rung by the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Drayton in the year 1896.

On September 19th, 1775, a peal of 5,130 Grandsire Caters was rung 'on the new peal of ten bells' at Grantham, conducted by W. D. Crofts. It did not say much for the hanging that it required two men to ring the 8th, and three to ring the tenor.

One of the ringers of the tenor in this peal was James Coppock, of Nottingham, whose great-grandson (Mr. Albert Coppock) is to-day the Master of the Sherwood Youths, the successors of the old society of the same name who made ringing history in Nottinghamshire a hundred and fifty years ago.

The first peal of Double Norwich Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on September 22nd, 1894.

On September 25th, 1845, 6,701 Stedman Caters, composed and conducted by John Cox, was rung at St. James' Church, Bermondsey—the greatest number attainable with the treble in 2nd's place and bobs only.

The old bells of the Parish Church, Tisbury, Wilts, have been rehung and tuned, and will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Wednesday, October 12th, at 7 p.m. A short peal will be rung in the service immediately after the dedication.

Will the theoretical experts of the Exercise, and others, agree (writes a correspondent) that it is a true extension of fact to state that a band met short for Cinques on August 27th, due to one of the intended twelve spraining his ankle on August 20th?

An exceptionally meritorious performance is that recorded this week by a band at Taunton, who have scored a peal of ten 720's in different Surprise Minor methods. They rang their first peal in seven methods in 1925, and have now accomplished a peal with three more methods in it. And they only practise once a month in summer!

WAS IT A PEAL?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Canterbury Cathedral, rung on August Bank Holiday, and duly published in your columns, I understand that four leads before the end of the peal the clapper of the 8th dropped out.

Is there not a rule under which it could be definitely decided whether the peal of Canterbury should be recognised or not?—Yours faithfully,
CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

[There is a rule in the 'Conditions Required for Peals,' laid down by the Central Council, 'that every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change.'—Ed. 'R.W.']

NEW RING OF EIGHT IN SUFFOLK.

DEDICATION OF TWO NEW TREBLES AT WILBY.

On Sunday, August 28th, the ceremony of dedicating two new trebles at Wilby, Suffolk, was performed by the Venerable Archdeacon Farmiloe.

The bells were erected by public subscription in memory of the late Mr. Charles Comins, J.P., F.C.A., of Wilby Hall, and 50, Cannon Street, London, who had been chairman of the Church Tower Restoration Committee, and to whose generous support and work the restoration is chiefly due. It will be recalled that the old peal of six bells were recast and rehung in January, 1925, and a framework put in for two trebles.

The Archdeacon was assisted by the Rev. H. S. Marriott (Rector of Wilby), and many parishioners and visitors were present, including Mrs. Comins and family.

On Sunday, September 3rd, the first peal was rung by visiting and local ringers, particulars of which appear in another column.

The writer was privileged to hear a considerable portion of the peal, and also took part in ringing for evening service.

The highest praise is due to all those who assisted in bringing into being another peal of eight for Suffolk, the go and tone of which leaves nothing to be desired.

One interesting feature is that the original tenor, dated 1440, was not broken up, but hung in the tower for tolling purposes, thus preserving an ancient relic of early bell founders.

A BEGINNER'S THEORY.

BY 'MINORMANIA.'

This is the seventh of the series of articles which have been specially written for beginners by 'Minormania,' to explain to them the theory of change ringing. These articles are not merely for perusal. If they are to serve the purpose for which they are intended they must be studied.

'IN-COURSE' AND 'OUT-COURSE.'

This subject is one of the least understood aspects of change ringing, and one of the most important; also, it is very simple.

It has been said elsewhere that the fundamental basis of method construction is the changing of pairs; forget the bells as individual numbers, and remember them only as PAIRS. Two bells, then, become a single pair, when they 'change.'

The rows are divided into two classes, which are very distinct from one another. One class is called 'In-course,' and the other 'Out-of-course.' This word 'course' should not be confused with 'plain course,' 'coursing order,' etc., and for this reason I prefer to know these two classes by the terms alternatively used, namely, 'even' and 'odd.' 'In-course' rows are 'even' rows; 'out-of-course' rows are 'odd.'

This classification of the rows has great bearing upon the truth of peals, and the tedium of satisfying oneself that no two rows in a peal are identical is greatly reduced by the knowledge of this fact, that it is absolutely impossible for an 'odd row' to be identical with an 'even row.'

When tracing false rows (that is, two or more identical rows), the first thing that we should look for is that at least one bell be placed in the same position in the rows. We can agree, for instance, that no two rows can be identical if the treble bell is in a different place in each, even if all of the other bells are practically the same; the fact that this one bell is differently placed within the rows is sufficient.

The treble bell, as we have found, has a fixed path which governs the number of rows per lead. She is known as a 'fixed bell' for this reason, and also because she is to be found in the same position in every corresponding row throughout all of the leads; that is to say, if she is in fourth's place in row No. 4 of the first lead, she will be in fourth's place in row No. 4 of every lead. Therefore, it is possible that two No. 4 rows taken from different leads might be identical, unless we can be certain that the remaining bells will differ. The 'calling' will fix other bells similarly, but we will not touch upon these here; sufficient that we understand what a 'fixed bell' is.

The fixed bells may be likened to a date upon a coin, and the other bells in the row likened to other peculiarities on a coin. Let us suppose that we had two bags, one containing nothing but half-crowns, and the other nothing but shilling-pieces. Also suppose that we wished to match exactly a shilling-piece that we had in hand. First we look for the date of our shilling—1912; very well, we search for a '1912' shilling, and, when found, we compare the other peculiarities, which may (or may not) differ. The point is, however, that we should not think of looking in our half-crown bag for the shilling. While it is possible that there may be '1912' coins there, we cannot possibly match our shilling from this bag.

