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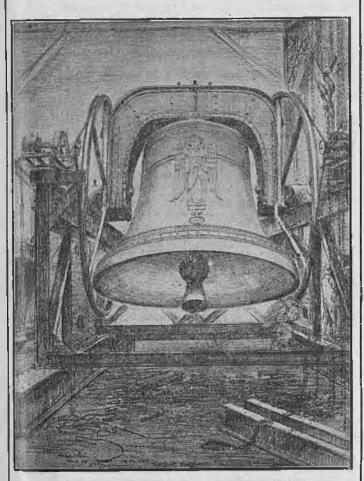
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### ANOTHER STAGE IN METHOD 'SPLICING.'

The splicing of Minor methods has been carried a stage further by the researches of Mr. A. G. Driver, and as a result of his labours there have been rung extents in which methods, not hitherto thought to be 'spliceable,' have been joined together in true seven-twenties. The practical ringing of them has been done by the talented and enterprising Leytonstone band, and the results are briefly set out in another column. This is only one more instance of the unceasing progress which goes on in the art of ringing, and, while the splicing of methods in peals is still looked upon by many as a kind of freak, there can be no doubt the time is not far distant when the practice will be very generally followed. Both in six-bell and eight-bell ringing rapid advances have been made in the last decade, and while in practice it has been somewhat limited, as far as peals are concerned, there is a growing desire among enterprising ringers to get a closer acquaintance with this interesting departure.

The publication by 'The Ringing World' in 1925 of a book on the subject has enlightened many six-bell ringers upon the intricacies of splicing, and when a new edition of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' is available, doubtless, many more will study and apply the principles in their ordinary ringing. At present they are handicapped for want of many of the methods themselves, but this drawback will, we hope, be remedied in the near future. Mr. Driver's plan of uniting in true extents methods which hitherto had appeared to be impossible of splicing opens a further gateway to this attractive side of ringing for the six-bell man, but in the eight-bell towers there is also scope

for the enterprising ringer.

It is not necessary to be a Surprise ringer to enjoy this phase of the art, for it has been shown by Mr. Pitman that Triples methods can be joined together, and Mr. Stephen Wood and Mr. E. G. Turner have each published compositions splicing a number of plain Major methods. There is no end to the variety to be obtained and doubtless our ingenious composers will continue to open up new fields for ringers to conquer. The first stage, at any rate, ought to be simple enough, for where a band can go from one method to another in a peal or touches with only one row of rounds to mark the division, it should not be a difficult step to take, to change the method at some other lead end. A little patience and perseverance would quickly enable a band to grasp the principles, and this, once done, the rest would follow stage by stage. Apart from the extra interest which this form of ringing gives to those who practise it, it is an excellent mental exercise. Rapid change from method to method sharpens one's wits and (Continued on page 642.)

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brightens one's mental capacity, for it develops the power of quick thinking. From this point of view alone, method splicing should be made part of the regular practice of every competent six and eight-bell band.

### TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, October 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes, AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. JOHN NEAL ... ... ... Treble | FRANK ERIC HAYNES ... ... 7 A. PADDON SMITH ... 2 ALBERT WALKER ... 8 JAMES GEORGE ... ... 3 ALBERT WARD ... ... 4 SAMDEL GROVE ... .. 9 FRANK PERVIN ... ... 5 ALBERT E. NORMAN ... II FRANK W. PERRINS ... ... 6 WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tend FRANK PERVIN ... ...

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Albert E. Norman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the conductor,

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes, AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES: Tenor 49½ cwt.

AUBERT WALKER ... ... Treble | CHARLES W. ROBERTS GEORGE R. PyE ... ... 2 ALFRED E. REEVES ... ... 8
JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ... 9 ALBERT W. COLES ... ... 3 FRANK E. PERRENS ... 4 JAMES BENNETT ... ... 10 CHARLES T. COLES ... ... 5 EDWARD P. DUFFIELD WILLIAM PYB ....... FRANK E. PERVIN 6 ... Tenor

Composed by Frederick Dench. Conducted by William Pyr. First peal of Maximus on the bells; also by the association on tower bells.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

### AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID. A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 gr. 8 lb, in E.

