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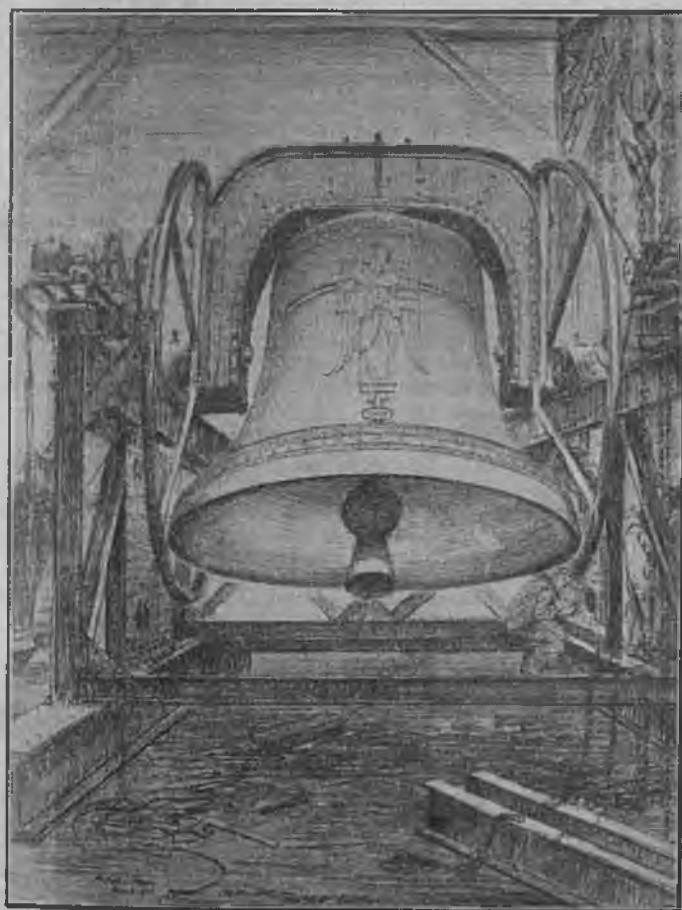
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### CHURCH BELLS A LUXURY?

There are still some strange notions existing with regard to church bells. The Lincoln Diocesan Board of Finance have recently declared church bells to be a luxury and on that ground, therefore, have refused a grant towards the restoration of the bells at Navenby. Such a declaration seems to us to form a bad precedent, because there are other articles in the furnishings of a church which could, with equal justification, be brought into the same category and assistance denied to their renovation for the same reason. It may well be that the Diocesan Board prefers to devote its funds to other purposes, but it is the reason for and not the actual refusal of the grant which we desire to question. First of all we hold that church bells are not primarily a luxury. It is laid down in the Book of Common Prayer that a bell shall be tolled at a convenient time before the beginning of morning and evening prayer; therefore a bell maintained in proper repair is a necessity demanded by the laws of the Church. A ring of bells, in our view, derive the same importance when substituted for a single bell; and their proper maintenance is a duty which devolves upon the church authorities. Whether or not any Diocesan Finance Board will help a bell restoration fund is a matter within their own discretion, but they cannot justifiably say that bells are luxuries. If they do so they must equally dub the church organ a luxury, and with more justification, because, as far as we know, the organ finds no mention in the directions for the conduct of worship. Yet we wonder if the Lincoln Diocesan Finance Board would refuse to assist a fund for the restoration of an organ purely on the ground that it was a 'luxury'?

But let us, for the moment, assume that bells are luxuries; is that any reason why a Diocesan Board of Finance should refuse to assist a bell restoration fund? If it were asked merely to assist in the installation of a new peal or even in the augmentation of an existing peal, the refusal could, perhaps, be understood if it is assumed that it is a luxury, but the question of the restoration of a ring of bells is another matter. The Church authorities are liable for the maintenance of all property in their care, and those who have in the past accepted and who still from time to time accept the custody of a new peal of bells, do so with the knowledge that they and their successors will be held responsible for the upkeep of this part of the church's equipment, just as much as they are for the maintenance of the organ, or the surplices of the choir. They cannot shelve their responsibility on the ground that bells are a 'luxury,' and, as Diocesan Finance Boards are established (inter

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alia) to assist by grants or payments of money, the equipment, maintenance and repair of churches, it seems strange that the excuse of 'luxury' should have been put forward in the diocese of Lincoln, when a request of this kind was made. In this instance, however, the Board's action has had what was probably an unlooked for sequel, for the Parochial Church Council of Navenby, faced with an extension of their burying ground and still requiring £150 to complete the restoration of the bells, have declined for the present to make any further collections on behalf of the diocesan fund!

### TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. Treble	GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 6
JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 2	FRANK PONTING ... .. 7
TREVOR PRITCHARD ... .. 3	EX. SGZ. J. WILLIAMS ... .. 8
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 4	GEORGE CONDICK ... .. 9
JESSE GILLET ... .. 5	EDWARD PAUL ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung on the eve of the dedication festival.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

*GEORGE A. PICKERING ... .. Treble	ROBERT ANDERSON ... .. 6
WILLIAM STORY ... .. 2	JOHN FOREMAN ... .. 7
JOSEPH ROWELL ... .. 3	THOMAS T. GOSTON ... .. 8
JOHN ANDERSON ... .. 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 9
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... .. 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. Tenor

Composed by R. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since being rehung with all latest improvements, including ball bearings, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Rung after meeting short for Maximus.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7
*GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 8
ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 4	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. Treble	TITUS BARLOW ... .. 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 6
JOHN POTTER ... .. 3	ERNEST BIRCHALL ... .. 7
JOHN BOOTH ... .. 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Sam Jones, jun., and Miss Nellie Reeves, at Eccleston, Cheshire.

## LYE, WORCS.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

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

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

*WILLIAM SMITH... ..	Treble	WILLIAM C. COOPER ... ..	5
HAROLD V. COOPER ... ..	2	WILLIAM GIBBS ... ..	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE... ..	3	THOMAS HEMMING ... ..	7
BENJAMIN GOUGH ... ..	4	JOHN LLOYD... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HEMMING.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the local captain, Mr. Alfred Boxley, and Miss Connie Pardoe. The band, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Boxley for their kind hospitality after the peal.

## DORE, SHEFFIELD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

FRED WATKINSON ... ..	Treble	WALTER BINGHAM ... ..	5
*JOHN W. SYKES... ..	2	GEORGE O. DIXON ... ..	6
*ARTHUR S. ROBINSON ... ..	3	*ARTHUR PASHLEY ... ..	7
†FRED CARDWELL ... ..	4	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS. Conducted by J. E. LEWIS COCKEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First in the method as conductor. Rung for the festival of St. Matthew, and in honour of and immediately following the wedding of Miss E. Dunford and Mr. L. S. Jessop at the above church.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 24, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW ... ..	Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY ... ..	5
J. ALBERT HELLIWELL ... ..	2	J. HENRY CHARLESWORTH... ..	6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER... ..	3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... ..	7
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... ..	4	WILLIAM HARRISON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN A. BREARLEY

First peal in the method as conductor.

## OLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT ... ..	Treble	JOHN BARBER ... ..	5
THOMAS J. SALTER ... ..	2	JOHN SMITH ... ..	6
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ..	3	JOHN LLOYD ... ..	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... ..	4	ALFRED HACKETT ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Arranged for John Barber, of Wednesbury, who was proposed a life member before starting; also a compliment to Tom Greenhall, of the Halesowen company, on attaining his majority.

## LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

CHARLES W. COOK ... ..	Treble	MRS. E. WAKELING ... ..	5
FRED J. COOK ... ..	2	HAROLD J. HAZELL ... ..	6
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... ..	3	GEORGE E. CRISP ... ..	7
ERNEST WAKELING ... ..	4	FRANK WARRINGTON ... ..	Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. COOK. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON

In this composition, now rung for the first time, the 2nd is never in sixth's. Mrs. Wakeling was elected a member previous to the peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. J. White, of Redlands, Long Stanton, to Miss M. Bridgewater, of London; also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wakeling.

## WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

LOUIS A. WILSON ... ..	Treble	*CHARLES J. GARDINER ... ..	5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... ..	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE... ..	6
ALFRED E. REEVES ... ..	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... ..	7
GILBERT H. HARDING ... ..	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... ..	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

## PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GREEN ... ..	Treble	*ALBERT NASH ... ..	5
JOHN R. BREARLEY ... ..	2	ARTHUR GILL ... ..	6
WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... ..	3	JOHN A. BREARLEY ... ..	7
ARCHIE BREARLEY ... ..	4	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... ..	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN A. BREARLEY

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON, SEN. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON ... ..	5
ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... ..	GEORGE AMBLER ... ..	6
PERCY J. JOHNSTONE ... ..	VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... ..	7
ROWLAND MYERS... ..	WILLIAM AMBLER ... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Robt. W. Jennison, P. J. Johnson and H. Lindsay.

## BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... ..	Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... ..	5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... ..	2	*HENRY JENNINGS ... ..	6
HARRY BARTON ... ..	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... ..	7
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... ..	4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... ..	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

\* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest thanksgiving.

## FEERING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... ..	Treble	*JOSEPH JENNINGS ... ..	5
INSPECTOR F. RIDGWELL ... ..	2	WILLIAM KERBLE ... ..	6
JAMES FLEUTY ... ..	3	WALTER ARNOLD ... ..	7
FRANK CLAYDON ... ..	4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KERBLE

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

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**BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.**

WILLIAM STANNARD ... .. Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 5
ALPHEUS J. BERRY ... .. 2	GARNHAM A. BLANCELL ... 6
JAMES CHINERY ... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 7
ARTHUR E. MOORE ... .. 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.  
~~It is the first time since the last peal was rung on these bells.~~

**HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.**

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,*

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12 cwt.**

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5
MISS FREDA E. ORR ... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
RONALD H. BULLEN ... .. 3	ALBERT DISKRENS ... .. 7
GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 4	JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells, in the county, and by this association, also by the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 6th, and the first inside by the ringer of the 7th. This is the 100th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

**WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Lawrence,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16 cwt.**

WILLIAM H. FLETCHER ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
*MISS K. E. FLETCHER ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

\* First peal.

**KIDLINGTON, OXON.**

**THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

**HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.**

**Tenor 23½ cwt.**

*FREDERICK NEALE ... Treble	FRANCIS TAYLOR ... .. 5
MRS. A. E. LOCK ... .. 2	GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 6
HARRY NEVILLE ... .. 3	WILLIAM STONE ... .. 7
WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 4	FRANK WEST ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged for the tenor ringer, who hails from Saunderton, Bucks.

**GUISELEY, YORKS.**

**THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Oswald,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

**HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.**

**Tenor 10½ cwt.**

WILLIAM WOODHEAD ... Treble	LEONARD DRAKE ... .. 5
JAMES A. TRALE ... .. 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... 7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY ... 4	HARRY SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

This peal was arranged for and rung on the occasion of Mr. Jos. Woodhead's 75th birthday, also as a birthday compliment to G. E. Lawson.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

**USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.**

**THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, September 12, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,*

*At the Parish Church,*

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

Consisting of eight 240's by A. J. Pitman and 28 six-scores, with ten different callings. **Tenor 14 cwt.**

*GEORGE KNIGHT ... Treble	†GEORGE HAWKINS ... .. 4
*EDWIN PERRY ... .. 2	DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. 5
LIONEL JONES ... .. 3	*EDWARD BOWYER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. G. CLIFT.

\* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells. All the ringers are under 19 years of age, the conductor being the youngest. Also the first peal on the bells by a local band.

**NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.**

**THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, September 25, 1928, in Three Hours,*

*At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,*

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

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. **Tenor 16 cwt.**

HUGH MCVAY ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 4
JAMES E. SCOTT ... .. 2	HENRY B. TAYLOR ... .. 5
EDWARD A. HERN ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD A. HERN.

**GRAMBLINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND.**

**THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

*On Wednesday, September 26, 1928, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Nicholas,*

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

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. **Tenor 20 cwt.**

HUGH MCVAY ... Treble	EDWARD A. HERN ... .. 4
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 2	OSWALD SIMM ... .. 5
JAMES E. SCOTT ... .. 3	ADAM DEAS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ADAM DEAS.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION**

*On Tuesday, September 25, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Wilfred,*

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

Being 42 six-scores in ten different callings. **Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.**

G. H. GALLAND ... Treble	EDWIN LEE ... .. 3
W. W. GARDNER ... .. 2	T. E. COPE ... .. 4

A. SMITHERINGALE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. LEE.

First peal by all the band, who are local service ringers.

**KIRKBY-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION**

*On Thursday, September 27, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Wilfred,*

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

Being 42 six-scores. **Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.**

G. H. GALLAND ... Treble	EDWIN LEE ... .. 3
W. W. GARDNER ... .. 2	T. E. COPE ... .. 4

A. SMITHERINGALE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LEE.

These two peals were rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the bells being rehung and augmented from three to five.

**SHARNBROOK, BEDS.**

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, September 29, 1928, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Peter,*

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

The Rev. E. Banks James' arrangement. **Tenor 9 cwt. 3 lb.**

WILLIAM SHARP ... Treble	WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 3	WALTER PERKINS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

This is the first time this arrangement has been rung in the county and by the association.



## THE HAMPSHIRE TOUR.

## DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL PEALS.

The following peals were rung during the recent Hampshire tour:—

## WINCHESTER.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, September 15, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. WITHIN

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 4 lb. in C.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 7
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... .. 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 9
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF, SEN. ... .. 10
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 11
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

## SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Monday, September 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 5
JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF, SEN. ... 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS  
First peal of London Surprise on the bells.