Now then, that if we have an even row, with certain fixed bells in certain places, we shall not find its duplicate in the 'odd-row bag,' although some of the odd rows may contain the same fixed bells in the same places.

Take any even number you can think of, and add to it any other even number; your result will always be an even number (8 plus 6 gives 14, etc.). To any odd number, add any other odd number, and your result will be even (7 plus 5 gives 12, etc.); but, add odd to even, or even to odd, and your result is always odd (7 plus 6 gives 13, 4 plus 5 gives 9, etc.).

Then:—

Even plus even, gives even as the result.

Odd plus odd, gives even as the result.

Even plus odd, or odd plus even, gives odd as the result.

Apply this law to 'rows plus pairs.' Start with an even row as a basis, change an EVEN NUMBER OF PAIRS (two pairs, four, 98, or what not?), and your resultant row will be 'even.' Commence with an odd row, and change any odd number of pairs (3, 9, or 101 pairs, etc.), and your result will be 'even'; but an odd row by even pairs, or the reverse, will always give an odd row as the result.

We know that 'rounds' is the starting point of all rows in any method. It is, in fact, 'zero,' from which methods are constructed. From rounds we commence to change the bells IN PAIRS. It may be an odd number of pairs which we change to produce a fresh row, or an even number; but it is always PAIRS.

We must agree as to whether our basis shall be an odd or an even quantity; actually, it does not matter which we choose to call it, because the attainment of our aim will result in the same thing ultimately, viz., that of classifying the rows. If you choose odd, and I choose even for the basis, and we are both compelled (by the method) to change the same number of pairs, our odd and even results will differ from each other, which is all that we require; but the identical row which you name 'odd,' I shall name 'even,' and vice versa.

Therefore, for this reason (and only for this reason) we will agree that 'rounds' on any number of bells, from 2 to 12, is EVEN. Do

not mistake what is written: rounds on any number of bells. Rounds on three, five or seven bells is as much 'even' as rounds on six, eight or ten, because it is the rounds row, and is our basis.

Now take your even basis (rounds), and change an odd number of pairs, even plus odd gives odd. Therefore, the resultant row is an odd row, as example 1 below. Take rounds and change an even number of pairs (even plus even, gives even), and an even row is the result, as example 2.

1.	2.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 (even)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 (even)
(21)(43)(65)(87)(09) (five pairs)	(21)3(54)(76)(98) (four pairs)
An odd row results.	An even row results.

3.	4.
2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7 0 9 (odd row)	2 4 1 6 3 8 5 0 7 9 (odd row)
2(41)(63)(85)(07) 9 (even pairs)	(42)(61)(83)(05)(97) (odd pairs)
Result still odd.	Result now even.

Examples 1, 3 and 4 follow on, and row 4261830597 is the result of changing rounds, first by 5 pairs, then by 4 pairs, and, lastly, by 5 pairs, totalling 14 pairs in all; therefore, rounds (even) plus 14 pairs (even) has given an even row; and we may know for certain that if we take rounds and change 5, 17, 31 or 155 pairs, etc., etc., we shall never reproduce this row. This is unalterable, and as impossible as the finding of a shilling in the bag which contains only half-crowns.

EVEN AND ODD ROWS.

If an odd row is merely the result of changing rounds by an odd number of pairs, it stands to reason that an odd row will require an odd number of pairs to be changed in order to bring it back to rounds. Similarly with the even rows, which require an even number of pairs.

Therefore, take any jumbled row and change the bells in pairs until rounds turn up; if the number of pairs required to do this be odd, the original row is odd. If the number of pairs be even, then the original row is even.

Take the rows in your first lead of Bob Minor, and get each row back to rounds in this manner, marking the odd rows —, and the even rows +. This is good practice, but it is not really necessary to bring every row back to rounds here to find whether it is odd or even.

We have our rules 'odd plus odd gives even, etc.,' which can be applied here. Establish the class of the first row in your lead, and then apply your law of 'odd plus even pairs, gives odd row,' etc. Mark the remainder of the rows as you go along, establishing the class of every fresh row by applying your rules to the one above, thus:—

1 2 3 4 5 6 + (being the even basis).
 (2 1)(4 3)(6 5) — (odd, because even rounds by odd pairs, gives odd).
 2 (4 1)(6 3) 5 — (still odd, because odd 214365, by even pairs, gives odd).
 (4 2)(6 1)(5 3) + (even, because odd 241635, by odd pairs, gives even).

etc.

The pairs which change are in brackets. For practice, prove that each one that you mark in this manner is correctly classified by getting it back to rounds in this way:—

4 2 6 1 5 3 + (marked even).
 3 pairs change (2 4)(1 8)(3 5)
 2 pairs change, 2 (1 4)(3 6) 5
 3 pairs change (1 2)(3 4)(5 6)

Total pairs 8; therefore, 426153 was even.

The determination of the class of rows, by getting them back to rounds, can be done by short cuts, the most useful of which I will enumerate in the next article.

'MINORMANIA'S' ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Naturally, I am gratified by 'Cascable's' letter and by your remarks in the leading article, but I must ask you, in spite of your natural disinclination, kindly to give publicity to my acknowledgment of the careful editing that the MS. has received at your hands, the skilful re-punctuation and turning of difficult passages, while preserving the actual sense, or nonsense, of the text. I must congratulate you upon the way in which the examples have been set out, and thank you for the space afforded in so doing.

If the articles should prove to be of use to one ringer alone, my efforts will amply be rewarded, but I should like to say that I hope they will not be passed over because of the heading or the pseudonym. As you remark, a 'beginner' is not necessarily one who cannot ring, and the heading purposely is ambiguous, and, while the Minor has been used, the principles may be applied, in general, to other numbers.—Yours sincerely,

MINORMANIA.

