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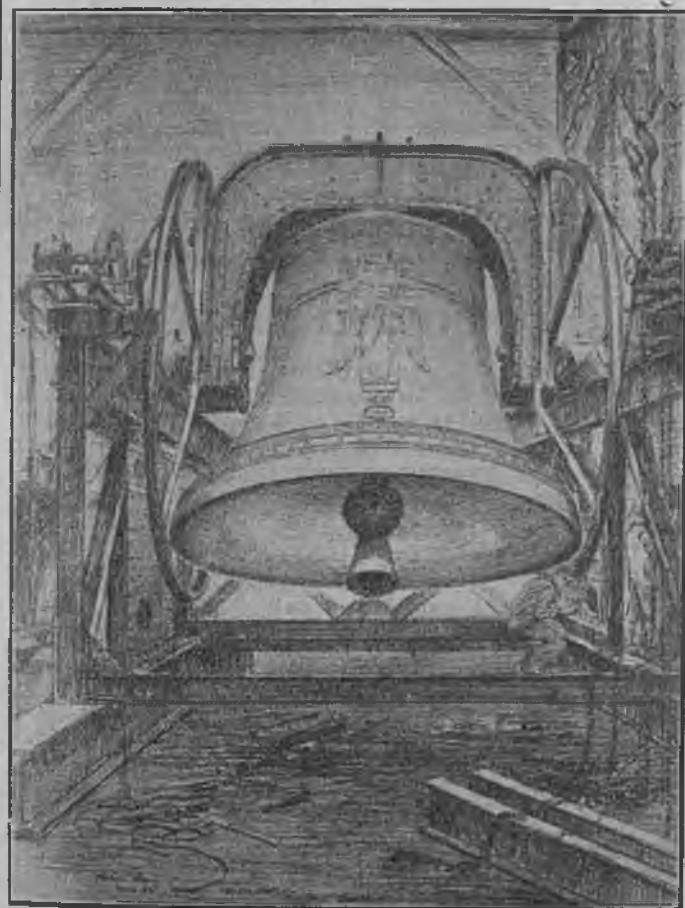
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## THE BROADCAST.

There are some people who do not think it altogether wise to enlighten the public too much on the subject of bell ringing, but who prefer that the art should remain enwrapped in mystery from fear that the more the public know about it the less they will be inclined to uphold it. With this view we totally disagree. We practise an art of which we may legitimately be proud; and it is no decaying art either. We fulfil a not unimportant function in the service of the national church, and we have nothing to hide. On the contrary, the more the public appreciate that the bell ringers' work is something more than a mere pulling at ropes to produce a noise, and that in its best form it is something which demands a high standard of skill, mental alertness and physical fitness, the more readily will they recognise that bell ringing is an art which deserves encouragement and invites participation. But how can this spirit be promoted among the public, unless the public are educated to it?

In all matters of this kind the educational process must necessarily be a slow and long one; but any means which enables the public, or any section of it, to get some grasp of what is involved in the art of ringing is a step forward. For that reason the Central Council are to be congratulated upon having induced the B.B.C. to permit a 'wireless' talk on the subject to be given from the London studio. It is not an easy thing to make intelligible to a large audience a technical subject like bell ringing, in the short space of a quarter of an hour, when the bulk of that audience has no preliminary knowledge of it. There can be no doubt, however, that the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who was responsible for the subject matter and delivery of the 'talk' itself, made the most of the time at his disposal and covered, in those few minutes, quite a lot of ground. His illustrations, too, were well chosen, but the subject is such a large one that he could, naturally, take in only just a bit of the fringe.

What the practical result of the talk is likely to be, no one can say, but if it has only scratched the surface of interest in that portion of the public who heard it, it will well have repaid all the time and trouble that has been given to it. Not the least important result, however, is the impression apparently made upon the officials of the B.B.C. itself. At first it was only by persistent effort that they were eventually persuaded to allow the talk to be given; at the end they were so impressed by the handbell course of Stedman Triples that 'marvellous' was their description of it, and rather than 'fade' it out at the close of the allotted time they per-

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mitted it to run on to a finish. This is a happy augury of what, we hope, may be done in the future in the way of wireless talks on the subject of bells and ringing. A great deal depended upon how this first venture was carried through. It was entirely successful, and, the door having now been opened, it ought to be possible to gain admission to 'Savoy Hill' for further talks of the same kind and upon other matters connected with bells and their many-sided interests.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. Treble | RONALD G. BECK ... .. 6       |
| STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. 2       | JOHN A. BORFORD ... .. 7      |
| JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 3        | GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... .. 8   |
| WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 4       | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 9 |
| ALBERT E. STOWELL ... .. 5     | URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung on the 34th anniversary of the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters, on the same bells and on the same day of the week.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. Treble | JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. 6   |
| *ARTHUR J. TAYLOR ... .. 2      | FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. 7  |
| HERBERT JORDAN ... .. 3         | *ERNEST WITHERS ... .. 8   |
| JOHN HALL ... .. 4              | HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 9   |
| HAROLD STREETS ... .. 5         | JAMES HEMMING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

\* First peal on ten bells. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Geoffrey J. Hemming, an esteemed member of the local band, and Miss Gladys Basson, which took place at Hampton the same day.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. Treble | THOMAS WILLIAMS ... .. 5    |
| HARRY HOLDEN ... .. 2           | JAMES MARSHALL ... .. 6     |
| JOHN KENDALL ... .. 3           | THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 7     |
| JOHN LLOYD ... .. 4             | WALTER MASTERS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CLIFFORD SKIDMORE.

Rung on the occasion of the weddings of Mr. Harold Roberts to Miss Irene Couper, at Brierley Hill, and Mr. Hector G. Bird to Miss Jackson, at Old Hill. All are members of the local Sunday service band.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *EDGAR BAILEY ... .. Treble | JOHN C. DICKEN ... .. 5       |
| FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... .. 2 | *ARTHUR KING ... .. 6         |
| CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 3   | EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 7       |
| ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 4   | WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal of Oxford. Arranged for Mr. A. E. Austin, of Great Shelford, Cambs.

## WRAXALL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1928, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... .. 2 | CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 2     | SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 6   |
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3    | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7  |
| STEPHEN H. WOOD ... .. 4     | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by W. A. CAVE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

## HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. Treble | CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5   |
| JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. 2      | JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 5 |
| RICHARD C. BELTON ... .. 3      | EPHRAIM W. RANDS ... .. 7 |
| THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 4       | JOHN CURTIS ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble | HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 5     |
| ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2          | WALTER WHITE ... .. 6         |
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3      | EDWARD READER ... .. 7        |
| JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 4       | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor |

Composed by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung in anticipation of the christening of John Godfrey Oldham, of the Bell Foundry.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS AND THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 34½ cwt.

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble | LEONARD CLAY ... .. 5   |
| MISS IDA B. THOMPSON ... 2     | ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 6 |
| ALAN GOODWIN ... .. 3          | DAVID VINCENT ... .. 7  |
| ARTHUR GAMBLE ... .. 4         | FRED BLOOD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Grandsire. † First peal at first attempt. Rung at the first convenient date in honour of the silver wedding of the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' Also as a birthday compliment to Miss I. B. Thompson and her mother; and as an appreciation of the work of the Ringing Master, Mr. A. Coppock, on behalf of the tower.

## SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, September 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... .. Treble | JOHN J. LEIGHTON ... .. 5   |
| MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... 2      | JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 6   |
| MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3      | ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7   |
| HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... 4      | WILLIAM ARMOUR ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

\* This is the first peal of Stedman for Miss Cross, of Twyford, Reading, and she is the first lady to ring a peal in this tower.

## SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. Treble | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5      |
| ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 2      | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6       |
| FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3    | FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 7      |
| JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. 4    | JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

## CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| * WILLIAM H. DODD ... .. Treble | ARTHUR LEWIS ... .. 5       |
| * ARTHUR G. PITT ... .. 2       | WILLIAM MARGETTS ... 6      |
| DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 3        | CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 7     |
| FRED WOODS ... .. 4             | * CYRIL HOOPER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

\* First peal. † First peal inside.

## GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... Treble | JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5       |
| * GEOFFREY MILTON ... .. 2     | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6      |
| JOHN HAYES ... .. 3            | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7        |
| PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 4        | * ARTHUR TILSTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by P.C. THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the local conductor and towerkeeper, Mr. George Williams, to whom all the band tender their hearty thanks for his kindness and hospitality after the peal.

## LLANFIGNAN, BRECONSHIRE.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. Maughans,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM PIKE ... .. Treble | PERCY JONES ... .. 5           |
| * HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 2 | SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 6        |
| GEORGE POPELLE ... .. 3    | WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 7         |
| * GEORGE COOKE ... .. 4    | * ALEC A. RACKHAM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

\* Proposed members previous to the attempt. † First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. Treble | CYRIL WILLSON ... .. 5       |
| JAMES NICKERSON ... .. 2      | FRANK KIRK ... .. 6          |
| AMOS SMART ... .. 3           | WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 7       |
| FRED SIDBBS ... .. 4          | HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| FRANK WARRINGTON ... Treble | T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 5 |
| MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2    | ALFRED G. RIVERS ... .. 6  |
| JOHN W. WARD... .. 3        | ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7 |
| *FRANK HARPER ... .. 4      | ROBERT G. KING... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. A birthday peal for E. G. Hibbins, jun., and the daughter of R. G. King.

CHATHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SAMUEL TAYLOR ... .. Treble | EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 2      | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6  |
| FRANK BELSEY ... .. 3       | WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 7      |
| CHARLES WINNER ... .. 4     | CHARLES NORRIS... .. Tenor  |

Composed by E. BARNETT.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

Rung in honour of the installation of the Venerable Reginald Thomas Talbot, D.D., Canon of Bristol, as Dean of Rochester.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE SWANSEA AND BREGON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**

E. MORRIS' COMPOSITION, No. 5.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *JOHN T. WILLIAMS ... .. Treble | *GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. 5    |
| ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 2       | *DAVID J. LEWIS... .. 6    |
| *EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 3       | HARRY BOYCE ... .. 7       |
| JOHN E. BLOXHAM ... .. 4        | ERNEST STITCH ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal of Bob Major. A birthday compliment to the conductor. First peal of Bob Major for the Guild. The ringer of the tenor has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal, and it was his 60th peal. All the ringers, except of 2nd and tenor, are from six-bell towers. This composition has the 2nd alternately in 4th's and 2nd's place.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1928, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

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

One 720 each of Single Court, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *CYRIL SPEED ... .. Treble | HARRY CARTER ... .. 4         |
| MOSES BILLINGS ... .. 2    | *CHARLES CLAYDON ... .. 5     |
| HERBERT PEARSON ... .. 3   | FREDERICK W. STOKES ... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

\* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 9, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Comprising seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.) in G.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. Treble  | CYRIL POOLEY ... .. 4        |
| MISS HELEN W. BILL ... .. 2 | HANBURY F. CARTER ... .. 5   |
| EDWARD C. WILSON ... .. 3   | WILLIAM TENNANT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

This peal was rung by the Cromer company (with the assistance of Miss Bill of Norwich), who opened these bells five years ago. The entire village, presumably, turned out in relays to watch the performance from the tower door. At the conclusion of the peal the band were met and congratulated by the Rev. Mr. Eva and entertained to tea in the Rectory.

PEMBRIDGE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 16, 1928, in Three Hours.

At the Detached Tower of the Church of St. Mary.

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

Being ten 240's of Pitman's and twenty six-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HENRY C. WOODWARD ... Treble | GEORGE J. R. PRICE ... .. 3 |
| WILLIAM EVANS ... .. 2       | GEORGE BREEZE ... .. 4      |
| JAMES P. HYETT ... .. Tenor  |                             |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First peal on the bells. Rung for evening service.

CALVERLEIGH.

THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *JOHN T. WOODLEY ... .. Treble | †WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE... 4   |
| MRS. E. S. POWELL ... .. 2     | REV. E. S. POWELL ... .. 5    |
| FRANK DAVY ... .. 3            | REV. W. P. WRIGHT... .. Tenor |

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

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

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| E. HOLMAN ... .. Treble | H. R. THORPE ... .. 4     |
| J. WALLIS ... .. 2      | E. J. SANDERS ... .. 5    |
| A. HOLMAN ... .. 3      | H. K. HOOPER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. K. HOOPER.

First peal as conductor.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

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

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| RALPH FODDY ... .. Treble    | LEONARD A. SMITH ... .. 4    |
| FREDERICK C. CASE ... .. 2   | ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 5   |
| *WILLIAM J. CHESTER ... .. 3 | ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

\* First peal in more than one Minor method. First peal of Minor on the bells.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 17, 1928, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

At the Church Tower,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FRANK A. TURNER ... .. 1-2   | STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... .. 5-6 |
| WM. R. J. POULSON ... .. 3-4 | ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 7-8     |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Witness: WILFRED JARVIS.

Rung as a 'birthday compliment to W. R. J. Poulson.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Thursday, September 20, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

In the Belfry of the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 18 in G.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 1-2    | WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 7-8   |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3-4 | FREDERICK J. TILLET ... .. 9-10 |
| GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 5-6  | *PERCY MAY... .. 11-12          |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS  
Umpire: WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

\* First peal of Maximus on handbells.

**'NELSON'S' SILVER BELL.****HOW THE MASSIVE CASTING WAS MADE.**

Most ringers know the process by which a bell is cast, and they will read with interest the description of the casting of the silver bell for H.M.S. 'Nelson,' the presentation of which we reported in our last issue. No bell of silver had ever previously been made of the dimensions of this bell, which the citizens of Newcastle gave to the 'Nelson,' and there were many doubts expressed as to what sort of bell would result. The order was placed with Messrs. Reid and Sons, of Newcastle, who put the work into the hands of Messrs. Stole and Co., of Deptford. The following story of the casting of the bell appeared in a Newcastle newspaper:—

The first step towards the making of a casting is the pattern work—in this case the mould and core of the bell were struck up in special loam, by means of a striking-up board. These boards are made to suit the contour of the outside and inside of the bell, and are attached to a revolving spindle.

The mould is then prepared on a plate, roughly to the shape of the bell, and the striking board is then revolved, thus removing any surplus of loam and leaving the mould or core to the size required.

The board for the outside diameter was made considerably larger than the finished size, but the board for the core was exactly to size with the exception of the mouth of the bell or where the clapper strikes, as an allowance had to be made for machining.

A full pattern was made for the crown portion of the bell, and the mould for this was made in sand.

These moulds were then put into drying ovens, and all moisture thoroughly extracted—this must be done very gradually, and therefore the moulds were in the ovens for two or three days. The complete mould consisted of three parts, and, after drying, these were assembled by means of locating boxpins to ensure a perfect joint, and the mould was then ready to receive the metal.

Over 7,000 ounces of silver were melted in specially constructed graphite pots, and the fuel used for melting was specially selected sulphur-free coke. The melting of the silver was supervised by an expert from the laboratory, who, by the use of an instrument known as a pyrometer, which indicates the temperature of metals, decided the right moment when the silver was ready for pouring.

The metal was poured into a runner box, which is placed at the top of the mould, the runner connecting to same, feeding from the bottom of the mould.

The molten metal is collected in the runner box—a ball valve preventing the silver from entering the mould until nearly all the silver is transferred from the pots—then the valve is removed, and the silver enters the mould with considerable force, thereby ensuring that the metal will enter all parts of the mould before freezing takes place. This is a very anxious moment, and is particularly necessary with silver, as this metal soon freezes, or sets.

In addition to the runner box, two large square risers, about 8 in. x 6 in. section, were placed at the top of the mould, and into these the surplus metal runs, and also any dirt that might be in the mould or metal.

Another interesting fact may be mentioned, and that is the silver bell was cast crown uppermost, which is contrary to the usual practice amongst bellmakers—it was deemed advisable to do this because of the great volume of metal in the body of the bell near the mouth, and the possible difficulties in the setting of silver in such volume.

The mould was removed within a few hours of casting, and the casting was found to be perfect—a joy and relief to those responsible for this portion of the work.

The runners and risers were then removed in the trimming shop and the bell was transferred to the machine top, for turning to correct size and weight.

Even the clapper is made of solid silver, and is in two pieces—the striking portion being cast and machined, and the rod being forged with a hook at one end, and screwed at the other for connecting to the striking portion. The eye on which the clapper hangs was cast and machined and screwed into the crown of the bell.

The actual weight of silver melted was 7,393 oz. troy, and only 61 oz. troy were lost in the various processes of manufacture—a percentage of less than 1 per cent.

Special precautions, of course, had to be taken to guard against undue loss, and considerable expense was incurred in the necessary plans to achieve this.

The casting was trimmed on a specially cleaned floor, covered with paper, and all filings and chippings carefully swept up—the lathe on which the bell was turned was enclosed with boarding lined with paper, and all turnings swept up each day, and carefully transferred to the safe.

After filing and burnishing, the final polishing of the surface took a polisher a whole week to do; the surface is beautifully free from the slightest mark, and the colour carries the usual charm of burnished silver.

The finished weight of the bell is 2,749 oz. troy, which is 1 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. 11 oz. avoirdupois.

The bell has been engraved with the name of the ship, and also the inscription: 'Presented to H.M.S. "Nelson" by the inhabitants of Tyneside, 1928,' surmounted by the City Arms.

**BISHOP AND BELLRINGERS.****BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION'S PRESENTATION.**

The members of the Barnsley and District Association have presented to the retiring Bishop of Wakefield a large framed photograph of a group taken on the lawn at St. Mary's Rectory, Barnsley, and in which the Bishop was the central figure. The gathering was unique in the history of the association from the interest taken in it by, and the presence of, many clergy and well-known ringers. The gift was presented to the Bishop as a memento of a very happy day. The presentation, which took place at the Diocesan Church House, Wakefield, was made by a deputation of Mrs. J. W. Moxon (Sandal), president of the association, Mr. R. Thickett (Horbury), and Mr. W. Reyner (Sandal), vice-presidents and past-presidents.