## EAST TYTHERLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Monday, September 17, 1928, in Three Hours and Four-and-a-Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

GABRIEL G. LINDOFF ... Treble	JOHN EVANS ... .. 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	ARTHUR E. SMITH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First peal, and bats from King's Somborne.

## ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tuesday, September 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 8 lb. in D.

EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (No. 1). Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS  
First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

## HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Tuesday, September 18, 1928, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 7
JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

## DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wednesday, September 19, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF, SEN. ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal of Bristol Surprise on the bells.

## SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wednesday, September 19, 1928, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

GABRIEL G. LINDOFF ... Treble	REGINALD BROWN ... .. 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 6
JOHN EVANS ... .. 3	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 7
HARRY BARTON ... .. 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

\* First peal of Major.

## BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Thursday, September 20, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF, JUN. ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... .. 2	HARRY BARTON ... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

## ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Friday, September 21, 1928, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 5
* GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	GABRIEL LINDOFF, SEN. ... .. 6
† GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

\* 1,100th peal. † 200th peal.

## PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Friday, September 21, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, September 22, 1928, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

JOHN EVANS ... .. Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 4	GABRIEL LINDOFF, SEN. ... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (No. 2). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

[Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.]

## THE INVASION OF HAMPSHIRE.

## JOTTINGS OF THE WEEK.

In pursuance of a promise to visit Hants, made in West Wales a year ago by the 'faithful couple,' and in response to the invitation of Mr. G. Williams, of Southampton, sixteen ringers assembled to tackle sixteen towers during the third week of September, and a brief report of what proved to be an excellent tour in delightful 'record weather,' amidst attractive surroundings on sea and land, may afford additional interest to the peal list which appears on another page of 'The Ringing World.'

At Winchester Cathedral the genial Mr. Wilfred Andrews received the party, and Mr. W. E. Taylor, of Maidenhead, on a cycling trip, helped to raise the bells in preparation for the peal. 'All present' was punctually reported to the Ringing Master. There is a certain amount of reluctance to grant permission for peal attempts on the part of Cathedral authorities, so in this case the team considered themselves highly privileged. The 9th bell was 'sulky,' as usual, and Mr. George Fletcher (like Mr. F. S. Bayley a year or so ago) had an unenviable task, and as much as he could do to 'coax' the bell to a finish. That sterling conductor, Mr. G. R. Pye, again proved his worth. Like our English coinage, he is practically the 'Georgius Rex' of the belfry, and does not need any 'hall mark.' He rings true. After half an hour's ringing the tenor thought fit to dispense with the services of Mr. Jenkins, by slipping his rope, but a mighty effort at 'hand' caused the ringer to be lifted off his feet at 'back' and dropped from the high box on to the belfry floor. The ringer was spun round like a marionette on the end of the rope and lifted back on the box again—a wonderful recovery for a ringer standing five feet nothing, and weighing eight stones minus his shoes, with a 30 cwt. bell.

Four o'clock tea at Holloway's Restaurant was a go-as-you-please affair. It resembled in numbers a meeting of some association branch, and included Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes, of Rhyl, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, of Enfield, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams, of Southampton, Mr. G. Lindoff and his son, of Dublin, Mr. J. H. Shepherd and his old push bike. With a silver wedding day and a birthday in the wind, the tea cups rattled merrily, and the babble of tongues gave vent to ancient memories of church bell and tower, and the boys that handle them. The editor of the 'Cardiff Express' once described a company of ringers visiting that city as the National Band—it would be a more appropriate title on this occasion with Ireland, North and South Wales, and England's ringing men gathered together, and it only needed one of our Edinburgh friends present to create a band of Great Britons. As it was, there were eleven members of the Irish Association present, and an 'eight' who had rung a peal in the four quarters of Britain—all awaiting the advent of a Scottish Association of change ringers.

Arrangements for bed and board at Swaythling—central for the area to be covered—had been made by Mr. G. Williams, two hotels and a private boarding house being commandeered, whilst Mr. H. Barton, of Ventnor, did his full share of work in providing similar comfort on the Isle of Wight for the 'courting couples' who went over there for a few days.

Referring to the peals achieved, all went well for the first four days—the 'old bag' was ready to burst with them—and then came a defect in the mental 'pulley block,' and both slides and stay came to rest all too soon. It was a case of what the bell said to the headstock—'blockhead.'

## A TRIPLE EVENT.

There were three peal attempts planned for Wednesday—Southampton, Dibden and Wimborne, the latter permit given at the last minute, with the courteous request for 'Cambridge Royal' or nothing. At the first-named tower, with a man to spare, so sadly needed at Wimborne, our 'Johnny W.' was as Faithfull as ever, kindly giving way to the visitors. At Dibden the Vicar and his wife again gave hospitality to the peal band at the Vicarage—a most enjoyable lunch. At Wimborne Minster, nine 'Cambridge' men met at 3.30 p.m. and were 'sent down.' What matters the beautiful architecture or how glorious the Dorset scenery going to and from the town, if the bells are silent? It was a great disappointment to the 'Faithful Couple' that neither the hermit from the Bristol Cave nor the 'courting couple' from the Island could be present.

The humble peal of Bob Major, rung on the Island on Thursday, was the only redeeming feature of a disastrous day for the 'Overans,' a term given to people living outside the I.O.W. At Soberton, an attempt for London Surprise Major lasted 2 hrs. 20 mins., one hour being spent on repairing ropes, etc., beforehand, and another afterwards at the inn, doing justice to a feed of boiled Hampshire hog and greens, which convinced the Dublin visitor that all the best bacon was not bred on the other side of the Irish Channel. While on this subject of dinner, it may be noted that quite a number of readers of 'The Ringing World' are eager to know if a certain Cornish 'leg of mutton' is wandering about the hillsides of Truro?

At Curdridge, a fine eight by Taylor's, tenor 30 cwt., a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was lost after 1 hr. 40 mins. This is a noisy ringing room that quite deafens one after a half hour's ringing.

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## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## CHERTSEY DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A meeting of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday at Weybridge, and proved a great success, between thirty and forty members and friends putting in an appearance during the day from Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Chertsey, Esher, Hersham, Old Woking, Ockham, Otter-shaw, Otlands Park, Leatherhead, Dorking, Walton-on-Thames and Thames Ditton, while a welcome visitor was Mr. R. Waddington, of Egerton, Kent.

The Rector (the Rev. Ernest Tritton) very kindly provided tea, which was served in the Rectory drawing-room. A company of 28 sat down, although only eleven had sent in their names to the secretary. Anticipating a greater gathering than this, however, he had suggested to the Rector that there might be 15 or 20 present, but even this number was considerably exceeded. It is not an easy matter to expand at a moment's notice to meet demands of this kind, especially in a private house, but the Rector rose to the occasion. Extra tables and chairs were brought in from other parts of the house, and everyone was provided with a sumptuous meal.