BIRTHDAY BELLS.

On Sunday, September 4th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's, Derby, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes) in 51 mins.: E. Ward 1, C. Hart 2, H. Inckle 3, T. Sharmen 4, E. H. Clarke 5, S. Maskrey 6, P. Tate 7, Geo. Freebrey (conductor) 8, W. Wallace 9, A. Braines 10. It is the first quarter-peal in the method for the ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th and tenor, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. H. Clarke, a much respected and esteemed member of St. Andrew's company.

A BURTON REUNION.

INTERESTING GATHERING OF OLD ST. PAUL'S RINGERS.

An interesting reunion took place at Burton-on-Trent on August 27th, when, at the invitation of Mr. W. W. Worthington, many old ringers who have been associated in the past with St. Paul's tower, and who are now scattered about the country, met again in their old belfry.

St. Paul's Church was opened on April 7th, 1874, and 'Ted' Stone and John Jaggar were two of the first choir boys. There was a band of ringers who were being instructed by the Vicar, the Rev. J. H. Fish, Mr. C. Jaggar and Mr. Argyle, the respective fathers of J. Jaggar and H. Argyle, being two members of the band. Harry Argyle afterwards joined the company and rang his first peal in 1878.

In June, 1877, a large number of parishioners were confirmed, and on the following Monday evening at a young men's class the Vicar invited the members to learn bellringing. No few than 25 afterwards came to the belfry. The Vicar had tied the 6th bell, and, as John Jaggar could ring, he had to tie another and start instructing. The number soon dwindled down, but an extremely good band of novices was formed, who were allowed to ring on Sundays from 7 to 8 a.m. for early service, and on Mondays from 7.30 to 9 p.m. The regular ringers rang on Thursdays and on Sundays for morning and evening service.

In 1879 there was a 'bust up' with the 'regulars.' The Vicar 'sacked' four and retained four, and called on Mr. J. Jaggar to find the other four. This he did, and progress was soon made. They rang their first peal on November 6th, 1879 (Kent Treble Bob). The Vicar, himself an enthusiast, soon pushed them on to Stedman, and, as most people know, the Burton company soon became a famous band of ringers.

They were the modern pioneers of Surprise ringing, for, after ringing Double Norwich (their first peal being in May, 1882), they went on to Superlative, their first peal of many in this method being rung in May, 1884. Then came Cambridge, of which they rang their first peal in February, 1887, and New Cambridge (then called the 'Burton Variation'), of which they were the sponsors, in April of the same year. Incidentally, it seems probable that their first peal of Cambridge was only the second true peal in the method ever rung, the first having been at Benington in 1873. A peal of London Surprise followed in September, 1887, and for the next few years St. Paul's company continued to lead the way in Surprise ringing, the conducting being shared largely by William Wakley and Joseph Griffin. Most of the celebrities in the ringing world found their way at one time or another to this belfry round about this period, among the visitors being Squire Proctor, Rev. Earle Bulwer, Jasper Snowden, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, C. H. Hattersley, Henry Dains, Nathan Pitstow, and others.

But 'Time' eventually took its toll of the company, and business or death removed many of them. It was, however, a happy inspiration which prompted the reunion the other day, and the enjoyable nature of the gathering was due to the excellent arrangements made by Mr. Worthington and Mr. J. Swinfield.

The party met at St. Paul's Church, and, having faced the camera, made a ringing tour to Overseal, Measham, Netherseal, Tullington, and back to Burton, where the ringing concluded. Touches in a variety of methods were rung at each place.

Dinner was served at the British Oak in the evening, and, needless to say, many were the reminiscences recalled round the festive board. Afterwards, there were touches and tunes on handbells, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Worthington for all his kindness, on the proposition of Mr. Jaggar, seconded by Mr. J. Austin.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A 'BARREN' MISSIONARY MEETING.

A by-meeting of the Rochester District was held at Borden on Saturday, September 3rd, with the object of trying to promote interest in ringing in this parish, which possesses a peal of eight bells. From a meeting point of view, the visit was a distinct success, as 30 turned up from various towers within a 16 miles' radius, but from a missionary point of view it was a distinct failure, as not one of the locals put in an appearance.

The tower was open for ringing at 3 and at 4.50. The association service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. F. De Spalier, Mr. E. A. G. Allen, of Frindsburg, presiding at the organ.

Tea was partaken of at the Maypole Inn, and the only business transacted was the election of the Vicar as an hon. member of the association, and of one practising member. So, after all, the meeting did some good.

Ringing in standard methods from Grandsire to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise enlivened the villagers, but failed to bring any of the locals into the belfry. The Rev. Le Spalier has only been in the parish four months, and is most anxious to gather a band to ring, and it is hoped that his efforts will be better rewarded than the association's visit was. Ten towers in the district were represented.

NORTHREPPS.—At 2, Hill Cottage, on Friday, August 26th, 720 Plain Bob Minor on handbells: James W. J. Brown (first 720 of Minor) 1-2, N. Golden (conductor) 3-4, C. Pooley 5-6.

A BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

THE LATE MR. W. H. GODDEN.



Mr. William H. Godden, whose death we recorded last week, was for many years hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, which he also represented for some time on the Central Council.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South and West District was held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, September 10th, and good work was done with probationers and the more advanced members. 'Rounds' and methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major were practised during the ringing hours at St. Peter's and St. Mary's Churches.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mr. G. Walmsley, hon. secretary of the local band, and 26 members and friends sat down to an excellent repast, presided over by Mr. J. A. Trollope, supported by Mr. T. Beadle and others.

The usual business was transacted, and a vote of thanks passed to the Vicar and to the host and his assistants, to Mr. W. C. Parker, the steeplekeeper, and Mr. Trollope for presiding and acting as Deputy Ringing Master during the day.