Mr. Moxon (says the 'Wakefield Express') told the Bishop that the honour which he paid the association by attending their Barnsley rally had already done them a great amount of good, and they felt that the Barnsley Association was the 'live wire' of bellringing societies in Yorkshire to-day. Great strides had been made since the war, and the meetings had been a real inspiration to the ringers.

The presentation was made by Mr. Reyner, who told something of the history of the Yorkshire Association founded over fifty years ago by Jasper Snowden, which grew to such an extent that sub-divisions had to be made, these resulting in the founding of their own organisation. Ringing, said Mr. Reyner, was a very fascinating art, and he was surprised that it was not taken up more by the younger men. There was no recreation wherein the mental and physical faculties were more combined than in change ringing. To ring 5,000 changes without a break, and without a look at a figure, must be a great strain on any young man or woman who took up the art, and was a fine recreation, so much so that it was deplorable to find so many church towers where the peal of bells was idle. It was regrettable that fine peals in some of the towers in which that association had rung in the past should to-day be silent, the belfry left open and exposed to climatic action, and the place practically 'lost' so far as ringing was concerned. Nothing sounded better or sweeter on a Sunday than the ringing of church bells, and it must have an uplifting effect on those who were going to preach in the churches. Think what an outcry there would be throughout the length and breadth of the land if the church bells of England were silent for a month! Nobody mentioned the ringers under ordinary conditions, but let the bells be silent, churchpeople would soon be wanting to know whether there was a strike on, or whether the ringers had fallen out with the parson! It was a matter for pride with him that he had rung the bells and sung in the choir at every confirmation held at Sandal Church during the past fifty years.

The Bishop, in acknowledging the gift, which, he said, would be among the things he would value most, because it was a little bit of Yorkshire which he would take away with him, remarked that it was a matter for real regret that the younger men were not coming forward and taking up the art of ringing, but apparently it was the same in change ringing as in Friendly Society work—it was 'the old gang' which kept things going. It was evident that a recruiting campaign was necessary, and had he been remaining in the North he would have done everything possible to forward such a movement. Personally, he had a feeling that the interest of the young people would come back, but he was afraid that we had of recent years in England a little lost some of the occupations which demanded patience. With the increase of education, and the enormous opportunities for excitement and recreation, the younger generation did not put their hand steadily to those tasks which required great steadiness, great intelligence, and great perseverance. As a result of what had been said he hoped that 'more of the younger men would come forward and take up the time-honoured, peculiarly English, and excellent bit of work of ringing the bells in the church steeples of the country.' As regarded the silent steeples and belfries open to the effects of weather conditions, the Bishop offered as a practical suggestion the getting into immediate touch with Archdeacon Harvey, but he reminded the association that there was such a thing as the annual visitation of churches in the diocese, and that the condition of the belfries and peals of bells were amongst the things which had to be noted in the report.

In a word as to his successor, his Lordship said that if the choice had been left to himself, and he had searched England over, he could not have found a better man than Canon Seaton, and he was very happy in the thought that he was leaving the work in such capable hands. He was a real man, a Yorkshireman, who knew the West Riding in and out—better than he did himself—and withal a very approachable man, and likely to be popular as well as very efficient in his new office.

Mr. Thickett, adding a few words at the close, referred to his own lengthy connection with bellringing at Horbury. He had rung the bells at St. Peter's for 40 years, and his brother had done it 30 years. The learning of ringing, he said, was a difficult matter, and many who started gave it up when they reached a certain stage. A lot depended upon the clergy, and the sympathetic interest of the Vicar of a parish meant a great deal to the bellringers, who worked far better than when they were left severely alone, with the feeling that they were on their own.

## THREE ASSOCIATIONS MEET.

## ESSEX, HERTS AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS' JOINT GATHERING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

For some years an annual joint gathering of Essex and Middlesex Association members has been held at Waltham Abbey. This took place on Saturday, and it was a happy thought which led to an invitation being extended to the Herts Association to participate. A continuance of the glorious summer weather of the past few weeks caused a large number of ringers (in many cases with their wives) to attend, well over 60 being present. Ringing was commenced early in the afternoon, under the guidance of Mr. W. Pye, and continued until tea time.

After tea, which was a somewhat lengthy affair owing to the large attendance, a short meeting was held. The chair was taken by Mr. W. H. Lawrence (Herts Association), who was supported by the following association officials: W. Nash (Herts), E. J. Butler, F. J. Pitstow, A. Prior (Essex), W. Pickworth, W. Pye and C. T. Coles (Middlesex).

The Chairman first called upon the last-named, who stated that they were met together in a joint effort to further the art of change ringing. This meeting, said Mr. Coles, was probably unique in the history of ringers' gatherings. There had been several occasions during recent years when the associations had met together, but he thought that this was the first time when three associations had done so. It was a happy idea which led to the Herts Association being invited, and he hoped the meeting would continue in popularity. They were not rivals; they existed for the same object, that of fostering ringing for church services; and it was the duty of the associations to assist each other in those areas where their territories adjoined.

Mr. F. J. Pitstow said it was a pleasure and a privilege to be present at such a meeting. He endorsed all that the previous speaker had said as to the objects of the meeting, and added that they of the Essex Association always wished to help other societies in furtherance of their common object.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence said that he wished to thank the other two associations for the invitation to Herts members to join them at this meeting. In Hertfordshire they had no twelve-bell tower, and they therefore greatly appreciated this opportunity of ringing on twelve bells. He trusted that the friendly feeling would continue between them.

During the proceedings a brief visit was paid to the meeting by the Vicar (Rev. F. B. Johnston), recently recovered from a serious illness. He welcomed the ringers to Waltham Abbey, and wished them God-speed in their work.

Mr. E. J. Butler thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells for this annual gathering, which kindness, he said, was much appreciated by them all.

During the afternoon and evening a large number of touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Caters and Cinques, and a course of Cambridge Maximus. Late in the day Mr. G. R. Pye, fresh from a successful ringing tour in Hampshire, turned up, and almost at the close of the day Messrs. E. Jenkins and J. H. Riding, who had also come from Hampshire, arrived just in time to take a short turn in the ringing.

## SHIPLAKE RINGERS' LOSS.

By the death of Mrs. Nicholson, of the Old Vicarage, Shiplake, Oxon, the ringers have lost a dear friend. 'The Ringing World' of December 23rd last contained an account of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson's golden wedding, of their continued hospitality, not only to the ringers but in the surrounding district. One knew little of Mrs. Nicholson's kind actions; so quiet, so reserved were they that the origin of many seeds of kindness were unknown. Mrs. Nicholson was confined to her bedroom for some time, and weekly listened to the Sunday ringing. She loved to hear good striking. Recently the writer was congratulated by her on a touch rung for evensong and the lowering of the peal. She would speak on bad striking, pick out the bell that did not receive the attention that it should have done.

The funeral, fully choral, took place on Saturday last. Six of the oldest ringers were bearers, and the ringers' foreman performed the duties of undertaker. There were nearly fifty magnificent floral tributes, that from the ringers being in the shape of a bell with clapper complete, and bearing the words, 'Sweet bells chime, 'tis even-tide, Heaven's morning breaks for you.'

With the bells half-muffled, 300 of Grandsire Triples was rung before the service, a 500 afterwards, then the muffles were removed by request, and the bells run down in peal, which closed a day mingled with sorrow and sweet memories that will linger long in the hearts of Shiplake ringers.

**HOPE.**—At the Parish Church, on September 8th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Surprise Minor (1,680 changes), being 240 each of the following methods: London, Canterbury, Beverley, York, Carlisle, Chester and Cambridge: E. Lloyd 1, J. Greasley 2, E. Parry 3, H. Rogers 4, T. A. Rogers 5, T. Rogers (conductor) 6. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. Thea Jones) for the loan of the bells, and also Mr. and Mrs. Millington for their hospitality and the tea they so kindly provided.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## LEICESTER DISTRICT.

The third quarterly meeting of the Leicester District was held at Enderby on Saturday. The bells were raised in peal about 3.30 p.m., after which a touch of Stedman Triples was rung. This was followed by a few rounds and call changes for the benefit of some of the local ringers. After this, touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative Surprise and Stedman Triples were rung, and at 5 p.m. members made their way to the Church Institute, where a very good tea was partaken of by 20 members. This was kindly arranged by Mr. C. Jesson, captain of Enderby ringers.

The business meeting was held immediately afterwards. Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. Edwin Cattell, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, and Mr. Clarence Jesson, of Enderby.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Belgrave.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow kindly invited the Leicester District to combine with the Hinckley District and hold a joint meeting at Stoney Stanton. He said that if they did so he would see that they were provided with tea at half price or less.—Mr. R. H. Bartlam, of Melton Mowbray, asked the meeting if they would consider having a meeting at his tower. He said that although they were in the Leicester District he could not remember a district meeting there, although there had been a few 'general' M.C.A. meetings.

It was decided at this meeting to send votes of condolence to Mr. H. J. Poole, of Leicester, and Mr. Lovatt, of Sileby, in their sad bereavement.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to the Vicar and towerkeeper.