J. Edward Cawser ... ... Treble | \*James McCluskey ... ... 6
\*Milton C. Fowler ... 2 | \*Gibson Jackson ... ... 7 \*George Clark ... ... 3 HARRY MORGAN ... ARNOLD HILL ... ... 4
ALBERT NASH ... ... 5 THAROLD WALKER ... .. 9
\*PERCY GLEDSTONE ... .. Tenor Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. † First peal of Bob Royal. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells, and first peal of Royal in any method rung by the Doncaster and District Society.

LLANDAFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

### AT THE CATHEDRAL, A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES:

Tenor 23 cwt.

\*FRANK J. BAILBY ... ... Treble | JOHN PHILLIPS ... ... 6 HARRY PAGE ... 2 ALFRED PARNELL ... 7 George Large ... ... 3 | Tom Page ... ... 8

Ernest Stitch ... 4 | Fred Chamberlain ... 9

Fred Lasbury ... 5 | Seymour R. Barker ... Tenor

Composed by Henry Johnson. | Conducted by Fred Chamberlain |

The conducted by Fred Chamberlain |

Conducted by Fred Chambe

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. Rung on the eye of the harvest festival at the Cathadral, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

October 11th, 1939.	VO WOKED.
WEDNESBURY.  THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.  On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;  THOMAS BURKITT	WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. On Wednesday, October 2, 1929, in Three Hours, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST, A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHARRES, Tenor 12½ cwt. RICHARD C. BELTON
PICHE DELL DEALS	On Thursday, October 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
EIGHT BELL PEALS.	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
HENLEY SUFFOLK.	A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.	Tenor 15 cwt.
On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,	JAMES E. DAVIS Treble RONALD H. BULLEN 5 WILFRED WILLIAMS 2 FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3 FREDERICK J. CULLUM 6 ERNEST BRETT 7
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 4 CEGIL W. PIPE Tenos
CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.	Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.
CHARLES W. PARKER Treble GEORGE A. FLEMING 5	* First peal of Superlative.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2 W. J. G. BROWN 6	CHESTER.
JOHN CROOKS 3 CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7  *HERBERT W. SHEMMINGS 4 ALBERT A. FLEMING Tenor	THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
Conducted by George A. Fleming.	On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
# First peal in the method.	AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,
	A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.	Tenor 14 cwt.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.	ROBERT SPERRING Treble PERCY SWINDLEY 5
On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,	JOHN HAVES 2 JAMES SWINDLEY 6 GEORGE R. JONES 3 JAMES H. RIDING 7
At the Church of St. Mary,	HENRY W. WILDE 4 SAMUEL JONES, JUN Tenor
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;	Composed by F. Dench. Conducted by Robert Sperring.
Tenor 19\$ cwt.	* First peal of Surprise.
*Albert E. Whiting	WISTANSTOW, SHROPSHIRE.
GEORGE PRYKE 3 GEORGE BENNETT 7	THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
GEORGE WHITING 4 T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor	On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
Composed by J. E. Burton, Conducted by G. Whiting.	AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
* First peal of Major. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. R.	A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Garrett, who is retiring after 34 years as Rector of Helmingham. He preached his farewell sermon the next day for the harvest festival	HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.
service.	HUBERT JONES Treble   WILLIAM J. BENIAMS 5
LONDON. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON	ROBERT H. JONES 2 JOHN J. PRICE 0 THOMAS H. Y. SMALLWOOD 3 FRANCIS EVANS 7
DIOCESAN GUILD.	WILLIAM R. NASH 4 ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor
On Monday, September 30, 1929, in Three Hours,	Conducted by Francis Evans,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,	Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the restoration of
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANCES;	the bells (recast by Rudhall).
Tenor 20 cwt.	TEWKESBURY.
CHARLES W. ROBERTS Treble   EDWIN F. PIKE 5	GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
RONALD BULLEN 2 CECIL PIPE 6  JOHN T. KENTISH 3 ERNEST BRETT 7	On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
Tower R. Taylor 4 James E. Davis Tonor	AT THE ABBRY.
Composed by George Cross, Conducted by James E. Davis.	A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11 11	Tenor 22 cwt,
BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.	GEORGE HASTINGSTreble   Rev. E. G. Benson 5 THOMAS BALDWYN 2   THOMAS DEVEREOX 6
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.	JOHN AUSTIN 3 CHARLES W. DYSON 7
On Tuesday, October 1, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,	FREDERICK S. HAWKES 4 OLIVER ATTWOOD Tenor
At the Church of St. Bringer,	Company by Pay C C Payers Conducted by I