A hearty vote of congratulation was accorded with acclamation to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goodfellow on their wedding, one and all wishing them long life and happiness.

Votes of sympathy were accorded to Mr. Holloway (Ringing Master) and his wife, the latter having been ill for several weeks; also to Mr. and Mrs. A. Pulling, of Guildford, on the latter's serious accident. Hopes were expressed for the speedy recovery of both patients.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STEBBING.—On Sunday, September 11th, for morning service, with bells half-muffled, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, also 540 of Kent Treble Bob: H. Young 1, J. T. Barker 2, E. Claydon (conductor) 3, H. C. Ruffel 4, F. Harrington 5, J. Scholes 6. Rung in memory of the Rev. W. W. Judges, former Vicar of Stebbing.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—For morning service, on Sunday, September 11th, 720 Oxford Single Bob: A. Coote 1, T. E. Exeter 2, C. J. Gasson 3, A. C. Gasson 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6. This was rung after meeting short for a quarter-peal of Treble Bob.—For evening service another 720 Oxford Single Bob was rung with the same band, conducted by C. Holman. The 720 for morning service was the first in the method by the treble and 2nd ringers.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Sunday, September 4th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins., transposed from A. J. Pitman's four-bob set peal: H. Halford 1, M. Hicks 2, T. Dyer 3, G. H. Walters 4, A. Ruck 5, J. F. Ballinger 6, W. Yeend (conductor) 7, F. Simmonds 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Sunday, August 21st, for evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins.: H. Rushby 1, A. Thornton (first 720 of Treble Bob) 2, E. Godfrey 3, J. Coles 4, G. Hobbins 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NEWBURY BRANCH AND RINGERS' DIPLOMAS.

A meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Brightwalton, on Saturday, September 3rd, when upwards of 20 ringers attended from Bucklebury, Compton, East Ilsley, Highclere, Newbury, Peasmore, Shaw, Woolton Hill and the local ringers. A short Guild service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Howard), who also gave a very interesting address. Miss Howard presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mr. J. E. Hedges (foreman of the tower), assisted by lady helpers. Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary) occupied the chair for a short business meeting in the absence of the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch), and was supported by Mr. H. W. Curtis (branch secretary and treasurer).

The sum of £3 was voted to East Garston towards the cost of re-hanging the bells at that church.

The question of diplomas for young ringers was discussed, and it was left to the foremen of towers to talk it over and report at the annual meeting, which was fixed for November 18th, at Newbury.

It was also decided to hold a combined practice at Peasmore on Saturday, September 24th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for his address and welcome to the ringers, also to the organist.

Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were the methods rung.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH AT WOKINGHAM.

A most successful meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Wokingham on Saturday, September 3rd, ringers being present from Reading, Maidenhead, Cookham, Hitcham, Warfield, Dorking, Sandhurst, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence, Finchampstead, All Saints' and St. Paul's, Wokingham. Ringing commenced shortly before three at All Saints' Church, where a service was conducted by the Rector, who welcomed the ringers and spoke a few helpful words based upon 2 Timothy ii. 15, 20, 21. After service, the ringers adjourned to Great Mead, the residence of Miss Kemble, where a bountiful tea was partaken of, kindly provided by the Misses Robinson and Walker, and other ladies. Altogether 39 sat down to tea, including the Rector (Rev. B. Long) and Mr. F. E. Chapman, one of the churchwardens.

The Secretary expressed the thanks of the meeting to the Rector for the use of the bells and for arranging the service, to Miss Kemble for the room, and to the ladies who provided and served the tea. The Rector, Miss Kemble and Mr. Chapman responded, the last named remarking that all he knew about ringing was that in his father's parish, when he (the speaker) was a boy, they only had one bell, and they used to ring it quick for weddings and slow for funerals.

The Secretary mentioned that it was appropriate that they should be holding a meeting at Wokingham, as it was exactly seven years ago that very afternoon that Mr. Samuel Paice, a member of the branch and foreman of the local band, was laid to rest in All Saints' Churchyard.

Mr. White, of Dorking, and Mr. Fowler, of Cookham, spoke of their happy memories of the late Mr. Paice and of the high regard that they had for him.

Some handbell ringing took place on the lawn, and then the ringers made their way to St. Paul's Church, but, after half an hour's ringing, a request was received for the ringing to cease, because of a case of illness near by.

A return was accordingly made to All Saints', where ringing continued until 8.30.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major, and rounds for beginners.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of North Bucks Branch was held at Clifton Keynes on Saturday, September 3rd, this being the first occasion on which the branch had held a meeting at this place, which lays very wide of the other places in the branch. Although not a very large gathering, the attendance was sufficient to make it interesting, and the ringing was up to the standard.

Thanks are due to the Rev. C. W. Fulmer, Vicar of Clifton Keynes, for the reception he gave the branch and for his kind hospitality. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar. Tea was provided in the Rectory grounds, and a very pleasant time was spent. The object of holding the meeting was to get the tower in union with the branch, but, unfortunately, this was not accomplished owing to the local ringers not being present, but hopes of this being attained at a later date were expressed.

Members from Bletchley, Emberton, Fenny Stratford, Newport Pagnell and Stony Stratford were present, also visitors from the Beds Association and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon.

The Secretary expressed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. W. Fulmer for welcoming the branch and making arrangements, and to this the Vicar suitably responded. Further ringing took place, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

AN AUGURY OF FUTURE SUCCESS.