The belfry was then visited again, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major.

The meeting was altogether quite representative, one or more members being present from most of the towers in the Leicester District. Several members were also present from the Hinckley district. Everyone present was very pleased with the tone and go of this new peal (tenor about 12 cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor's, of Loughborough.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

## THE FIRST RINGING CONTEST.

A well-attended meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Norton Cuckney, when 42 members and friends were present from Anston, Barlborough, Everton, East Markham, Gamston, East Retford, Ordsall, Warsop, Worksop, Edwinstowe, Mansfield Woodhouse, Sutton-on-Trent, and a number of the local company.

This being the first competition for the Crawford silver cup, the Rev. H. R. Peel, Vicar of Cuckney, had given a most hearty invitation to the association to hold it at that tower, and Mr. J. R. Brearly, of Bolsterstone, was appointed the judge. The contest piece was 560 changes of any method.

Four companies entered the competition, but only two bands brought a full company (probably the great distress in the coal fields had something to do with this). The two companies to compete were Anston and Shireoaks, and the judge awarded the cup to the first-named band.

Tea was served in the Church Institute, catered for by Mrs. Harvey, who was assisted by a willing band of lady helpers. The Rev. H. R. Peel presided.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Haigh, explained the circumstances under which the cup was given, and said it was the donor's wish that it would create a most friendly rivalry amongst ringers, and give an impetus to all ringers for better striking and Sunday service ringing.

The presentation of the cup followed, the chairman handing it to Mr. H. Stenton, leader of the Anston band.—Mr. Stenton returned thanks.

At the business meeting which followed, five new members were duly elected, viz., Mr. B. Cawdwell, of Ordsall, performing member; Messrs. G. Clark, of Doncaster, Samuel Harrison, Milton C. Fowler, and Percy Godstone, of Conisborough, as non-resident life members.

The next meeting will be held at Anston on Saturday, November 10th, and will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Norton Cuckney for presiding over the tea and meeting, for placing the bells at the disposal of the association, also to all others who had contributed to make the meeting a success. The Chairman suitably replied, and spoke of his delight in listening to the bells being so skilfully rung. He said he would be glad to welcome them at Cuckney on any future occasion.

During the day the following methods were rung by visitors: Bob Minor, Oxford, Kent and Violet Treble Bob, Stedman Doubles, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor, two ladies acquitting themselves admirably in the Cambridge and London, while one lady took part in the conducting. Everyone seemed delighted with the day's proceedings, the only regret being that so few bands had taken part in the cup competition.

**CLEVELAND RINGERS VISIT YORK**

The Middlesbrough ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, September 8th, and were joined by ringers from Saltburn and Ormesby, and friends, the whole party numbering 44. Rev. Kemm, the Vicar of Ormesby, accompanied the ringers. In spite of the slight rain it was a happy motor ride from Middlesbrough to York, and, after ascertaining where the first meal would be found, the ringers adjourned to the Minster belfry. They were met by some of the Minster ringers, and the lovely peal were soon in changes. Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Kent Royal were the principal touches, and the party congratulate themselves that the ringing was well above the standard of visiting teams. They were pleased to have the company of a Birmingham ringer, and envied him that he could renew acquaintance with the bells on the Sunday following. They also enjoyed his exhibition of ringing the 60 cwt. tenor—no small feat. Still, pleasure must come to an end, and after a splendid 'settle,' in which the bells came down 'like tops,' the party wended their way through the old town to the Windmill Inn, where an excellent meal was disposed of. A walk round the city to see the old streets and quaint shops brought three o'clock, when the departure was made to Tadcaster. Here the party were welcomed by their old friends, the Tadcaster ringers, who had the bells pulled up in readiness. Grandsire Triples were rung, and after a couple of touches had been completed the first unfortunate incident happened, when a rope broke. But, happily, the Middlesbrough band includes an expert in the art of splicing, and the matter was soon put right. There was, however, only time for a short touch of Stedman, but this proved 'the touch' of the day, and tapped out with perfect precision and absolute uniformity of striking, with never a trip of any kind, the ringers felt it was worth while. The expressions on the faces of the Tadcaster ringers showed that really good ringing was appreciated. It was with regret that the bells were lowered, as the ringers wished for more of such ringing, but circumstances over which they had no control denied them the pleasure, and they unwillingly turned their steps away from the belfry. Tea refreshed them for a walk round the town, and Tadcaster being the home of breweries, the product had, of course, to be sampled!

A long ride home brought the party 'to the end of a perfect day.' Still, the memories of a happy outing will long remain, and the hopes of a repetition of perfect ringing and perfect company will buoy them up for another year. The ringers wish to thank, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' all their friends who made the outing such an enjoyable one. They are truly indebted to all helpers.

J. C. P.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****NORTH BUCKS BRANCH AT WHADDON.**

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Whaddon on Saturday, September 8th, when about 40 members attended from the following towers: Bletchley, Beachampton, Fenny Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Simpson, Stony Stratford, Twyford, Woughton, and the local ringers, with visitors from Northampton and Loughborough. This was the first meeting that had been held at Whaddon, where the bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. A service was held, at which the Vicar of Whaddon officiated, and a short address given by the Rev. F. W. Bennett, of Bletchley. After service the members were invited to Whaddon Hall, an historic mansion, which stands on high ground, and from the lawn of which a view of the Old Whaddon Chase can be obtained. Tea was served in great style, and the Vicar (Rev. E. A. Selby-Lowndes) stated that he had been asked to welcome the branch in the absence of Col. William Selby-Lowndes, and to place the grounds and gardens at the members' disposal.

Both Col. and Mrs. Selby-Lowndes regretted they were unable to be present to welcome the branch on their first visit to Whaddon.

The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) said that he had no business to bring forward, only to thank the members for attending so well, and thus making the meetings a success.

The Chairman (Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Whaddon for making the arrangements, and asked him to convey to Col. and Mrs. Lowndes the thanks and appreciation of the branch for their kind hospitality.—This was suitably responded to by the Vicar, who assured the branch that they would be welcomed to Whaddon any time they cared to visit the village.

This brought to a close a very pleasant afternoon, which was favoured by glorious weather. The methods rung during the day ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

**DEATH OF FORMER ALDENHAM RINGER.**

After evening service, at Aldenham, Herts, on Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. John-the-Baptist's: A. Jones 1, C. Evans 2, H. Long 3, E. P. Palmer 4, E. Elliott 5, W. E. Oakley 6, C. H. Horton (conductor) 7, W. Inwood 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Bennett, who passed away the previous Sunday, aged 75. For 37 years he faithfully served his church as vergier, retiring about four years ago. He was held in great respect by all who knew him, and in his younger days had done much for the art of change ringing.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. E. A. Young, the hon. secretary of the Central Council, is hors de combat with a twisted knee, sustained last week.

Mr. G. E. Large, of Birmingham, who three months ago met with a motor-cycle accident, involving serious head injuries, through his machine skidding, is now making rapid progress towards recovery. He desires to thank the many friends who have kindly made inquiries regarding him.

William Shipway was born at Bath on September 29th, 1760.

The first peal on the bells of Braughing, Herts, was rung on September 30th, 1746, by a band of ringers 'all of this parish.' The two trebles had been given a year earlier by William Freeman.

On October 1st, 1793, a peal of 15,360 Bob Major was rung at Aston, conducted by Joshua Short. This, we believe, is still the longest peal of Bob Major on record.

The first peal 'on ye eight new bells at Saint Mary, Rotherhithe,' was rung by the Eastern Scholars on October 1st, 1749.

The visit of the recent Hampshire tourists to the little village of Soberton, where, by the way, they met with one of the two non-successes of the trip, is a reminder that it was at this tower exactly thirty years ago next Wednesday that the first peal of Cambridge Surprise in Hampshire and by the Winchester Guild was rung.

That, too, was on a tour, but it lasted only from Saturday until Wednesday. Nevertheless, it produced two peals of Superlative Surprise, three of Cambridge and one of Stedman Triples. It is a rather melancholy reflection that only four of the party remain. All the rest have 'crossed the bourne,' viz., Rev. F. E. Robinson, Messrs. W. W. Gifford, I. G. Shade, H. White, J. W. Whiting, and C. Giles. The survivors are Messrs. G. Williams, K. Hart, F. S. Bayley and J. S. Goldsmith.

The Barnsley Association, which has made a presentation to the retiring Bishop of Wakefield, comprises ringing members from almost all the church towers containing bells within a twelve miles' radius of Barnsley. It is, however, a matter of regret to the association generally that up to now they have been unable to secure in membership the ringers from Wakefield Cathedral.

The ringing friends of Mr. C. N. Sharples, Blackpool, will be interested to know that he has passed successfully the examination for India Civil Service. He is placed fourth in order of merit out of about 250 candidates.

To-morrow, all being well, eight members of the North Stafford and District Association will attempt a peal of 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major at Silverdale, Staffs.

The bells at St. Andrew's Church, Kirk Ella, which the Yorkshire Association visit on October 13th, have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

Mr. Norman V. Harding, hon. secretary of the Guildford District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, has been appointed private secretary to the Ven. Ronald Irwin, the new Archdeacon of Dorchester.