The Guild's service followed in the Parish Church, the Rector officiating. In addition to the ringers there were a number of parishioners present, some of whom commented that the service was a most beautiful one. The Guild would be only too happy if more parishioners would, on these occasions, attend and take part in the services. As a rule they see little of the work of the ringers and know nothing of what the associations are doing.

The Rector in his address welcomed the Guild to Weybridge. It was the first visit the new Guild had paid to the parish, and he hoped they would come again. The bells, he added, reminded people who did not attend a place of worship of higher things, and although the ringers, perhaps, did not know it, they often brought to the minds of others thoughts of God and His Church. The address was a most interesting, helpful and uplifting one, which enabled those present to realise the high calling in which they as ringers, are engaged.

The business meeting was held after the service, the Rector kindly placing his study at the disposal of the members for the purpose. Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O. (hon. treasurer of the Guild) presided, and in view of the proposal which is to be discussed at the annual meeting of adopting a badge for the Guild, handed round a small badge for inspection.

The hon. secretary (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) notified the members that the next district meeting would be held at Egham on November 3rd, and would be a joint gathering with the Middlesex Association. There was also to be a combined practice at Horsell on October 20th, and he hoped the members would attend both these events in large numbers.

The Chairman, on behalf of the ringers, heartily thanked the Rector for his splendid hospitality and for the use of the bells and the Rectory. He remarked that he thought the Rector must have been in the Army or the Navy to have been able to provide at any emergency.—The Rector briefly replied.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in Grandfire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Major and Superlative Surprise, and at the close were splendidly lowered in peal, someone remarking that this was the best bit of ringing during the day. The meeting was one of the most successful held in the district.

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ing, and renders correction of faults futile. In the present effort even the Warrington 'whisper' failed, and thus the band came to 'stand still,' not knowing if their 'black' day had been saved by the 'Wights.'

The longest journey from headquarters was made on Friday, rail and motor-cars collecting the clans for Alton in the morning and Privett in the afternoon, where two good performances were brought safely home. The former, a new octave by Gillett and Johnston, tuned on the Simpson system, is a good one and beautifully clattered. The latter octave by Mears and Stainbank of forty years or so ago, well tuned on the old principle, is a masterpiece from the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, resembling another ring by the same firm installed at Llanstephan, tenor 12½ cwt. It would be quite worth the while of a committee of musical experts to visit both places and pass judgment on their respective merits.

Fifteen ringers gathered at Privett, those not ringing enjoying the efforts of their brothers above by strolling around and basking in the sunshine. Several were soon sleeping on the bosom of Mother Earth with the 'sleepless' that lie around beneath them.

Bishopstoke was the fixture for Saturday morning, but as there was illness here, Stoneham was put on in its place by mutual agreement, and a peal in quick time finished by 12.30. Then haste to a farewell dinner at the Masons' Arms before breaking up the Hampshire 'stay.' With such a strong muster of hands it is something to record that everyone had a 'pull,' even if some members did less 'pulling' than they expected, but everyone joined in a vote of thanks to Mr. George Pullinger, the hon. secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, for the work put in for their happy week.

W. H. F.

### 'MYSTERIOUS HAPPENINGS' IN A BERKSHIRE BELFRY (WITH A MORAL.)

At a tower not far from Maidenhead a peal of Minor was attempted on Saturday last, September 29th, as it was the eve of the harvest festival. All went well until the third 720, when a terrific 'thud-thud' was heard overhead (not unlike the French 75). The tenor lost his speech, and the 'bob caller' (late R.E.) cried 'Stand.' He also 'stood,' but away went his rope up through the ceiling (owing to the clapper, on leaving the bell, smashing the slider to pieces).

Four of the band sat down in the ringing chamber whilst the other two went aloft to gather the fragments and patch them together for the following day's service ringing. Imagine the surprise of those above and below when the treble suddenly decided to ring itself (no one having touched the bell or rope).

Those below said: 'Fools, to push a bell off with no one on the rope,' and those above said: 'Idiots, to pull a bell off with us up here.' All were wrong in their accusations, as it was found that the stay was badly fractured, and the weight of the bell in leaning back in the 'set' position had snapped the stay and freed the bell.

Anyway, the lady of the party was put on her train for London minus a peal, while the remainder of the band went in search of the village blacksmith (who was not at home) to knock out a new bolt. The steeplekeeper very appropriately played, 'Now the day is over' on the chimes as they departed.

If the 'Spooks' had decided to 'Cook 'em' for harvest festival service ringing they were much mistaken, for at 7 a.m. on Sunday, Mr. Taylor, of Maidenhead, got on his bicycle, rode to Boyne Hill tower, picked up a spare slider and proceeded with it to Cookham. At about the same hour Mr. John T. Fowler had aroused the village blacksmith from his slumbers to hammer out a new bolt, whilst J.T.F. employed himself in making a new stay for the treble (to replace the broken waggnette shaft that had previously done duty), and the bells did ring out their message of thanksgiving for morning service.

Although this has been treated in 'lighter vein,' it might easily have had a more serious ending and proved fatal, so to crawlers amongst and under bells, when they are up, see that there are no fractured stays or sliders.

The participants in the above venture were: J. T. Fowler (Cookham) 1, W. E. Taylor (Boyne Hill) (first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob) 2, Miss B. M. Mills (London) 3, W. Henley (Farnham Royal) 4, A. Martin (Boyne Hill) (first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob) 5, G. Gilbert 6.

### THE MINOR METHOD NAMES.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' please inform all whom it may concern that on the Manchester to Chester rail or road route you pass through Altrincham and Bowdon (Bogedone). Bogedon is the old, historic name of Bowdon in the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild. Perhaps we shall now hear less sarcasm from the gentleman whom we should have thought more versed in his geography and history. I think it equal, if not better, than Quantock.

With regard to the floral names, I did not know it was possible to alter an historic fact. The altered names given to the Minor methods create worse confusion, and, furthermore, they have no more to do with a mathematical science than the names previously given, which was the original plea put forward in a leading article of 'The Ringing World.'

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

Victoria Street,  
Ashton-under-Lyne.

### NO ALTERNATIVE NAMES.

Dear Sir,—I would like to ask the committee of the above two questions: (1) If floral names are not suitable, why 'Primrose' Surprise, especially as this method (Surprise No. 38) already has a name? (2) Also, if a method is given a name, why append an alternative one?

Don't make another muddle, but clear up the job now, once and for all time! Give each method a name, with no alternative, and then we shall know where we are.—Yours,

S. H. SYMONDS.

[We think we can enlighten our correspondent on both these matters. (1) The change of names in the 'floral' group was made only among those titles which had been bestowed in quite recent years. No attempt was made to alter any of the ancient names of methods, and 'Primrose' is one of these. It appeared in some of the early editions of 'Campanalogia Improved,' the first edition of which, we believe, was published in 1702. (2) It is not proposed to give in the new 'Collection' alternative names to any of the methods; those names which appeared in parentheses in the list in our issue of September 7th are names which have been alternatively used in the past. When the reprint of the 'Collection' appears they will be given in an appendix for reference.—Ed. 'R.W.']