An informal meeting in connection with the proposed Guildford Diocesan Guild was held at Capel, Surrey, on Saturday, the principal object being to interest in the movement those connected with the three six-bell towers in that neighbourhood, viz., Capel, Newdigate and Ockley. To the older generation of ringers, Capel will be remembered as possessing at one time one of the foremost six-bell bands in the country, who in the late 'eighties rang a peal of fourteen 720's, in different methods, most of them Surprise Minor. Capel has a quaint little peal of six, two of them cracked and the rest out of tune. They are rung from a 'box' built into the roof of the church, but, nevertheless, they are bells with a history. The two oldest were cast by Richard Eldridge, the fifth in 1593, and the fourth in 1605. The Eldridges first set up their foundry at Wokingham, in Berkshire, and Richard was the second of the line. The fifth at Capel is his earliest product remaining in Surrey. Both these old bells were probably cast at Wokingham, although Eldridge had a branch business in the nearer town of Horsham, where from 1610 to 1622, at any rate, he paid an annual sum of 10s. to the churchwardens 'for the rent of the bell house.'

The meeting on Saturday was the first propaganda meeting held in connection with the proposed new Guild, and was a great encouragement to the promoters. Capel is not easy of access from the centre and western part of the county, but enthusiasm for the new Guild drew nearly thirty ringers to the village, and these, with wives and friends, made up a party of close on forty for tea. The meeting which followed was purely informal. The objects of the new Guild and the more important provisions in the proposed new rules were explained by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who appealed to the ringers of the three six-bell towers concerned to come into the Guild to strengthen the organisation in that part of the diocese, and to achieve again, if possible, that position in the forefront of ringing which once they occupied.

Mr. R. Whittington and Mr. C. Hazelden joined in the appeal, and the Rev. C. F. Carver (Vicar of Capel) and the Rev. J. W. Ward (Rector of Newdigate) expressed warm approval of the objects of the new Guild, and promised their hearty support.

A vote of thanks was accorded to these two gentlemen for their presence and for the use of the bells at their respective churches.

The Rector of Ockley was away from home, and, therefore, unable to be present.

Capel bells were rung to various methods during the afternoon, and in the evening visits were paid to Newdigate and Ockley. Newdigate, which has six bells, all by Thomas Mears, 1803, has one of the finest specimens of a wooden tower to be found in the country. Internally, the timbering is not only structurally perfect but artistically beautiful, while the well-kept church is a sheer delight. The Rev. J. W. Ward has only just come to the living after 30 years spent in Australia.

At Ockley, there is a square tower with an excellent ring of six. They are all by Richard Phelps, 1710, and are really an exceptional 'family' for that period. The church is very beautiful internally, and the chancel has a deep dado of marble which makes it almost unique among country churches in this part of England.

At these three towers, there is a great opportunity for advancing the art of change ringing. All the bells go well, and Ockley may some day be augmented. There are a number of change ringers in the district, although they are not now all active participants, but it is hoped that they may be united once again under the new Guild.

Visitors were present on Saturday from a number of towers, including Holy Trinity pro-Cathedral and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Haslemere, Godalming, Woking, Crawley, a whole bus load from Cranleigh and Ewhurst, and members of the local bands, while Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, added three more to his list. As an augury for the success of the new Guild, the meeting was most encouraging.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3rd, the Western Division of the Sussex County Association held a quarterly meeting at Easebourne, a small village on the borders of Cowdray Park, where there is a handy little ring of six bells, a treble having lately been added, and the whole overhauled.

About 30 members and friends were present from Heene, Pulborough, Billingshurst, Kirdford, Shipley, West Tarring and the local members. The bells were kept going to the tune of Cambridge, Bob and Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

Tea was served at the Village Institute, and at the business meeting, with the Vicar presiding, Heene was chosen for the next quarterly fixture.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rev. C. E. Hoyle for presiding and granting the use of the bells, and, after a few words of welcome from that gentleman, the members paid another visit to the belfry for further ringing.

HEIGHINGTON.—On Friday evening, August 12th, six members of the Darlington Holy Trinity belfry visited Heighington and rang on the bells of the village church 720 Beverley Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupton 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. This was the first 720 of Beverley on these bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster, on Sunday, September 11th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major in 45 mins.: R. Sanders 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, E. F. Pike 3, W. J. Nudds 4, J. E. Davis 5, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 6, C. W. Grimwood 7, R. F. Deal 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, September 11th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Ward (Ufford) 1, A. Keeble 2, B. S. Bailey 3, C. E. Fisher (Ufford) 4, F. J. Smith 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, C. E. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey 8.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, September 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: W. Robinson (conductor) 1, E. Jennings 2, W. Nevinson 3, H. Hardy 4, W. Middleton 5, T. F. Hewertson 6, T. B. Newton 7, W. Fisher 8.

DARLINGTON.—At Holy Trinity Church for Matins, on Sunday, September 11th, 720 London Surprise Minor: E. Brown 1, W. Oliver 2, G. W. Park 3, W. H. Porter 4, W. N. Park (conductor) 5, R. Park 6.—For evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Wilfrid Park (first 720 of Treble Bob) 1, C. Todd 2, W. Oliver 3, E. Brown 4, G. W. Park (conductor) 5, J. T. Titt 6.

EXETER.—On Sunday, September 11th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: T. G. Bartlett 3, W. Richardson 4, W. S. Lethbridge 5, J. R. Sandover 6, A. Mitchell 7, W. H. Lawrence (Little Munden, Herts) 3, F. J. Davey (conductor) 9, W. Bedford and A. Webber 10. Arranged for Mr. W. H. Lawrence.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, September 11th, for harvest festival, morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, T. Adams 3, V. Goacher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6. Also 360 Oxford Single Bob, G. Warnett taking part.—For evening service, 720 Woodbine: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, T. Adams 4, R. Stredwick 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Denman 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goacher 4, H. Turrell 5, R. Stredwick (conductor) 6.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, September 11th, at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Surrey Road, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Bunday 1, H. Mitchell 2, H. Bennett 3, A. Davis 4, G. L. Hewitt 5, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 6, G. W. Stokes 7, F. Longman 8. The ringer of the 5th is from Coalbrookdale, Salop.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 28th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, W. S. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, A. Woolston (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. H. Lawrence 1 and 2, S. Head 3, W. Williams 4, S. Carter 5, A. Phillips (conductor) 6.—On September 4th, for service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

BECKENHAM.—On Sunday, August 14th, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Dyas 1, H. Hawkes 2, W. Hollamby 3, W. Rawlings 4, J. Milner 5, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 6, W. Smith 7, A. F. Harris 8. First in the method by 2nd and 3rd.