'When and where,' asks a Nottingham correspondent, 'was the first peal of Double Bob Royal rung? I am wondering how near the first was the one composed and conducted by W. D. Crofts about 1790 at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Without referring to the books, I believe it was his last peal at St. Mary's.'

Did Fabian Stedman ever visit Nottingham? If not, why does 'Nottingham Single,' as applied to a method name, appear in his book? The MSS. of Crofts makes no mention of him, but these MSS. are confined to composition and research, and social and other matters are not mentioned in any way.

## THE HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

### ELEVEN PEALS SUCCESSFUL.

The party which toured last week in Hampshire lost only two peals, both curiously enough on the same day. These were London Surprise at Soberton and Cambridge Surprise at Curdridge. The attempt at Wimborne Minster failed to materialise, as the band met one short through an emergency man being unable, at the last minute, to turn up. There were two other peals on the same day.

The successful peals included one of London, two of Bristol, two of Superlative, two of Cambridge, one each of Double Norwich Major, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Cinques.

At the time of going to press, details of the peals had not been received.

## EAST BERGHOLT BELLS, ESSEX.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should be glad if any of your readers can give me any information as to how the bells at East Bergholt Church, which are hung in a cage in the churchyard, are rung. I understand from a friend that they can be raised and rung, but was surprised, on going to see them, that they had no wheels, stays or visible means of handling, except clocking ropes on the clappers.

Perhaps some of your readers can tell me if these bells can be rung, and, if so, when they are, as I should like to hear and see them in motion.—Yours faithfully,

Buccles.

EDWIN E. GOATE.

## BROADCAST 'TALK' ON BELLS.

## SUCCESS OF CENTRAL COUNCIL'S EFFORTS.

As the outcome of a resolution passed at the London meeting of the Central Council in 1927, a broadcast 'talk' on bells and ringing, under the title of 'The English Art of Bellringing,' was given from the London station, through 2LO and 5XX, on Wednesday of last week. The path to the microphone is beset with many difficulties, as the Council's Committee (Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, A. A. Hughes, J. D. Matthews, T. H. Taffender and E. A. Young) found out, but eventually the B.B.C. were prevailed upon to include the subject in their programme, the talk itself being left in the hands of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, a member of the Council and hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild. With a time limit of fifteen minutes, Mr. Edwards' greatest problem was to compress into so short a period an intelligible explanation of the art of ringing, together with the necessary illustrations. That he succeeded to a remarkable degree, all those who are ringers and who heard the 'talk' will fully agree. Speaking to an audience who knew nothing whatever of the subject, Mr. Edwards had perforce to treat the matter in a very elementary style, but he was happy both in his address and in his illustrations.

The announcer made a very pleasant little introductory speech, and then, by way of creating an 'atmosphere,' the handbells were heard in a brief 'flourish.'

Mr. Edwards wasted no time in preliminaries, but having briefly indicated that the object of the talk was to enable those who heard bells rung in changes to understand something of what was being done by the ringers in the belfry, and so to listen with greater interest and enjoyment, he plunged straightway into an explanation of what was meant by 'ringing'—as distinguished from 'chiming'—and the mechanism by which a bell is rung. He went on to refer to the fact that from a remote period bells had been rung in set 'changes,' which were illustrated by 'rounds,' 'queens' and 'tittums' on the handbells, and then showed how this developed into the art of change ringing by which the order of the bells is changed at each pull of the ropes. He referred to some of the quaint names which methods have, and the difference between Major and Triples. The first eight changes of Grandsire Triples served to illustrate the latter, and then Mr. Edwards explained how the number of possible changes grew as the number of bells employed increased. His only historical reference was to the Leeds peal of 40,320 Bob Major in 1761, and then he came to the rules underlying the making of changes, and explained the terms 'hunting,' 'dodging,' and 'place making.' Handbell examples helped the listener more readily to grasp the application of the descriptions given, and Mr. Edwards added a reference to Fabian Stedman and the Stedman method. In conclusion he remarked that as change ringing was essentially an English custom, one would like English people generally to take a pride in the advancement of this truly national art. In case any of those listening to the talk felt inclined to visit a belfry and see change ringing actually being done, they would, he added, be assured of receiving a warm welcome on a practice night.

The 'talk' concluded with a course of Stedman Triples on the handbells, for the completion of which the officials extended the allotted time, for they found this demonstration particularly interesting, and at the conclusion exclaimed 'Marvellous!'

The handbells were rung by Messrs. E. A. Young, C. F. Winney, F. E. Dawe, T. H. Taffender and T. W. Taffender.

Asked as to his 'feelings' in facing the microphone, Mr. Edwards said:—

'There is nothing to try one's nerves much in facing the microphone. It was a most interesting experience. My own case may have been under exceptionally favourable conditions. In the first place I had watched the same thing done by others on previous occasions, so that the surroundings were familiar. Then the five ringers present constituted a visible and sympathetic audience, besides an old schoolfriend of mine, who often broadcasts himself.

'Naturally, the hardest part of my task was to fit what I had to say with the illustrations, all into 15 minutes. That took a lot of doing, but proved to be very accurately calculated. I had reckoned on the course of Stedman being 'faded out' after a few sixes, but the director of our rehearsal found it so musical, that he requested the announcer to give us a little extra time for the performance and let us complete it.

'At the rehearsal I was told that I had only one thing to bear in mind, and that was not to deafen the audience. I had to subdue my natural speaking voice considerably. When I got downstairs from the studio, a banker at Pinchley was inquiring for me on the telephone. He said that he had spent a most enjoyable quarter of an hour, and would like to hear more of the same kind. (I had met him the day before and told him about the broadcast.)

'I find that several groups of parishioners listened in here (Kington Magna) by means of the few wireless sets available, and all heard very clearly. The practical question is how many of the general public, apart from personal acquaintances, heard and were really interested?

'Before the rehearsal I tested the handbells through the ear-phones in the studio, and was quite astonished at the wonderfully

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## ANOTHER PEAL OF TEN FOR LEICESTER.

Leicester is to have another ring of ten bells. That fine peal of eight at the Church of St. John-the-Divine (with a tenor of 21 cwt.), universally regarded as one of the finest octaves in the country, is to be augmented by two trebles, and the frame reconstructed to hold them all on one level. The whole is the generous gift of Mr. and Mrs. William Willson, of Leicester. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are entrusted with the order, and when completed the bells will be a glorious ring of ten.

Mr. Willson is one of the best-known figures in ringing circles in the Midlands, and has been connected with the tower at St. John-the-Divine's Church ever since the peal was originally installed in 1901.

Leicester already possesses a fine peal of twelve by Messrs. Taylor and Co., at St. Margaret's Church, a ring of ten at the Cathedral, and rings of eight at St. Saviour's, St. Mark's and St. Mary's, but the two last-named are unringable.

## THE POLICE GUILD.

A meeting of police ringers will be held at Leicester on Saturday, December 1st. The proposed programme is as follows: Visit Messrs. Taylor's Foundry, Loughborough, during the morning, with ringing at the Foundry Campanile. Ringing at Leicester from 2 p.m., various towers will be available. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by a social evening to conclude about 9 p.m. Week-end tickets are now available to return Saturday evening by any train. Will any police officers who are interested and will attend please notify P.C. H. J. Poole, 326, Narborough Road, Leicester, stating whether they will require tea?

## LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCHES MEET.

The picturesque garden village of Port Sunlight, Cheshire, was the venue of a joint meeting of the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association and the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild on Saturday—a meeting that was successful in every way. A beautiful day, a good peal of bells, an excellent tea, and an opportunity of renewing old acquaintanceships and making new ones—what more could one desire? A large number of members of both societies were present, and the bells were kept going, with but a short interval for tea, in a variety of methods.

After tea, which was kindly provided by Lord Leverhulme, Mr. W. M. Seale (secretary of the Church Committee) presided at the business meeting, and after apologising for the absence of the minister (who was in Scotland) said how pleased he was to be at that meeting. It was the first of its kind he had attended, and he hoped it would not be the last. He was very pleased to see so many young members present, especially the young ladies, and said he considered bellringing was a valuable training in many ways, mentally and physically, and he hoped they would continue to give of their best in a true spirit of service.

After the business of the Lancashire Association had been disposed of, the Secretary of the Wirral Branch proposed a vote of thanks to Lord Leverhulme for providing the tea, and to the church authorities for allowing the use of the bells.—This was seconded by the Liverpool Branch secretary, and unanimously carried.

The company then returned to the tower, and some good touches in various methods were brought round, all present, no matter what their capabilities—learner or expert—being accommodated.

These combined meetings cannot but be productive of good, bringing the members of both Guilds into closer touch with each other and assisting to advance in every way the art in which we are all so interested.

W. J. B.

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clear and musical effect. Several correspondents have commented on the same thing. One friend in the musical profession asked whether I was playing on a dulcitone!

The handbells, a light set in C by Mears and Stainbank, were kindly lent by the Rector of St. Clement Dances, Strand.