4 PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES Tanor Q and

a control of the cont	J LWO.
WALTER T. BENNETT Treble	ARTHUR W. DAVIS 5
*WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	"WILLIAM POSTON 6
MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON 3	*Robert E. Summers 7
CHARLES EDWARDS 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor
Composed by HENRY DAINS. C	Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON
* First peal in the method. First	st peal in the method on the bells.

CADOXTON.—On Wednesday, September 18th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: A. Pyner 1, D. J. Lewis 2, C. Lake 3, R. Jones 4, G. I. Lewis (conductor) 5, J. L. Bloxham 6.

Composed by REV. E. G. BENSON. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

The composition is a one-part peal of Grandsire Triples on the same lines as the Rev. C. D. P. Davies', with only three hells called before, and is now rung for the first time. The peal was rung to commemorate the jubilee of the restoration of the Abbey.

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the harvest festival.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

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

Ten	or 20} cwt.
ALFRED KEEBLE Tre	ble   JAMES M. BAILEY 5
	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
FRANK L. FISHER 3	CHARLES E. FISHER 7
IAMES G. ROMSEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor
Composed by GABRIEL LINDOI	FF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
Rung on the eve of the ha	rvest festival. The conductor's 400th
peal.	

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

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

THURSTANS' FOUR	R-PART.	Tenor 11	cwt, 11 lb.
ERNEST G. LADD	Treble	JACK N. CRIPPS	5
RICHARD D. DIVALL	2	WILFRED BOOTH	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	KEITH HART	7
		JOE WREN	Тено:
	Conducted by	KRITH HART	

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

### PEAL OF MOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOR MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES,

	Ten	or 16 c	ewt, in F.			
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7	reble	WALTER SMITH		5	
WALTER ARNOLD	*** ***	2	WILLIAM KEEBLE	***	6	
ARTHUR PIPER			*ERNEST TOWNSEND			
			JOSEPH JENNINGS			
			onducted by WILLIA			
			on the bells. Rung			
anniversary of the or	pening o	of the	two trebles, also or	ı the	BYE O	f

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

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

REV. (	D, D,	. P. I	Davi	es' V	ARIATION OF .	Гно	RSTA	NS'.		
W. H. THOMAS			7	reble	W. KNIGHT		***		***	5
J. R. JONES	***			2	E. PARKER			***		6
L. G. TANNER			***	3	J. BURFORD					7
C. R. LILLEY		***	1110	4	R. ROBERTS		***		1	cmor
		Cor	duct	ed hu	I Busson					

Rung as a birthday compliment to an old lady friend of the ringers.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

				KENNETH C. TAYLOR		
JACK W. TAYLOR	114	***	2	ARTHUR BENNETT	***	6
THOMAS E. TAYLOR	***		3	BENJAMIN DALTON	***	7
				THOMAS W. BATE	7	Censr
	Cond	ducte	d by	R PICKERING.		

\* First peal. Rung for the harvest festival and as a birthday com-pliment to B. Dalton and Miss Phyllis Kathleen Butler, daughter of the ringer of the 4th, also in honour of the 19th anniversary of Mr. Butler's wodding day. All are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

CLAINES. WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORGESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. On Sunday, October 6, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

### A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES:

- 11 12		Tä	HOL T.	+ CW t.
JAMES BENNETT		7	reble	*HECTOR G. BIRD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT		***	2	
CHARLES T. COLES				CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
				ALBERT W. Coles Tomor
				Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES
* First peal in the	met	hod	. Firs	st peal in the method on the bells.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Sunday, October 6, 1929, in Three Hours,

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

### A PEAL OF BOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOD MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES

	Te	nor :	139 &wt.			
*Miss N. E. Shorter	T	reble	NELSON ELLIOTT	***	***	5
*Robert Swift		2	BERNARD WELLS		***	6
GEORGE OLLIVER	***	3	CECIL NICE	***	444	7
KENNETE SNELLING		4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	***	7	enor
Composed by H. Dain			Conducted by O.	. Su	PET	rs.
* First peal in the m	etho	d.				