LONDON.—At St. Matthew's Church, Bethnal Green, for evensong, on Sunday, July 31st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) in 47 mins.: H. C. Taylor 1, J. F. Parrott 2, J. H. Parrott 3, W. W. Stevens 4, J. Martin 5, S. Penfold 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, H. Hills 8.

BEGINNERS' TOUCHES.

At the Church of St. Nicholas, Brookenhurst, on August 31st, 720 Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. (tenor 4½ cwt.): S. Gates 1, F. Tucker 2, S. E. Armstrong (conductor) 3, J. P. Armstrong 4, C. W. Tucker 5, E. Pike 6. First 720 Doubles for all except ringer of 5th. Longest touch by a local band, and rung as a farewell to the conductor, who thanks the band for their assistance.

At Leytonstone, on Monday, August 29th, at St. John-the-Baptist Church, 720 Bob Minor, being the first extent by the ringer of the 2nd, who has made rapid progress: G. L. Joyce (conductor) 1, G. Ventris 2, W. Theobald 3, E. T. Butler 4, G. Dawson 5, Ph. Avey 6.

FUNERAL BELLS.

At Ottery St. Mary, Devon, on Wednesday, September 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Lord Justice Coleridge, at whose funeral service Canon G. F. Coleridge read the lesson: J. H. Godfrey 1, *C. Turner 2, *J. Hines 3, F. H. Stuckey 4, J. Arbury 5, P. Bennett (Oxford) 6, G. Burrows (first as conductor) 7, E. Marks 8. *First quarter of Stedman.

WET, BUT SUCCESSFUL.

Woodford and Loughton ringers and their friends held their annual outing on August 20th. The churches visited and rung at were Wendens Ambo, St. Andrew's the Great, Cambridge, Thaxted and Dunmow. The ringing included touches of Plain Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Major, all rung very creditably. It was a choice specimen of a wet day, but, arrived back at Loughton, the party unanimously agreed that the outing had been eminently successful and thoroughly enjoyable.

NOTICES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTICES of Meetings inserted under this heading is at the rate of 3d. per line (average 8 words) per insertion, with a minimum charge of 1/6.

The EDITORIAL OFFICE of the 'RINGING WORLD,' to which all communications should be sent, is 63, COMMERCIAL ROAD, WOKING.

'The Ringing World' can be sent direct by post from the Editorial Office for 4/- per quarter.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, on September 29th, and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DEVON GUILD.—A meeting of the N.-E. Branch will be held at Uffculme on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1s. each.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

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

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me early.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, September 17th. By the courtesy of the Very Rev. the Dean of York, the new ring of thirteen bells will be available from 9 to 10 a.m. and from 1.30 to 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, at 5.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the Lord Bishop of Whitby (Rt. Rev. H. St. John Woolcombe, D.D.). — Percy J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District. — The next meeting will be held at Appleby Magna on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Buses run from Ashby, Measham and Tamworth. Nearest railway station (Measham) 2 miles. A good attendance particularly requested, to stimulate local enthusiasm. All ringers welcome.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec., 128, Station Street, Burton-on-Trent.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—Chas. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting Apsley End (6 bells), Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Subscriptions now due. All are welcome.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Newport on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Arrangements as usual. Tea (8d. per head). All ringers welcome.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Christ Church bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. St. Mark's tower (8) will be available at 7.20 p.m. — S. Hopper, Branch Hon. Sec., 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 10, Warbreck Road, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 3.30 p.m., if possible. The annual branch party will be held at Cross Stone on Saturday, October 8th. Further particulars per circular.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Odiham on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m.—Rev. Evan Jones, Hon. Sec., 5, Church Square, Basingstoke.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Old Basford (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tamworth on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 Service in church at 4.45, with address by the Rev. E. H. Rogers (Vicar). Tea will be provided at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, the 20th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Tea at the 'Old Eight Bells,' by kind invitation, at 4.30. Half rail fare, maximum 1/-.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Wigan on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea

5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform me by Tuesday, the 20th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwick, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock onwards. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The 3rd quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 24th. Bells of Thurstaston (8) available from 3 till 4.45 p.m., and Anstey (8) from 6 till 8 p.m. Tea may be had at 3, Church Street, Anstey, at 5.15, for those who advise me not later than Thursday, 22nd. Short business meeting immediately after tea. All ringers welcome.—Alban Disney, Local Hon. Sec., Belgrave Vicarage, Leicester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Southern District will be held at Willington, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea arranged at moderate charge.—J. T. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on September 24th, at St. David's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—F. E. Thomas, District Secretary, Belle Vue, Brecon.

NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter, on Saturday, September 24th. Tea 5.30. Will all who intend to be present please inform Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter before September 21st.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea notify P. Webb, Ickleton, by the 22nd.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Giggleswick on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available all day. Meat teas at 2/6 per head and plain teas at 1/6 per head to all those who send in their names to Mr. E. B. Fidoe, Black Horse Hotel, Giggleswick.—F. Hutchinson, Dis. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Etwall, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) ready 2.30 p.m. All ringers are welcome.—Chas. Draper, Local Sec., Town Street, Duffield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Henbury on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea (at 6d. per head) and meeting. Frequent tram and motor service. Will those requiring tea kindly notify by 21st inst.—C. H. Jennings, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Essex District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service will be held at the Parish Church of St. Nicolas at 4.30 p.m., and the usual tea and meeting will be at 5.15 p.m. (1s. 6d. each). All intending to be present will they please notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 20th? — R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The Autumn meeting of this branch will be held at Steventon (6 bells) on Saturday, September 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea will please notify me before the 22nd.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Chislehurst at 3 o'clock on September 24th. Arrangements for tea will be made for all who send in their names by the 21st to Mr. T. Groombridge, 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst. The 290th Anniversary Dinner will take place at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Nov. 5th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, Sept. 24th. A good meeting is desired. Will all who require tea please notify Mr. A. Hill, Sunderland Street, Tickhill, near Rotherham, before the 22nd?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A district meeting will be held at Saltburn-by-the-Sea on Saturday, Sept. 24th. The bells of the Parish Church (8—tenor 23 cwt.) will be available from 2 p.m. Tea at Kemball's Café, 1/6 per head. Business meeting follows tea.—F. Barker, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteigne District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pembridge on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (5) available 4 to 9. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45. Meeting after tea. Please notify me by Tuesday, September 20th.—Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing practice has been arranged at Stoke Poges (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec. and Treas., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bradfield Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Englefield on Saturday, September 24th. Service 4 p.m.—A. T. Claydon, Hon. Sec., Englefield, Reading.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Eastern and Western Districts will hold a joint meeting at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available after 2.30. Tea at the Crown Hotel at 5. Members requiring tea please advise Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Bungalow, Tanfield Lea, not later than the 21st.—George S. Taylor, Harry Tyson, Secretaries.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barford St. Martin (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Ringing commences at 3. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5, for those letting me know by the 20th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Romaine, Hon. Sec., 41 Green Croft Street, Salisbury.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock

Will all who are coming please let me know by Tuesday, Sept. 20th.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford and District Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Aldate's Church, on Thursday, September 29th. Ringing from 6 p.m. Service 7 p.m. Business meeting in Rectory Room after service.—W. Collett, Hon. Sec., 13, Latimer Road, Headington, Oxford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst on Saturday, October 1st. Further particulars will be duly announced.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

PROPOSED GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—It is proposed to hold a series of preliminary meetings as follows: Guildford, Oct. 1st; Leatherhead, Oct. 8th; Chertsey, Oct. 15th; Farnham, Oct. 22nd. Further details will be announced in subsequent issues.—J. S. Goldsmith, Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, 63, Commercial Road, Woking.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting, Barnet, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, at 4.45 in The Church House. Meeting to follow. Short service at 6 p.m. Hadley Bells from 7 to 9 p.m., as well as Barnet. Please advise me by Sept. 28th if you require tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—A quarterly meeting (Southern and Central Districts combined) will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, September 28th.—H. F. Mills, 1, Lower South View, Farnham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—South West District Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lifton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells (8) available 2.15 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Tea free to members. Practices in Surprise Minor methods will be resumed at Stoke, Plymouth, Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, October 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. Would those who intend to be present kindly notify me?—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, October 1st at Bishop Ryder's, City. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged for those who send in their names not later than 27th September.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., Donnor, Wellington Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Phillip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, October 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The Autumn meeting will be held at St. Lawrence, Thanet (10) on Saturday, October 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea and Meeting at 4.30 p.m. Half fares up to 2/-. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before, Wednesday, September 28th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Fair View,' Littlebourne, Canterbury.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and an 8-bell contest at Almondbury, near Huddersfield, on Saturday, October 1st. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea (1/2 each) write to the secretary, L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfields View, Halifax, not later than Monday, Sept. 26th.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 15th at Wilby. Bells from 2 p.m. Important meeting after tea in the Schools at 4.30 p.m. Tea for all sending me word by October 10th, 9d.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SITUATION WANTED.

CHANGE RINGER (Standard methods) desires position on grocery or provision counter; good salesman and well up on both counters; 13 years' experience in high-class trade.—G. H. Corner, 3, Studley Terrace, Whitby, Yorks.

APARTMENTS.

Mrs. Fairlie, 'Ellesmere,' 28, Queen's Road, Craig-y-Don, Llandudno. Apartments, Public or Private, Modern conveniences. Recommended.

FOR SALE.

A Set of 27 Handbells, in good condition; large bell 2 lbs. 10 ozs. The bells are perfectly sound and of beautiful tone; a good set of bells for tune playing or change ringing. Box, fitted with compartments, for bells. Made by Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough.—Apply, Ballard, 4, Kensington Street, Leicester.

PUBLICATIONS.

'AMONG THE BELLS.'—THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A., Vicar of Drayton, Berks, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Part I. to XX may be had singly at 6d. net. Unbound numbers I to XX complete, 8s. 6d. Or the whole work bound in cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From Mrs. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.

'BOB MINOR AND MAJOR, SIMPLY EXPLAINED.' Price 6½d. Post free. 5s. 9d. a dozen. Post free. Also **'GRANDSIRE, DOUBLES AND TRIPLES SIMPLY EXPLAINED.'** Price 6½d., post free. 5s. 9d. a dozen post free. The above are intended for beginners, and for those who find the ordinary books of instruction too difficult.—From I. Roe and M. Broome, 9, Lansdown Crescent, Bath.

LESWICH.—On Tuesday, September 5th, on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Royal at St. Mary-le-Tower Church: J. F. Tillet 1, F. J. Tillet 2, H. E. Smith 3, G. Fleming 4, R. H. Brundle 5, C. A. Catchpole 6, W. P. Garrett 7, W. Wood 8, G. E. Symonds (conductor) 9, C. J. Sedgley 10.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Monday, September 5th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Page 1, W. Page 2, J. Lovatt (first quarter inside) 3, H. Davies 4, F. Lasbury 5, T. Hamlin 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, H. Crabbe 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. A. Wines and Miss E. Cross, son of G. Wines and daughter of J. Cross respectively, two members of the local band.