## AN APPRECIATION.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I through your columns express my appreciation of the very interesting and instructive demonstration on 'The English Art of Bellringing', broadcast on the 19th inst. Great credit is due to the Central Council for arranging this long-looked-for item on campanology, also to the Rev. F. L. Edwards, whose explicit lecture, I sincerely hope, travelled to many thousands of 'listeners.' The course of Stedman was delightful, and must have given food for thought to countless numbers.

It is to my mind most essential that the 'outside public' should have some idea of what is going on in the tower, both the bells and the work engaging the minds of the ringers. Let me also add how much I enjoy a well-struck touch that we occasionally hear on a Sunday evening. What could be nicer to the ear, or a finer advertisement to gain recruits? May we have the pleasure of a few more of these happy moments.—Yours delightedly,

C. W. PIPE.

### GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL JOINT DISTRICT MEETING.

The experiment of a joint district meeting was tried by the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday, when members of the Guildford and Leatherhead Districts gathered at Shere, which many people claim to be the prettiest village in Surrey. Lying unspoiled, astride the little Tillingbourne river, the place certainly has many claims to this distinction, for not only is it situated in beautiful surroundings, but has about it an old-world charm which impresses all its visitors—its lime-tree avenue, its quaint gabled cottages, its picturesque church on the bank of the stream, and its ancient White Horse inn, all help to make it one of the most delightful spots in the county.

The church has a central tower and ring of eight bells—nothing, perhaps, to brag about in quality, but a useful peal and a commodious ringing chamber. The back six were cast by Richard Phelps in 1712, and the two trebles were added between thirty and forty years ago. But even in the time of Edward VI. Shere had five bells, 'the heste bie estimacion xvij e, the next xiiij e, and so after the rate.' According to the churchwardens' accounts the bells were new cast in 1590, but the bell founder did his work so ill that a suit was instituted against him, in which they expended £4 2s. What the result of the law case was we do not know.

Over forty ringers, including several ladies, assembled for the meeting from Banstead, Capel, Chertsey, Cranleigh, Dorking, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Leatherhead, Ottershaw, Shere, West Clandon and Woking, and excellent use was made of the bells. In the absence of the Rector (the Rev. Sir Paget Bowman) the Rev. H. C. G. Aldridge officiated at the service, and gave a very practical address. He also presided at the tea which followed at the White Horse. He was supported by the Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse), Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer) and Mrs. Walker, Messrs. W. Harrison (chairman of the Executive Committee), J. S. Goldsmith (general hon. secretary), C. Hazelden (Ringing Master, Guildford District), A. Harman (Ringing Master, Leatherhead District), N. V. Harding (Guildford District secretary), W. Melville (Guildford District assistant secretary), F. G. Woodiss (Leatherhead District secretary), H. J. Chaffey (Chertsey District secretary), etc.

By arrangement there was no business transacted, but on the call of the Master a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (who had sent an expression of great regret that he was unable to be present), to the Rev. H. C. G. Aldridge, and to the organist.

Many of the ringers returned to the tower, and others went to the adjoining village of Albury, which, like its neighbour, is on the ancient 'Pilgrim's Way.' The Parish Church, a red brick building, lies upon the hillside overlooking the village, and was opened in 1841. In the previous church had been five bells, cast by William Eldridge, in 1695. These were removed to the new tower, the fifth being recast, and a new treble added by Thomas Mears. The bells (kindly placed at the Guild's disposal by Canon F. N. Skene) are woefully out of tune, and the fittings much dilapidated. Movable stays are attached to the headstocks and move from side to side as the bells turn, coming to rest against a fixed pin in the side of the bell cage. It is really a case of having the 'slider' on the headstock, and the stay affixed to the frame. It is hoped that something may be done to get these bells put into proper order. Those who visited the church rang Minor and Doubles.

The joint meeting of the districts was a very successful venture, and will doubtless lead to the arrangement of similar gatherings on district borders.

The members present were extremely interested in a group photograph which Mr. R. Whittington brought for inspection. It was a picture taken at a meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild held at Shere in the year 1905, and contains over 80 faces. Some have gone to the 'great beyond,' others are scattered to distant parts of the world, but it was interesting to note how many there were who are still taking their part in ringing in the district, though 'Time' is steadily making his mark upon them. Staid and gray to-day are many who at the time of this picture were in their 'lean and callow youth'; others, then in the prime of early manhood, now begin to wear the imprint of veterans. A few were present on Saturday, and the spirit and the will to do is still to be found in them; indeed, to their initiative largely has been due the founding of the new Guild, which is endeavouring to encourage in the diocese a renewed vigour and interest in belfry work.

### AN AFTERNOON AT WORMINGFORD.

A gathering of friends was held at Wormingford Parish Church on Saturday, September 22nd, when an enjoyable afternoon was spent by visitors from Ardleigh, Bures, Little Horsham, West Bergholt (Essex) and Lavenham (Suffolk). The parishioners were afforded much pleasure by the ringing, as the bells at this church are very little rung. The touches included 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Gusterson 1, E. Leggett 2, A. Ives 3, S. Davey 4, H. Bacon 5, A. Symonds (conductor) 6; also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, A. Symonds 2, C. Bower 3, W. Gusterson 4, E. Leggett 5, and W. Chalk 6; and 240 changes of Double Court. The visitors' thanks are due to the Vicar, also to Mr. E. Leggett (Wormingford) for arranging this pleasant gathering.

### DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I venture to think that anyone who read Mr. J. E. Wheelodon's letter in your issue of June 29th last would regret to find in the new Collection, when published, any less than the full number of regular methods possible in this class.

Mr. J. W. Parker, in a letter which appeared on June 22nd, stated that there are only five Double methods capable of producing a true extent, having regular lead-ends, and without any bell striking more than twice consecutively in one place. I beg to differ. I find the number of methods conforming to the three conditions set out above to be not five only but nine.

I suggest that the Exercise be informed in your columns which are the five methods it is proposed to insert in the 'Collection,' so that the remainder may be forwarded without delay.—Yours faithfully,

A. G. DRIVER.

60, Coleman Road,  
Belvedere, Kent.

[In 'The Ringing World' of September 7th the names of the five methods added to the Surprise list were: 42, Biddulph; 43, Cheddleton; 44, Hanley; 45, Horton; 46, Milton.—Ed. 'R.W.']

### RECOGNITION OF PEAL REFUSED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The committee of the South-West Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers direct me to inform you that the peal of Bob Major rung at Emmanuel Church, Plymouth (Compton Gifford) on August 4th, 1928, composed and conducted by C. R. Lilley, will not be recognised by the Guild as the conductor refuses to publish the composition.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. MARSH,  
Hon. Secretary.

September 21st, 1928.

### THE CATCHPOLE AND MOTTS MEMORIAL.

We beg to acknowledge the following subscriptions to the fund towards the erection of a memorial to the memory of the late Messrs. W. L. Catchpole and James Motts in the ringing chamber of St. Mary-le-Tower Church. Any further subscriptions will be thankfully received by either C. J. Sedgley, 14, Suffolk Road, Ipswich, or G. E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich, secretary, St. Mary-le-Tower Society.

Already acknowledged £12 0s. 6d., Rev. R. Copeman 2s. 6d., G. N. Price 5s., W. Roughton 5s., James George 3s., A. Stanley Boar 2s. 6d.; total £12 18s. 6d.

### CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

#### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT RICHMOND.

Richmond was the venue of the autumn meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association on Saturday, September 15th, and a most enjoyable half-day was spent. The eight bells were merrily in peal before 3 o'clock, and ringing continued until 8 p.m., with only a break for tea. The ringing was truly excellent for mixed hands, and the touches rung of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were all well struck. It is worthy of note that every touch attempted was successful.

Some 25 members sat down to tea, and the ringers were honoured with the company of both churchwardens, who, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector, gave the visitors a very hearty welcome. The ringers were sorry that their old friend, Mr. Morton, of the Richmond band, was called away from home, and could not be with them.

A short meeting took place after tea, and the thanks of the association were tendered to the church authorities for the use of the bells.

It was decided to revive the pre-Lent meeting of the association, and it was resolved that this meeting should be held on a Saturday at Northallerton.

A notice of motion that the annual subscription of ringing members be raised to 2s., and that such members be presented with an annual report was fully discussed, and met with the approval of the meeting.

There is no doubt that this was one of the most successful and happy autumn meetings which the association has held. It is hoped that more such meetings may be held, and members confidently look forward to a successful half-day at Northallerton.

Ringers attended from Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Shildon, Thirsk, Middlesbrough, and the local company.

### DATE TOUCH.

At Holy Trinity Church, Kendal, Westmorland, on Saturday, September 22nd, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,928 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 15 mins.: R. Dennison 1, E. Jennings (conductor) 2, W. Nevinston 3, T. H. Newton 4, W. Atkinson 5, W. Robinson 6, L. J. Heap 7, W. Salmon 8.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****MEETING AT RIPON.**

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Ripon on Saturday, September 15th, when the fine ring of ten at the Cathedral and the ring of eight at Sharow were placed at the disposal of the members. The weather being gloriously fine, a gathering assembled from a very wide area.