### SIX BELL PEALS.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Double Court.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... ... Treble | CHARLES W. CLARKE ... ... 4 EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 2
HENRY W. GAYTON ... 3 WILLIAM STOCK ... ... Tenov Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1929, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

### A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5940 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.	Tenor	84 cwt.
*JACK ROBBRTS Treble	JOHN B. Howes	4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER 2	GEURGE G. MANSFIELD	5
ARTHUR MANSFIELD 3	JOHN M. GRAY	Tomor
Conducted by	I M Chav	

\* First peal of Minor. This is the first peal on the bells since the new treble was added by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, in November last year. The ringers of the treble and fourth are members of the local band.

> SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX. THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's Plain Bob, one of Double Court, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. OHN MYBILL ... ... Treble | HERBERT DEVENISH ... ... 4 ERNEST RUNTER ... ... 2 WILLIAM PRAILL ... ... EDWARD KEMP ... Conducted by E. BUCKINGHAM. EDWARD BUCKINGHAM ... Tenor

Rung as a farewell to Canon F. S. and Mrs. Paynter and the conductor, who are leaving the parish.

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WEEK ST. MARY, CORNWALL. THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RANGERS. On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, At the Church of St. Mary,	PRESTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. (PRESTON BRANCH.) On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES; Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.  *ROBERT W. POGSLEYTreble ERNEST W. MARSH	AT THE CEURCH OF ST. JOHN,  A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.  FRED RIGHT
THE SUFFOLK GUILD. On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.	First peal of Minor on the bells. This is the heaviest peal of bells rung to peal of Minor by the association.
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;  Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.  Tenor 11 cwt.	HANDBELL PEAL. STOCKPORT.
WILLIAM MUSK Treble JAMES BETTS 4 ALPHÆUS J. BERRY 2 GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL 5 WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor	THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. On Thursday, October 3, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes, At 81, Beech Road,
Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.	A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6017 CHANGES; Tenor size 17 in A. FREDERICK PAGE 1-2   ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
CHICHELEY, BUCKS.  THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  (North Bucks Branch.)	HAROLD JACKSON 3-4 WILLIAM JACKSON 7-8 PETER LAFLIN 9-10 Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by A. F. Balley.
On Saturday, September 28, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE, A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5050 CHANGES;	NORTH WALES TOUR.
Seven 720's.  Thomas C. Walters Treble   Alexander Colby 4  Edward Whitlock 2  Charles G. Alderman 3   Albert J. Green Tenor  Conducted by Edward Whitlock.  First peal of Minor as conductor.	The following eight performances were successful in eleven peal attempts. Members of the party desire, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the clergymen and tower foremen for the hearty welcome they received at each parish visited.  CHESTER, CHESHIRE.  THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
BARKING, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.	On Saturday, September 21, 1929, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes At the Cathedral Church of SS. Werburgh and Oswald, A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
On Sunday, September 29, 1929, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes, AT THE CEURCH OF ST. MARY, A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES; Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, each 720 called differently. Tenor II cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.	Tenor 33 cwt, in D.  James H. Shepherd Treble George Williams 2 George Martin 3 William H. Fussell 4 Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by George Williams
"THOMAS SPARROW Treble   ALFE-EUS J. BERRY 4 WILLIAM J. GROOM 2   HARRY D. LISTER 5 KEITH W. WHITTLE 3   GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL Tenor Conducted by G. A. BLAXCELL.	The ringers of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6 were provisionally elected members of the Diocesan Guild before starting the peal.  ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.	THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
RENDHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.	On Monday, September 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes At the Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
RENDHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD. On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, A PEAL OF MINOR, 8940 CHANGES; Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.	On Monday, September 23, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minntes  At the Parish Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,  A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 8068 CHANGES;  MIDDLETON'S.  EDWARD V. RODENBURST Treble HARRY W. Wildle
RENDHAM, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.  On Saturday, October 5, 1929, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, A PEAL OF MINOR, 8040 CHANGES; Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.  "WILLIAM NICHOLS	AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;  MIDDLETON'S.  Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.  EDWARD V. RODENBURST Treble HARRY W. WILDE
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RHYL, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1929, in Three Hours and Four Minutes. AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5940 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PAR	T.	Tenor I	7½ cwt.
GABRIEL GRO, LINDOFF	Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
		GABRIEL LINDOFF	
	3	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	JAMES H. SHEFHERD	Tenor
1676		***	