An article appealing for 'Simplification,' by the Rev. H. Drake, is unavoidably held over until next week.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The order has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to add two trebles to the heavy ring of six at Old Woking Church, Surrey. This has been made possible by the energy of the local band, of whom Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., hon. treasurer of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, is one.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are now engaged upon rehanging the eleventh bell at St. Paul's Cathedral in an iron headstock. The jubilee of the opening of the bells will take place on November 1st.

An attempt is to be made at Wolverhampton to-morrow for a peal of Stedman Cinques, which, if successful, will be Mr. James George's one thousandth peal! His many friends throughout the country will join in good wishes to the youthful veteran for the accomplishment of this great ambition. When he has achieved it, Mr. George will be only the eighth ringer to reach a four-figure total.

One hundred and forty years ago to-morrow the first peal of Stedman Cinques was rung. It was performed at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on October 6th, 1788, by the College Youths, and in order that the length should not be superseded in a hurry they made it 6,204 changes, which occupied 4 hrs. 47 mins. It was nearly 30 years before a longer peal of Stedman Cinques was rung.

The first 'clerical' ten-bell peal was rung at St. Mary's, Warwick, on October 11th, 1910. The method was Stedman Caters.

Henry Hubbard, who was a composer and writer of the middle of the nineteenth century, died on October 9th, 1881. He was born in the year 1807.

Mr. J. Faulkner, of Southill, Beds, who died suddenly on September 17th at the age of 66 years, rang his first and only peal on January 28th last. He was for many years a ringer at Southill, and a muffled peal was rung there to his memory on Saturday.

Some ringers' enthusiasm knows no bounds. On Sunday week Mr. J. Fleuty, of Earls Colne, Essex, walked to Colne Engaine, rang for morning service and sang in the choir. In the afternoon he walked to Great Tey for the reopening of the bells, sang in the choir and rang in the opening and other touches, then walked back to Earls Colne and rang for evening service there. Altogether he covered nine miles.

Her many friends will be pleased to learn that Miss H. F. Mills, hon. secretary of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild, who is still in the Londonderry Hospital, suffering from the effects of the accident she met with on August 7th, is making good progress. She wishes to express her thanks to those who have written to her, and also for all kind enquiries.

## RINGING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Ringling in Durban, Natal, has of late been reduced to Minor owing to lack of ringers. In August, however, Rev. Canon Ridout, of Johannesburg, made a welcome holiday stay in the city, and the company, with his help, were able to ring Triples. They made the most of his stay, and were just getting into peal shape when he had to leave.

If Canon Ridout wants a change-ringing practice he has to travel about 400 miles to get it!

## EAST BERGHOLT BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your Beccles correspondent wishes to know how the bells at East Bergholt are rung. I once saw a local ringer turn one over with the clapper tied. The operation consisted of pushing the bell off by the rim, and as the bell turned over, in catching hold of the wooden stock at the back of the bell, and so keeping it going by pushing it along in this way, the ringer standing in a pit at the side of the bell.

I believe these bells are rung regularly by the local ringers, and I feel sure that if your correspondent were to get in touch with the Rector of East Bergholt, who is interested in campanology, he would be able to learn all he wishes to know in connection with these bells.

—Yours faithfully,

E. G. ELLINGER.

Maldon, Essex.

## THE PEAL AT COMPTON GIFFORD.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter of E. W. Marsh, re 'Recognition of peal refused,' I, as one of the members of the band, wish to state why the composition was refused. Firstly, do the South-West Committee think they have recorded the peal rung at Stonehouse, March 16th, 1927, correctly? Secondly, it would be of interest to ringers if the secretary (Mr. E. W. Marsh) would state through 'The Ringing World' upon what rule in the Guild Report they have based their attitude. In conclusion, I cannot see how it can have been a Devon Guild peal, as two of the band were not elected members until after the peal, and the majority of the band had gone.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES E. LILLEY.

[For the benefit of our readers we would point out that the peal of March 16th, 1927, was published in 'The Ringing World' as 'composed and conducted by O. R. Lilley,' while in the Devon Guild Report it is recorded as 'composed by J. E. Burton (C.C. Collection, No. 116').—Ed. 'R.W.']



**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****SUGGESTED NEW DISTRICT IN DERBYSHIRE.**

The quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Saturday, September 29th, at Mansfield, and, although the weather was wet and miserable, quite a good muster was present from Bolsover, Burton, Chesterfield, Cotgrave, Derby, Duffield, Leicester, Nottingham, Southwell and other places too numerous to mention. Good use was made of the eight bells of the Parish Church, touches and courses of the standard and Surprise methods being more or less successfully brought round.

The committee met at 4 p.m. in the Parish Room, and in the absence of Alderman R. B. Chambers, J.P., the chair was taken by Mr. J. Griffin, of Burton (vice-president). There were present also the hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Wallace, hon. secretary, Mr. E. Morris, and eleven members of the committee. The usual routine work was done, and an appeal was made for a donation from the Bell Repair Fund for West Hallam, where the present six are being augmented to eight. Alderman Chambers has promised a private donation, and suggested that the M.C.A. should do likewise.—It was decided to grant three guineas.

A suggestion of the Derby District to form another branch in the Bakewell area was discussed, and it was decided to ask the Rev. W. Peter Wright, of Eyam, for his opinion and suggestions as to the area and centre of such district. He has been doing much good work by holding meetings in the various towers of this rather isolated area.

Tea was provided at 5 p.m., at which over thirty members sat down, and once again it is to be regretted that quite a number failed to notify their intention of being present.

The general meeting immediately followed, and the members were pleased to have the Vicar and Rural Dean of Mansfield (the Rev. Canon Spencer Elliott) with them, and subsequently to make him an hon. member.

New members elected since the previous meeting were duly confirmed, viz., 3 honorary, 2 life and 20 ordinary. The suggested grant from Bell Repair Fund for West Hallam was ratified, and the question of alteration of the title of the M.C.A. left over for proper notice to be given prior to the next quarterly meeting.

Mr. Wallace proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Mansfield for the use of bells, and his presence, also the local committee for splendid arrangements made.—This was seconded by Mr. White and carried with acclamation.—The Vicar suitably replied.

Then adjourning to the tower once more, the ringers terminated a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****GREAT MEETING AT BLACKPOOL.**

This year's annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held at Blackpool, when most of the towers in the Fylde district were kindly placed at the disposal of the members. The many attractions of this famous seaside resort make an appeal to everyone, and as a result the ringers were not allowed to come alone. The bells were at liberty from 10.30 a.m., by which time many had already arrived. Service was held at 4 p.m., when the preacher was the Rev. Canon Little, Vicar of Blackpool, who gave a very helpful address.