**RIPON CATHEDRAL.**

The day's proceedings commenced with a meeting of the general committee, which was held in the Cathedral Hall, which had been placed at the disposal of the association by the courtesy of the Dean of Ripon. Tea was served to some 70 members in the neighbouring Granville Hotel. This was followed by the general meeting in the Cathedral Hall. The president occupied the chair, and was supported by the principal officers of the association.

Miss Phillips Marjorie Leach and Messrs. Wain, Reece and William Duncan, of Reepham, were elected as members.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J. Lawson, J. Broadley, J. H. Blakiston and G. Halksworth.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Dean of Ripon for his courtesy in granting the use of the Cathedral bells was proposed by the president, and, being seconded, was carried with acclamation.

A vote of thanks to the local ringers was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson (general secretary), seconded by Mr. W. Barton.

At this moment the Dean entered the meeting, and in a short but delightful speech extended a most cordial greeting to the association, and expressed his good wishes. He trusted that a further visit to Ripon would be paid in the near future.—Mr. Tingle replied on behalf of the local ringers.

More ringing and train time brought to a close a most pleasant and delightful meeting.

**AN OUTING WITH A PURPOSE.**

The ringers of St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, had a very successful outing to Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, on Saturday, September 15th, and a thoroughly enjoyable day was spent in company with the ringers of St. Mary's, Burnham. Arriving at Burnham in the morning, the party were met at the station by the old captain of St. Ann's, Mr. T. C. Ringrose, who has gone to Burnham to live in retirement, and who has thrown in his lot with the local band. Some very good ringing was done on a good-going peal of six bells. The visitors were of great assistance to the local band, as they are young in the art of method ringing, but eager to get on. Two 720's of Plain Bob were brought round, one in which three of the local band took part and ringing their first 720. The first 720 was rung in 28 mins. by T. C. Ringrose 1, E. G. Hibble 2, T. G. Deal 3, H. Blee 4, C. Ross 5, F. E. Ringrose (conductor) 6; the second 720 by Mr. Stebbings, sen. (first 720) 1, T. G. Deal 2, Mr. Stebbings, jun. (first 720) 3, F. E. Ringrose 4, C. Ross (conductor) 5, E. Rouse (first 720) 6.

After some sightseeing, the party enjoyed further ringing, and then adjourned to the residence of Mr. T. C. Ringrose, where a very substantial meal was provided and greatly appreciated. Handbell ringing was then indulged in on the lawn, but all too soon it was time to return to the station en route for home. Thus ended a very perfect day.

**WOODCHURCH, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday, September 23rd, 720 of Plain Bob Minor at the Parish Church: R. Bennett 1, J. Johnson 2, W. Bennett 3, G. Philips 4, H. Martin 5, H. Philips (conductor) 6. Rung for the harvest festival.

**BIRTHDAY RINGING.**

At St. Mary's Church, Putney, on Wednesday evening, September 12th, previous to the usual practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by A. Williams 1, J. Herbert 2, T. Bolton 3, W. W. Bailey 4, W. H. Ball 5, Robt. Bullen 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, G. F. Edwards 8. Rung in celebration of Mr. Thomas Bolton's 67th birthday, the band wishing him 'many happy returns.' A move was subsequently made to a 'place, etc.,' where the toast of the genial master was suitably honoured.

**ASHTON MEN AT SHEFFIELD.**

Members and friends of the Ashton-under-Lyne Parish Church had an outing to Sheffield on Saturday, September 1st. Arriving at 3.30 p.m. on a glorious day, the party visited All Saints' Church, Pitsmoor, where a new peal of eight bells has been installed. At five o'clock they journeyed to the Cathedral. Here several touches of Treble Bob and Stedman were rung until seven o'clock, after which tea was partaken of. After tea, a social evening was spent, and several touches on the handbells were rung. Many thanks are due to the Sheffield company for the enthusiastic reception given to the visitors.

**PAIGNTON, DEVON.**—On Thursday evening, July 26th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: A. L. Pope 1, J. Huxley 2, F. F. Gover 3, A. L. Bennett (Buckfastleigh) 4, C. F. Austin 5, F. E. Parnell 6, E. Stitch (Port Talbot) (conductor) 7, C. Boyce 8. First quarter-peal by Mr. Huxley, and first quarter-peal by Mr. Pope away from the treble.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On Sunday, September 23rd, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins.: H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 1, O. H. Surridge 2, T. Blow 3, A. Kendall 4, J. G. Blow 5, W. H. L. Buckingham 6, F. Kirk 7, J. Sanders 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the ringers of the 2nd and 7th.

**COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, September 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,187 changes) in 47 mins., composed by John Carter: E. Wase 1, J. Stauier 2, R. Evans 3, W. Wase 4, A. Pritchard (first quarter-peal on ten) 5, W. Lago 6, J. Hanley 7, W. Saunders (conductor) 8, H. Bixom 9, L. Jones 10.

**SIMPSON, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, September 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): Miss B. Cox 1, R. Underwood 2, H. Giles 3, A. E. Hanks 4, J. Clare 5, C. W. Smith (conductor) 6. This was the first quarter-peal of Minor on the bells and the first quarter of Minor by all the band except H. Giles and the conductor.

**FULHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, for evening service on Sunday, September 16th, 1,280 Bob Royal in 49 mins.: H. C. Page (first quarter-peal of Bob Royal) 1, H. A. Folkard 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. Ellis (first quarter-peal of Bob Royal with an inside bell) 4, W. H. Hollier 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, F. Skelington (conductor) 7, H. Harding 8, H. Belcher 9, A. W. Coles 10.

**BRIGHTON.**—On Sunday, September 16th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, for evening service, 1,251 Stedman Caters: F. N. Smeaton 1, \*K. Snelling 2, \*R. Johnson 3, H. Raun 4, \*B. Wells 5, \*A. H. Drew 6, F. Bennett (conductor) 7, \*N. Elliott 8, O. Sippetts 9, \*E. Higgin 10. \* First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

**BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Plain Bob: R. Wood 1, A. Goot 2, E. T. Exeter 3, A. Steele 4, A. E. Gasson 5, A. C. Gasson (conductor) 6. Rang as a birthday compliment to the youngest daughter of the conductor.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Sunday, September 16th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,285 changes) in 54 mins.: W. Rogers (conductor) 1, F. Wilford 2, F. J. Taylor 3, F. Rollins 4, H. Blundell 5, W. Farey 6, E. Hopper 7, E. Sibley 8, G. Favell 9, A. Monk 10. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Rogers, G. Favell and F. Wilford, their birthdays coming on September 13th, 14th and 15th respectively.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Sunday, September 16th, at Christ Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes, composed by G. Hollis): F. J. Daniels 1, R. G. Townsend 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, J. S. Roberts 4, W. W. T. Daniels 5, J. Berry 6, H. Wheeler 7, H. W. Bishop 8, W. G. Lancaster 9, A. E. W. Smith 10.

**BICESTER, OXON.**—On Sunday, September 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. Hatfield 1, Lucas, sen., 2, Rev. F. J. Amies 3, W. Scarrott 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, A. Clifton 6, E. Hims 7, B. Cox 8. Arranged for Mr. Lucas, who is staying near Bicester on holiday, and also for the Rev. F. J. Amies, who afterwards conducted evensong.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, September 16th, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. J. Lewis, jun., 1, H. L. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis, sen., 3, W. G. Cook 4, H. S. Parsons 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, W. Wrigley 8.

**BUSHY, HERTS.**—On Sunday, September 16th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: \*H. Dale 1, \*F. Stacey 2, \*E. Aylett 3, P. Parsloe 4, M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor) 5, F. A. Smith 6, W. Seeley 7, \*J. Evans 8. \* First quarter-peal. † First quarter in method.

**CHARING, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, September 16th, after service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) (Morris' arrangement): Allen Missing (first quarter) 1, Fred Good 2, Wallace Good 3, William Henniker 4, Alexander Waddington (first quarter as conductor) 5, Bert Foreman (first quarter) 6. The three 'first quarter men' are from Egerton, and have had most of their practice at Charing.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, for the Dedication festival, in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): Miss D. Richards 1, G. Large 2, W. Richards 3, J. Philipps 4, F. Smith 5, L. Strong 6, P. Heath 7, A. Rowley 8, A. Parnell (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes): Miss D. Richards 1, F. Hannington 2, F. Smith 3, W. Richards 4, G. Large 5, L. Strong 6, P. Heath 7, A. Parnell 8, J. Philipps (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

**LATE NOTICE.**

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for October: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 7th, at 10 a.m. Monday, 8th, quarterly meeting at 6.30 and 22nd at 7.30. St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesdays, 2nd, and 30th at 8.—S. C. Moye, General Secretary.