Conducted by George Williams.

The ringers of Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were provisionally elected life members of the association before starting for the peal.

### BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE. THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, September 25, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

### AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 14 cwt.

*LEWIS JOHN EVANS	 7	reble	GABRIEL LINDOFF		5
WILLIAM BIBBY					
GEORGE R. PyE	 		GEORGE WILLIAMS		
GEORGE MARTIN	 	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	3	Tenor

Composed by N. I. PITSTOW. Conducted by George Williams. \* First peal of Surprise Major. An attempt for the same peal the provious morning lasted 2th hours.

### BANGOR, CARNARYONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1929, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes. AT THE MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. DAVID.

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

Mı	DDLETON'S.		Teno	r 13 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. i	n F	shar	p.
GROS	RGE WILLIAMS .		Treble	GEORGE MARTIN			5
GEOR	RGE R. PYB		. 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD			6
WILI	LIAM H. FOSSELL		. 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF		***	7
WILI	LIAM BIBBY		. 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON		T	enos
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Conducted by George R. Pye.

First peal in the method on the bells. An attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Llandudno on the previous afternoon lasted an hour.

### NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. EURGAIN AND PETER.

#### A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES.

Tenor 14 cwt, in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY	Treble	George R. Pye 5		
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON 6		
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	GABRIEL LINDOFF 7		
		JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor		
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by George R. Pyr.				
		olla A seel of Tenden Commission		

First peal of Surprise on the hells. A peal of London Surprise was lost at Buckley in the evening after 24 hours' ringing.

### GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 27, 1929, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes. AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

MIDDLETON'S.		Tenor 24 cwt. 3	lb. in D.	
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	Treble	GRORGE R. PYE	5	
WILLIAM BIBBY	2	TAMES H. SHEPHERD	. 6	
GARRIEL LINDOFF	3	GEORGE MARTIN	7	
HARRY W. WILDE	4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON	Tene	or
Condi	neted by (	PARCE R Dee		

The company disbanded from the Church House at 2.30 p.m. after an enjoyable lunch as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of Gresford

### MR. TOM BEADLE APPEAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £7 0s. 6d.; Mr. E. J. Cole, Brook Green, £1 1s.: An Old Friend, Surrey, 10s.; Mr. C. T. Coles, 5s.; Mr. G. R. Pye, 5s.; 'Wessex,' Weymouth, 2s 6d. Donations will be gratefully received on behalf of Mr. Beadle by William H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

### DEATH OF AN OLD BROMSGROVE RINGER.

ONE OF FIRST MEMBERS OF WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

After a rather prolonged illness, Mr. George Hayward, of Bromsgrove, passed away at his home in Worcester Street on Thursday, September 26th, at the age of 73 years. He had not taken part in active ringing for some few years past, but his mind was active in other directions, viz., composing peals and touches, the whole of which he handed to the Vicar of Bromsgrove (the Rev. T. C. De La Hey, M.A., M.C.) some two months ago for the use of the local ringers and the association in general, and it is hoped in due time to get them classified and copied, so that a copy may be added to the Association Library. the Association Library