The usual press photo followed, and then to tea at 5 p.m., a company of 214 having tea together.

The business meeting followed, over which Canon Elsee presided.

The president gave the committee's report for the previous year, and each member had a copy of the balance sheet.

After questions had been answered on both, they were passed.

As there was only one nomination for each post vacant, the retiring officers were re-elected for two years, and thanked for their past services. These were Canon Elsee, president, Mr. W. H. Shaker, general secretary and Mr. H. W. Jackson, hon. treasurer.

The turn for the next year's meeting is the Blackburn Branch, and a member of the branch invited the association to Blackburn Cathedral, which was accepted and carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks were passed to the preacher for arranging the service, to the organist and choir boys, and to the clergy in the district for the use of their respective bells.

The total number of members of the association is 1,554, 1,131 of which are regular ringers in the county, the rest being composed of hon. and non-resident members. The balance sheet showed a balance on the year's working of £3 17s. 11d., the receipts having been £73 1s. 6d., and the expenses £69 3s. 7d.

**DEVON GUILD.**

A successful meeting of the South-West District was held at Buckland Monachorum, on Saturday, when ringers attended from St. Andrew's and Emmanuel (Plymouth), Plympton St. Mary and St. Maurice, Kelly and Bradstone. Apologies were received from the Bishop of Plymouth, the Lady Midmay, Revs. H. C. Champion, E. Davies, C. B. Yonge and Major and Mrs. Jerram.

Rev. C. Streat gave an inspiring address at the service, and at the subsequent tea and meeting he was heartily thanked.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the ladies for preparations for tea and to the organist for his services.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Plympton on Saturday, January 5th next.

**THE SNOWDON DINNER.****SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT LEEDS.**

The annual commemoration of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association was held at Leeds this year, on Saturday, September 22nd. Visitors arriving at the railway stations were welcomed by the strains of the band of the Coldstream Guards, which caused them to think that unusual honour was being done to the annual gathering of change ringers, but this thought was soon dispelled when it was learned that it was the 'Civic Week' for the city. The various rings of bells were used by ringers from many distant towns, prominent among the visitors being the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, president of the Lancashire Association, Mr. J. W. Rowbotham, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, S. Roper, Surrey Association, A. H. Ward, Midland Counties Association, etc.

The dinner was held in the splendid Victoria Room of the Victoria Hotel, Briggate, where the proceedings went with the usual swing. Largely owing to the industrial depression, the gathering was smaller than in former years, between eighty and one hundred sitting down to dinner. The chair was occupied by the president of the association (Rev. C. C. Marshall), who was supported by the Lord Bishop of Knaresborough, Rev. Canon Elsee, Councillor R. H. Blackburn, and the principal officers of the association.

After the loyal toast had been duly honoured, a quartette, consisting of Messrs. Slater, Scott, Shepherd and W. Batley, opened the musical part of the proceedings with the glee, 'Here's life and health.' In proposing the toast of 'The Church and State,' Councillor R. H. Blackburn paid a witty and eloquent tribute to the debt that the State owed the Church, in the building up of the national character, and trusted that an early and amicable way would be found out of the difficulties by which the Church was at present confronted.

The Lord Bishop of Knaresborough responded to the toast, expressing his pleasure at being able to be present, and wishing the association every success in the work it had undertaken.

The toast of the evening was proposed by the president of the Lancashire Association (Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee). The speaker stated that though he never had the pleasure of meeting the first president of the Yorkshire Association, he had met his brother, the late William Snowdon, on many occasions. He paid high tribute to the great advance in change ringing that had been wrought by the labours of the two brothers, by the publication of the famous books on change ringing, and by their efforts which resulted in the formation of the Yorkshire Association, and the great uplift that had been achieved in the status of the ringers of this country.

The toast was silently honoured.

'The Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association' was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, following which Mr. S. F. Palmer proposed 'Kindred Ringing Societies.' In his remarks, Mr. Palmer announced that apologies for absence had been received from Mr. W. Story (Newcastle), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham), and Mr. G. Halksworth. Representatives were present from the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Midland Counties Association, the Lancashire Association, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and the Surrey Association. He coupled with the toast the names of two old and honoured friends in the persons of Messrs. J. W. Rowbotham, of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and J. F. Smallwood, of St. Martin's Guild. Both of these visitors had an enthusiastic reception on rising to respond, and thanked the gathering for the kind sentiments expressed in the toast.

This report would not be complete if it failed to compliment the quartette, who were responsible for the musical part of the programme, for the polished rendering of the various items which they contributed.

Some of the visitors stayed the night in Leeds, while others had to rush for trains, but all were firmly resolved that the next dinner, to be held in Sheffield, should have their presence if at all possible.

**GREAT TEY BELLS REOPENED.**

The reopening of the bells at Great Tey took place on Sunday, September 23rd. The special service was conducted by the Vicar, and the local company of ringers rang the opening changes.

After service over 60 members from 21 different companies took part in touches in most of the standard methods, those present including Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, Mr. W. J. Nevard, District Master, and Mr. R. W. Stannard, district secretary, who carried out the arrangements for the meeting.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated for the efficient way in which the work has been carried out. The treble and tenor have been recast, and the whole peal relying on ball bearings.

Mr. C. F. Johnston, who was present at the reopening, was accorded a special vote of thanks.

**LONG PEAL LOST.**

The long peal that was attempted at Silverdale, Staffs, on Saturday, was lost after ringing 4 hrs. and 10 mins. The following members took part in it: H. Smith 1, C. S. Ryles 2, H. Carnwell 3, T. Hurd 4, F. H. Crawley 5, R. G. Lewis 6, A. W. Hall 7, C. H. Page (conductor) 8.

### ANOTHER 'TAYLOR' RING OF EIGHT FOR CORNWALL

The square tower, strongly built of Cornish granite, of Phillack Parish Church has hitherto contained only three small bells. By the generous gift of Captain Edwin Jenkins, however, the tower will soon be the home of a line now peal of eight bells, altogether in keeping with the dignity of the tower, and the rich music of the bells will sound forth on Christmas Day across the waters of Hayle Poole by which Phillack so picturesquely nestles.

The new peal is being cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and will be in the key of F sharp, tenor 14-15 cwt.

### TRAGIC DEATH OF DARTFORD RINGER. KILLED IN A LORRY ACCIDENT.

The fatal accident to a motor lorry driver at Towcester on Tuesday, September 25th, and reported in the daily press, has robbed the Holy Trinity Band, Dartford, of one of their most able and respected members in the person of Mr. Edmund G. Bates.

The fatality was caused through a collision. Mr. Bates was driving the lorry from Towcester to London when a second lorry towing a disabled lorry approached from the direction of Birmingham. The disabled lorry swayed and struck the vehicle driven by Bates, and he and his mate were thrown on to the pavement. The disabled lorry then ran on a few yards and overturned, goods being strewn all over the road.