**NOTICES.**

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**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Woodbridge will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea 4.15 at the Café (next churchyard), 9d. each.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business at 6 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Little, Vicar of Blackpool.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION** will hold their quarterly meeting and a 6-bell contest at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d. each.—L. Hargreaves, 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m., service 4.45; tea at 5.30. A good attendance is requested.—H. J. Chaffey, Hon. Sec., Upper Childown, Longcross, Chertsey.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Uxbridge Deanery.—The quarterly meeting will be held at East Brent on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30, to be followed by tea and business meeting.—L. G. Tanner, 51, Oxford Street, Weston-super-Mare.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Next general quarterly meeting, Mansfield, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells open from 2 p.m. Committee meet at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (plain 1s. each, 'fancies' extra), followed by general meeting; all in Church Institute. It is hoped that a good number will be present. All members with subscriptions outstanding please pay up at once and so assist your committee.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Royston (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Beale's Café. Will all those requiring tea please notify D. C. Mears, Hon. Dis. Sec., School House, Offley, Hitchin?

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Sleaford District.—A meeting will be held at Heckington on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Bells (8), which have just been rehung, available from 2.30 p.m.—Reginald Scott, Westlea House, Sleaford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cowden on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Crown Inn after service, followed by business meeting. Tea 1s. per head. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A special general meeting will be held at Northampton on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Service in St. Edmund's Church at 3.45 p.m., with address by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The bells available are St. Giles' (10) and St. Edmund's (8) before service, and St. Peter's (8) and St. Sepulchre's (8) afterwards.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, near Kettering.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 29th, at Brown Candover. Bells (5), New Alresford (6). Bells available 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. All ringers welcomed.—Cyril Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Somborne.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, September 29th. Bells open from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage, 5 p.m.—G. Way, 1a, Seymour Road, Bishopston, Bristol.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Eynesbury, on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m.; St. Neots (8) 6 p.m. Service 4.30, tea 5 p.m.—C. Fields, District Sec., High St., St. Neots, Hunts.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pencombe on Saturday next, Sept. 29th. Bells (6) at 3 o'clock. Service 4. Tea 4.30.—A. Tomkins, Dis. Sec., Post Office, Bredenbury.

**DEVON GUILD.**—South-West Branch.—A meeting will be held at Buckland Monachorum to-morrow (Saturday), Sept. 29th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea (free to members) and meeting 5 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m.—E. W. Marsh, Hon. Sec., 13, Edith Avenue, Lipson, Plymouth.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Rickmansworth, Saturday, Sept. 29th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea (1s. 3d.) 5.45. Cheap trains from London, etc.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey. (Tel. City 4270.)

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral or the Coffee Pot on Oct. 2nd and 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 4th, St. Magnus' on the 11th and 25th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn on the 18th. All at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The third quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (10) will be available from 3 p.m. till 5 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the tower at 4.30 p.m. In the evening, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., St. Peter's bells (10) will be open for ringing. All ringers welcome at both towers.—Fredk. W. Bailey, Hon. Local Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Oct. 3rd?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (6) ready from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) recently recast by Gillett and Johnston, available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. will be provided at 1s. 3d. per head for those who notify Mr. D. Dawson, 42, West View, Clitheroe, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 3rd. Meeting at 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Finchampstead, Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in the school, by kind invitation of the Rector, at 5. Please let me know by Tuesday, Oct. 2nd. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. H. W. Blackburne, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tower open from 2 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Election of officers, etc. A card by Oct. 4th will be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, October 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea advise P. Webb, Ickleton, Cambs., by October 2nd?—S. Warrington, District Sec., Long Stanton, Cambs.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. The arrangements for tea will be made on the day. All are welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mimms, Hatfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual tea party and social will be held in St. Thomas' Church Schools, Newhey, on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Tea on tables at 5 p.m. Tickets may be had from Mr. S. S. Fitton, 23, Huddersfield Road, Newhey. Gentlemen 2s. each. Ladies 1s. 9d. each. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Longton on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., for all who notify me not later than Oct. 3rd.—C. S. Ryles, Hon. Sec., 72, Station Road, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent.

**JOINT MEETING.—LADIES' GUILD** (Northern Section) & **SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—Next meeting at Handsworth on October 6th. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Visitors please notify Mr. J. Garth, Schoolhouse, St. Joseph's Road, Handsworth, not later than Oct. 3rd, and oblige.—Mrs. H. Jacques, Mr. R. Harrison, Hon. Secs.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittlesea on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available from 4 p.m. A good attendance is requested, all ringers and friends being welcome.—W. A. Cope, Smockington, Hinckley.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Guild service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Llangibby on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Timberscombe on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Evening song 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Kindly let me know if you intend to be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Chilcompton, Bath.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berkshire Branch.—The branch autumn meeting will be held at Cumnor on Saturday, Oct. 6th. 3.30 p.m.: Service in the Parish Church. Preacher: Rev. Couchman. 4.30 p.m.: Tea at the Village Hall at 1s. per head to members. Business meeting to follow. The names of other towers open for ringing will be given out at the meeting. Members who intend to be present must let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd. Subscriptions for 1928 should be in my hands before this date.—A. E. Lock, Hon. Sec., 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The autumn meeting of the Reading branch of the above Guild will be held at Shinfield and Arborfield on Saturday, Oct. 6th. Bells of both towers available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at Shinfield Vicarage at 5 p.m., followed by a short service at 6 p.m. Please notify the secretary if able to attend by Wednesday, Oct. 3rd.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.**—Highclere, Hants.—Saturday, Oct. 6th, dedication of two new trebles, by the Bishop of Winchester. Service at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify not later than Oct. 3rd for tea.—F. J. Knapp, Highclere Farm, Highclere, Newbury.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford and opening of the new ring of six at Great Easton, Sunday, Oct. 7th. Service 11 a.m. Ringing immediately after the service and during the afternoon. Tea will be provided free to all who send their names to Mr. J. Bartrop, Great Easton, Dunmow, not later than Thursday, Oct. 4th. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Dedication of two trebles at Great Bardfield by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, Sunday, Oct. 7th, at 3 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 13th, the bells will be formally opened. Ringers' office 4.30 p.m.

Tea, 5 p.m., provided free to all who send their names to Mr. F. Suckling, Great Bardfield, Braintree, not later than Thursday, Oct. 11th. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. Arnold, Hon. Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The postponed September meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Ringing (10 bells) from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and social evening. Southern Railway from Victoria, Clapham Junction, etc. Ask for cheap day tickets to Hackbridge. Buses 87 and 89 over Hackbridge Station. A good attendance requested. Names for tea to J. Herbert, Hon. Sec., 17, Grimston Road, S.W.6.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Meeting at Tottenham, Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea, usual terms, at 5.30. Please advise me. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, at 1s. 6d. a head, to all who notify Mr. W. Taylor, Tower House, Penwortham, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Tea 1s. per head. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. Please notify not later than Tuesday, Oct. 9th. All ringers welcome.—C. H. Sone, Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The next meeting will be held at Bentley on Oct. 13th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Oct. 10th.—B. H. Clark, 17, St. James' Avenue, Farnham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirk Ella, near Hull, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., in the Wheat-sheaf Hotel, at 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. A. H. Fox, 64, De la Pole Avenue, Hull, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 291st anniversary dinner will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, Fenn, Groombridge, Hawkins, Hibbert, Horton, Hughes, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roughton, Rushton, Rowbotham, A. Walker, Winney, Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—Preliminary Notice.—A gathering of old members, present members and friends will take place at Coventry on Saturday, Nov. 24th, to celebrate the coming-of-age of the Guild, which was formed on Nov. 23rd, 1907. The Craven Arms has been

booked for dinner, to be followed by a social evening, for which an excellent programme is being arranged. It is hoped that all members will keep this date open. Details will be published in these columns later.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 6, Frederick Street, Rugby.

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On Saturday, September 16th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Bartholomew's Church, Marsden, Yorks, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Wakefield to consecrate a new burial ground and dedicate a new lych gate. This was probably the last public appearance of the Bishop (Dr. Eden) prior to his retirement: L. Byram 1, S. Whitehead 2, G. Scawthorn 3, G. Wright 4, H. Shaw 5, C. Hoyle 6, A. Carter 7, H. Hoyle (conductor) 8. All the above are Sunday service ringers at St. Bartholomew's Church, Marsden.

#### A VISIT TO BRIGHTON.

On Saturday, September 8th, the ringers of St. Nicolas', North Stoneham, together with the Rector, Rev. T. Salmon, had their annual outing, when they journeyed to Brighton by car. They arrived at St. Peter's Church at 11.45, and were met by Mr. K. Hart. Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples on the back eight were rung. In the afternoon they visited St. Nicholas' Church, where Mr. F. Bennett had all in readiness. Two courses of Double Norwich and a course of Grandsire Caters were tapped off on this handy ring of ten. Accompanied by Mr. Bennett, the party then went on to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Dyke Road, where several of the local band welcomed them, and on this new peal Cambridge and Grandsire Triples were brought round. The visitors proceeded to Shoreham where they had tea, and afterwards were met at the tower by several local ringers, touches of London, Double Norwich and Grandsire being rung. After refreshments at a hostelry kept by a well-known ringer, the journey home was made. Thanks are due to the various incumbents for the use of their bells, and also to the many ringing friends who met the party and made them so welcome. The company were sorry not to have with them Messrs. G. Pullinger and D. C. Williams, both of whom were indisposed.

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