Change Ringing

— BY —

Charles A. W. Troyte.

THREE TO EIGHT BELLS.

208 pages, with 3 illustrations.

Cloth 3/6, post free 3/10.

THREE TO SIX BELLS.

Sewn 1/6, post free 1/9.

INDISPENSABLE TO ALL RINGERS.

EXETER:

HENRY S. ELAND, 236, HIGH STREET

WM. POTTS & SONS, LTD.,
Cathedral, Church & Turret Clock
Manufacturers,

Makers of many of the Largest and Most
Important Clocks in Great Britain.
CLOCKS REPAIRED & DIALS RESTORED.

Guildford Street, Leeds; and
Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Ringer's Pendant.



With the Name of your Association
Engraved as Illustration.

Special Terms to Guilds & Associations.

PRICES.

	£	s.	d.
Gilt or White Metal	...	0	4 0
Solid Silver	...	0	7 6
Solid 9ct. Gold	...	1	10 0

GEO. STACEY, Jeweller & Engraver,
PARK STREET, MINEHEAD—Somerset.

Exact Size

JOHN SMITH & SONS,

Midland Clock Works,

DERBY.

Telegraphic Address: "Clocks, Derby." Telephone No. 569.

Church and Public Clocks
CARILLONS & CHIMING MACHINERY

Makers of Clocks and
Chimes for St. Paul's Cathedral,
Beverley Minster, Selby Abbey, Truro
Cathedral, Thurles Cathedral, Trinity College, Cam-
bridge, Belfast Assembly Hall, Magdalen College, Oxford, and
many others in all parts of the world to the late Lord Grimthorpe's
designs. ENQUIRIES INVITED. ESTIMATES FREE.

BELL ROPES

MAKERS FOR NEARLY 200 Years.

For Quotation send Length and
Number Required, also Weight of
Tenor Bell.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

JOHN ASTLEY & SONS, LTD.,
ESTAB. 1730 COVENTRY.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

The Jasper Snowdon Series.

REVISED PRICES.

- BOPE-SIGHT, 1s. 10d.; seventh ed.; 150 pages; treats Plain Bob commencing on three bells.
GRANDSIRE, 2s. 10d.; second ed.; 204 pages, commencing on five bells, complete with the Thompson Charts, etc.
STANDARD METHODS, 8th edition, 2s. 10d.
STEDMAN, 2s. 10d.; 275 pages, by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, M.A., with an appendix by the late Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., etc.
TREBLE BOB, 1s. 10d.; second ed.; with appendix; 100 pages.
SURPRISE METHODS, 2s. 10d. NOW READY. A new book by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, M.A., F.R.A.S. Contains a tabulated list of peals, 10 diagrams, 128 pages.

All post free, on receipt of postal order, from

Mrs. LAURA SNOWDON, Cartmel, Lancashire.

The Central Council Publications

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

to be obtained Post Free from the HON. LIBRARIAN:
REV. G. W. O. JENKYN, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading

GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS	...	...	...	s. d.
RULES AND DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL	...	...	...	8
COLLECTION OF PEALS—SECTION I (Odd-Bell Treble-Dominated Methods)	...	...	...	1 6
COLLECTION OF PEALS—SECTION II (Plain Bob and Double Oxford Bob)	...	...	...	1 2
COLLECTION OF PEALS—SECTION III (Double Norwich)	...	...	...	1 6
COLLECTION OF PLAIN MAJOR & CATER METHODS	...	...	...	1 9
CORRIGENDA LEAFLET, showing false peals, the set of three	...	...	...	...
REPORT OF CONFERENCE WITH S.P.A.B.	...	...	...	6
ON THE PRESERVATION OF BELLS, ETC	...	...	...	6
CARD OF INSTRUCTIONS IN THE CARE AND USE OF BELLS...	...	...	...	1½

"The World's Best Bellropes"

PROVED IN THE RINGING OF THE
WORLD'S RECORD PEAL.

NOTED FOR EASY HANDLING & NON-STRETCHING.

CLOCK AND CHIMING ROPES.
FLEXIBLE ENDS, SPLICING AND REPAIRS.

Price List
of the
Sole Maker.

JOHN PRITCHARD,
26, Swan Street,
LOUGHBOROUGH.

Established over a HUNDRED YEARS.

Suitable for Presentation OR WEDDING GIFT.

Correctly Modelled Bell Inkstand (Regd. Design).
In Solid Silver.



Latest Reduced Prices.

Diameter	2½in.	2¾in.	3½in.	3¾in.	4in.	4½in.	5in.	5½in.
Price	15/6	19/6	26/6	32/6	42/-	52/6	65/-	84/-

Initials and Inscriptions Engraved at Moderate Charges.

T. E. RUSSELL, Jeweller
and Optician,
WOKING
TEL. 276.

JAS. E. GROVES,
CHURCH BELL
HANGER,
43, Malvern Road
Handsworth,
Birmingham

All the latest improvements in Bell Hanging, Ball and Roll Bearings. Everything for Bells supplied.

NOW ON SALE.

METHOD-SPLICING

A Key to the New System of Ringing.

Price 1/3 (post free) from 'The Ringing World'
Office, 63, Commercial Rd., Woking.
FORTY EIGHT PAGES OF INSTRUCTIVE MATTER.

Printed for the Proprietor by the Woodbridge Press, Ltd., Guildford, and Published by The Rolls House Publishing Co., Ltd., Bream's Buildings, London, E.C.