Deceased was 40 years of age, and leaves a widow and three children, one aged four years, and twins five months old.

The funeral took place on Saturday, September 29th, at Watling Street Cemetery, the service being held at St. Alban's Church, Dartford. The mourners were Mr. W. Bates (father), Messrs. G. H. J., J. W., A., and J. Bates (brothers), Mr. Dapton (brother-in-law), Mr. Pankhurst (uncle), Messrs. H. Pankhurst, J. Howden and J. Hall (cousins). Local ringers were represented by Mr. E. Barnett, jun. (Crayford), Messrs. Norton, H. Rayner, R. Rayner and T. Groombridge, jun., of deceased's own tower, while a representative body of his former colleagues, drivers of the Maidstone bus service, and a representative of his last employer, Mr. W. G. Halkney, of Dartford, were in attendance at the graveside.

Some idea of his popularity may be gleaned from the magnificent display of wreaths, 45 in number, from all quarters.

Unfortunately last honours to the deceased as a ringer could not be arranged. Owing to the short time available it was impossible to get a band for handbells at the graveside, while a wedding at the Parish Church ruled out muffled ringing at the time of the funeral.

The bells were, however, rung muffled on Thursday, when the sad news of his death came to hand, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung on Sunday morning last before morning service by: F. J. Beer 1, J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 2, E. Brown 3, H. Howard 4, H. Rayner 5, H. Simmons 6, H. E. Audsley 7, R. Jenkins 8.

Starting his ringing career in 1906 at Farmingham under the tuition of Mr. T. Groombridge, sen., 'Ted' Bates was never a prolific peal scorer. As far as can be ascertained at the moment he rang about thirty peals from Bob Minor to Double Norwich Major. It was not, however, from lack of enthusiasm, but owing to the uncertain hours of his employment, resulting in often having to back out of a peal at the last minute.

Joining the Holy Trinity band, Dartford, in 1918, he proved himself a valuable asset to the company, being good for anything up to Cambridge Surprise, a first-class striker, and equally enthusiastic about Grandsire Doubles for a beginner, unselfish to a degree as regards peals, always the same unflinched personality, except when bad striking crept in. His loss was felt when work and domestic troubles claimed him temporarily, and now that the last great call has come the sympathy of all his friends goes out to those to whom his presence meant most.

### BLACK CAT CHANGES THE 'LUCK'

#### ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY AMONG ESSEX STEEPLES.

A most enjoyable and successful outing took place on Saturday, September 22nd, when the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, augmented by a few friends to the total of 26, started at 6.30 a.m. by charabanc en route for Earls Colne, where a hearty breakfast, supplied by mine host at the White Lion, put the company in good fettle for ringing. The following towers were visited before dinner: Earls Colne (eight bells, tenor 14 cwt.), Halstead (eight bells, tenor 16 cwt.), Sible Hedingham (eight bells, tenor 18 cwt.), Finchingfield (eight bells, tenor 18 cwt.), Thaxted (eight bells, tenor 16 cwt.). The last-named church has a spire erected in 1421, 181 feet high. King Edward IV. completed the building of the chancel, and the north porch bears his coat of arms and devices.

Upon nearing Braintree, a black cat ran across the road. 'Now we shall have some luck,' said the company's wag, but he omitted to state what kind of luck, for during dinner the news came that illness near the church prevented ringing; at Dunmow there was a funeral; and Coggeshall was minus a rope. As is well known, misfortunes never come singly, but the esprit de corps was not one jot abated, and good ringing at Feering and Kelvedon ended the round. The crowning touch of the day was splendidly struck Oxford Treble Bob Major at Feering, conducted by Mr. Fred Tillet.

The society wish to thank all the incumbents, steeplekeepers and others for their co-operation in making the outing the great success it was.

### CROYDON CONTRACTS.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are recasting the peal of six at Carhampton, Somerset, and strengthening the frame. Recent contracts secured by them are spread over six different counties:—

Buckden, Hunts: Peal of five, tenor 15½ cwt. Re-hanging bells with new fittings and supplying new metal frame.

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Cold Higham, Northants: Supplying new treble to make peal of six, tenor 8 cwt.

Carhampton, Somerset: Peal of six, tenor 14 cwt. Recasting whole peal and strengthening frame.

Farnborough, Hants: Peal of five, tenor 6½ cwt. Supplying new treble bell to make peal of six.

Winslow, Bucks: Peal of six, tenor 20 cwt. Recasting treble and re-hanging peal.

### DOUBLE SURPRISE MINOR METHODS.

#### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. A. G. Driver's letter in your last issue, what I said was a statement of fact. There are only five methods fulfilling the conditions laid down, so that Mr. Driver must have 'discovered' something which is non-existent.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

### KINGTON MAGNA'S OLDEST RINGER.

#### CHORISTER AND INSTRUMENTALIST.

The parish of Kington Magna has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. F. Hannam, its oldest ringer. When the present Rector (Rev. F. Ll. Edwards), in his college days, received his first lesson in change ringing, Mr. Hannam had taken part in it, and it was Mr. Edwards' sad experience to have to hurry back after his recent broadcast lecture for the burial of his colleague of the belfry.

For upwards of twenty years Mr. Hannam had been a regular ringer at the village church, and almost every Sunday found him in his place both morning and evening.

Besides taking his part in the belfry, Fred Hannam was possessed of an exceptionally fine bass voice, which he used with great effect in the church choir, and was an expert player on more than one musical instrument. A 'Trombone solo by Mr. Hannam' was a popular feature of many a village entertainment, occasionally varied by his vocal rendering of 'The Farmer's Boy.' At times he would keep his instrument beside him in church and play an occasional verse of a hymn, while he and the Rector often played the congregation out with an improvised 'concerto' on the trombone and organ.

An incident of one Christmastide remains vividly in the present writer's memory. After singing in several verses of 'While shepherds watched' to a traditional carol tune, Fred with a sudden inspiration picked up his trombone, and at the words 'All glory be to God on high,' the loud trumpet tones rang out through the church with dramatic effect.

On the first Sunday in September Mr. Hannam did his full day's work in the belfry and choir. The next day he was stricken with paralysis, and on his 66th birthday he passed away.

The bells were rung muffled for evening service, for it was Sunday, and the flag lowered to half-mast.

Borne to his grave by past and present ringers, he was laid to rest in a spot just in front of the belfry door and facing direct towards his place in the chancel. The burial service was chorally rendered, the Nunc Dimittis was sung at the graveside, and muffled peals were rung at the close of the last sad rite.

### DEATH OF MR. S. POOLE, LEICESTER.

It is with deepest regret we have to announce the death of Mr. S. Poole, of Leicester, which occurred on September 18th at the age of 65 years. He was for many years a respected member of the old band of ringers at St. Mary's, Lutterworth, and, although never a great peal ringer, had scored two peals of Grandsire Triples.

On leaving Lutterworth he joined the staff at St. Mary's Church, Leicester, until that tower was condemned and the bells unsafe to ring. He joined on occasions the outings of St. Martin's Cathedral Society, but of late years did not do much actual ringing.

He was the father of Mr. Harold J. Poole, whose records are well known in the ringing world, and who is now a member of the Leicester Police Force.

### OVER 50 YEARS A RINGER.

At Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Sunday, September 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 38 mins.: T. Atkins 1, C. H. Briggs 2, Rev. R. P. Farrow 3, C. Brown 4, L. E. Towers 5, R. F. Elkington 6, A. Ballard, jun. (first quarter-peal as conductor in this method) 7, T. W. Barwell 8. Rung as a compliment on his 78th birthday to Mr. Harry Briggs, for over 50 years a ringer at this church.

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**HARVEST FESTIVAL TOUCHES.**

At Erith, Kent, on Sunday evening, September 30th, for the harvest thanksgiving service at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: H. J. Luck 1, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor), 2, L. J. Cullum 3, H. A. Holden 4, C. Palmer 5, J. S. Morton 6, B. Aldridge 7, O. Robinson 8.

At All Saints' Church, Childwall, Liverpool, on Sunday, September 30th, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: G. Lydieth 1, F. C. Thomas 2, E. Gittins 3, J. Boustead (first 720) 4, F. Woodward 5, C. I. Davies (conductor) 6.

At St. Mary's, Fryerning, Essex, on Sunday, September 30th, for harvest festival services, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 York Surprise, 720 Ipswich Surprise and 720 Norwich Surprise: L. Wright, L. Camp, H. Wright, C. Harrington, E. Sitch, G. Camp, A. Bradley (conductor).

At Tunstall, Kent, on Sunday, September 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Aylett 1, W. E. Spice 2, S. Taylor 3, G. H. Spice 4, E. H. Spice 5, W. J. Walker 6, W. Spice, sen. (conductor) 7, Mrs. E. H. Spice 8.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, September 30th, at the Cathedral Church, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: C. N. Burdock 1, W. E. Jelley 2, H. Hutton 3, W. J. Robinson 4, W. R. Melville 5, L. Hunter 6, B. S. Philpott (conductor) 7, H. Harris 8.

LONDON.—At St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Sunday, September 23rd, for evening service, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Royal: C. Roberts 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Gabriel Lindoff 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, E. F. Pike 5, W. R. Madgwick 6, J. E. Davis 7, A. Diserens 8, G. H. Cross (conductor) 9, R. Sanders 10. Also a touch of Stedman Caters, conducted by Gabriel Lindoff, in which Messrs. W. H. Hewitt and J. Ward took part.

**LATE NOTICES.**

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sibsey on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. Business meeting immediately after tea. Will those who intend to be present kindly inform me by first post Wednesday, October 10th?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Templecombe on Saturday, October 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Reading Room 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Anyone requiring tea please notify me by October 10th.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, October 13th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by meeting. All members requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, October 11th. All ringers welcome.—R. C. Clark, 8, Hill Road, Chelmsford.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral or the Coffee Pot on Oct. 30th, 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.—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. Meeting at 6 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

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, Scolney Street, Peterborough.

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.

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.

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**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. All welcome.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**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. 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.—F. 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.

**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.—Mrs. H. Jacques, Mr. R. Harrison, Hon. Secs.

**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 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. 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.—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.—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. 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.

**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.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—The first M.C.A. meeting since the augmentation of the bells will be held at Alrewas on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m., tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. W. Leach, 4, Vernon Terrace, Victoria Street, Burton, beforehand. A good attendance particularly requested.—R. H. Dove, Dis. Sec.

**EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Tower open 2.30. All ringers welcome. Will those who require tea let me know by Wednesday, Oct. 10th, please?—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, East Grinstead.

**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, Bungelow, 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.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Southern District will be held at Darlington on Saturday, Oct. 13th. The bells of St. Cuthbert (8), St. John (8) and Holy Trinity (6) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Members requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, Oct. 11th. All ringers will be welcome.—J. Titt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 71, Surtees Street, Darlington.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Beckington on Oct. 13th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business after. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 9th?—R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., High Street, Timsbury, near Bath.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chippenham Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, on Saturday, Oct. 13th, at 3 p.m. The bells of St. Paul's will also be open. Both 8-bell towers. Visitors will be welcome.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., The Woodlands, Chippenham.

**CRICH, DERBYSHIRE.**—Dedication of peal (8 bells) by the Lord Bishop of Derby, Oct. 13th, at 3.15 p.m. All ringers invited. Will those requiring tea please notify W. Piggin, Town End, Crich, Matlock, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th?

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Bolton, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Expecting a good muster of members.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Orlingbury (5) on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 9th.—H. Baxter, Silver Street, Broughton, Kettering.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Southampton District will be held at North Stoneham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Names for tea by Oct. 9th. Important.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells available during afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, at Greyhound Hotel, followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 10th?—C. T. H. Bradley, The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale, St. Mary's, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those desiring tea please notify Mr. J. Allen, 53, St. Mary's Road, Barston, before Thursday, Oct. 11th.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Wandsworth on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Ringing at Holy Trinity, limited to one hour, from 3 to 4 p.m. Service at All Saints' (Parish Church) 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, and ringing after meeting till 8.30 at All Saints'. Those coming to tea are particularly requested to advise Mr. J. W. Chapman, 43, Wingford Road, Brixton Hill, S.W.2, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 17th. A good attendance is requested, as Holy Trinity bells are only available on rare occasions.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, in St. Andrew's Hall (1s. 3d. per head), to all who notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 16th. Colne Engaine bells (6), recently rehung, will be available during the afternoon and evening.—W. Arnold, Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells from 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea by 18th.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, at the White Lion Inn, Selling, at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2s. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 17th?—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Fair View, Littlebourne, Canterbury.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Social, etc. Ringing from 3 p.m. Other arrangements as usual. Buses pass church from Central Station. DON'T forget the joint meeting with the Guildford Diocesan Guild at Egham on Nov. 3rd. A hearty welcome to both meetings awaits you.—Wm. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penistone, near Sheffield, on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available early. Tea will be provided at 1s. each to those who

notify Mr. F. Barraclough, Church Hill, Penistone, near Sheffield, by Friday, the 19th. Will members oblige by paying outstanding subscriptions at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (12) at liberty 3.15. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Rochester District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Rochester on Saturday, Oct. 27th. The Cathedral bells (10) will be available from 3 to 4 and after the business meeting until 9 p.m. Further particulars next week.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A joint meeting with the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will be held at Egham on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Further details later.—H. J. Chaffey, Hon. Sec., Chertsey District.

**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. 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, Rough-ton, 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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