He was one of the first members of the Worgestershire and Districts He was one of the first members of the Worcestershife and Districts Association when it was formed in the 'eighties, and had rung and conducted many peals, some of them being recorded on the peal boards in the belfry of Bromsgrove Church. Some few of the present-day ringors in the neighbourhood owe much to his tuition and help. The interment took place at Bromsgrove Cemetery on Monday, September 30th, and the following ringers rang various touches at the Farish Church of St. John the Baptist with half-muffled clappers

the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist with Half-mulfied clappers as a last token of respect, viz.: Messrs. A. E. Parsons and H. G. Bird, of Old Hill, W. Short, of Clent, Miss Amy Johnson, Messrs. T. Albutt, H. Martin, A. Martin, F. Whitworth and H. Price, of the local hand. A peal of Stedman Triples was also rung on September 28th with half-muffled clappers in memory of deceased, and has already been recorded in the peal columns of a previous issue of 'The Ringing World.'

### DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was The monthly meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at Conisborough on Saturday, September 28th, when there was a good attendance, the towers represented being Arksey, Doncaster, Tickhilt, Darfield, Campsall, Sprotborough and local company. The bells, a fine peal of eight, were raised soon after 3 p.m. and rung to various methods, some good practice being obtained. Tea was provided by the local ringers and partaken of in the Church Lecture Room. The business meeting followed tea and was presided over by Mr. G. Clark. It was decided to hold the next meeting jointly with the Yorkshire Association at Arksey on October 19th.

Tracks were made again for the tower, and the bells were rung until 8 p.m., at which time they were lowered in peal. During the

until 8 p.m., at which time they were lowered in peal. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Little Bob Major, Forward Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Minor.

### LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The September meeting was held at Hunslet Parish Church. The attendance in the afternoon was rather poor, but improved after tea, when some 30 members were present from Leeds Parish Church, Armley, Rothwell, Lindley, Holbeck, Holbeck St. Francis (R.C.), Headingley St. Michael's and Headingley St. Chad's, Drighlington and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, Mr. J. Hey (vice-president) being in the chair. Three new members were elected, and president) being in the chair. Three new members were elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Hunslet for kindly granting the use of the bells and to the local company for the necessary arrangments was proposed by Mr. J. Woodhead (Holbeck) and seconded by Mr. H. Grimwood (Armley).—Mr. H. Smith, of Hunslet, replied. The meeting being closed, the veterans began to exchange reminiscences of visits to this tower over 20 years ago, and further ringing took

### A FAREWELL PEAL.

A peal of Minor rung at Springfield, Essex, on September 28th, was a farewell to Canon and Mrs. Paynter. Canon Paynter has been Rector for 32 years, but before leaving he has had the bells retuned and relung on ball bearings, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The peal was also a very reluctant farewell to the conductor (Mr. F., Buckingham) who is also leaving, and taking up his duties with

the Canon.

Mr. Buckingham has been conductor of the band for ten years. during which time the band has progressed from call changes to Surprise methods. The 'go' and tone of the bells are all that can be desired and greatly appreciated by all the band.

### FRAYED ROPE STOPS PEAL.

At Badgworth, Somerset, on Saturday, September 28th, a quarterpeal of Grandsire Doubles (1,280 changes) in 45 mins.: G. E. Shallish. 1, W. Balsh 2, E. Avery 3, R. Roberts 4, H. E. Blacker (conductor) 5. Longest length on the bells. Also three six-scores of Plain Bob. An attempt was made for a peni, but the bells were called round at the first quarter, owing to the 4th rope fraying out badly. The ringers were afterwards kindly entertained to supper by the Rector. the Rev Preb. W. E. Hell. the Rev. Preb. M. F. Hall.

### RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.

CHESHIRE MAN'S VISIT TO MELBOURNE

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At St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, on Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples: G. Wheeler (Cheshire) 1, W. Preston (Kent) 2, J. Murray (Victoria) 3, J. Spencer (Leicestershire) 4, H. Blakeley (Lancashire) 5, J. M. Guest (Staffordshire) 6, F. H. Crawley (Cheshire), conductor, 7, T. Trotter (Victoria) 8.

Mr. F. H. Crawley, a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild, who belongs to the S.S. 'Euripides,' was calling at Melbourne with his ship. It was originally arranged to attempt a quarter-peal, but time did not permit of the longer length.

After the ringing the visitor was entertained to some tune playing on handbells by the St. Paul's band.

### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING IN THE CITY.

A meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held at St. Dunstanin-the-East on Saturday, September 28th, when the ring of eight hells were available from 3 p.m. onwards. Something of a setback was at first experienced owing to the 'go' of the two tenors, which left a good deal to be desired, but after a little attention they were reduced to a ringable state. Grandsire and Stedman Triples were essayed and achieved, and some of the bolder spirits suggested Double Norwich, which was tried, and only came to grief through the breaking of the 7th rope for the second time during the afternoon. breaking of the 7th rope for the second time during the afternoon. This terminated the ringing for the time being, and the members adjourned to a near-by 'Lyons' to partake of tea. This latter having been disposed of, a move was made to St. Magnus-the-Martyr's Church, London Bridge, where the ring of ten bells was very kindly placed at the members' disposal.

The business meeting was held in the tower of this church, and, there being nothing important to discuss, it was soon brought to a close. After this a good touch of Stedman Caters formed a capital energing tauch. Then Year Treble Beb and Cambridge Surprise Boxal.

opening touch. Then Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal opening touch. Then Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung, intermingled with touches of Grandsire, etc., for the heginners. Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise were also rung on the back eight before the majority of the members departed, and the meeting was finished by touches of Grandsire Triples and a touch of Plain Bob Minor on the front six, which were then lowered in peal. At this meeting, which was one of the most successful of the year, over thirty members and friends put in an appearance, all of whom it is hoped to see again at the next meating.

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#### NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK GUILDS JOINT MEETING.

MAINTAINING TRIENDLY RELATIONS

A joint meeting of the Suffolk and Norfolk Guilds was held at Bungay on Saturday, September 28th. The attendance numbered about 20, including the general secretaries of the Suffolk and Norfolk Guilds and members from towers on both sides of the border.

At the business meeting after tea it was suggested that the next Suffolk Guild meeting should be at Woodbridge, and it was hoped to arrange the first meeting of the newly-formed eastern district of the Norfolk Guild before the end of the year.

Reference was also made for the need of maintaining friendly relations between the two Guilds for the mutual benefit of the ringers living on the border line.

The bells of the Parish Church were kept going from 3 p.m. till late in the evening, and everyone seemed satisfied that a successful meeting had taken place.

#### 'SILENT' PEAL RECORDED.

A very pleasant and instructive evening was spent at the Holy A very pleasant and instructive evening was spent at the Holy Trinity tower, Dartford, Kent, on September 26th, when a board to record the non-conducted peal of Double Norwich rung there on March 23rd last was unveiled by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Hammond), who gave the impressions of a non-ringer on the performance. He expressed pleasure that Dartford was selected for the attempt, and repeated his oft spoken welcome to visiting ringers. He then formally unveiled the board and concluded with the before prayer. The band then stood as in the peal and rang 192 Double Norwich (silent).

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, and, after his reply, the tower was given over to practice. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major gave all a chance. Surprise practice is not so often obtainable locally, on this scale at any rate.

In addition to the peal band and the umpires, the local band assembled in full force, and there were also present Messrs, F. Rogers and A. Greenwood (Portsmouth), R. Smith (Northfleet), F. J. Cullum. jun. (Erith), T. Emsden (Chislehurst) and E. Barnett ('Ted III.' of Crayford).

The band who rang the peal consisted of Messrs. E. Barnett, E. Barnett, sen., T. Groombridge, jun., G. E. Cross, J. H. Cheesman, C. W. Roberts, H. E. Audsley and T. Groombridge, the umpires being Messrs. E. J. Beer and H. Hoverd.

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PICTURES OF CHURCH TOWERS FOR PUBLICATION IN 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

The Editor of 'The Ringing World' will be glad to receive photographs of churches, with a view to their future publication when suitable occasion arises.

The photographs should be accompanied by brief particulars of the bells, with their inscriptions and dates if possible, and any other interesting information about

Pictures should, for preference, be photographic postcards, and, where there is any choice, the tower should be a feature.

Obviously, of course, all the pictures cannot be published at once, the object of getting a collection being that the photographs may be ready at hand for use when fitting opportunity occurs.

Will each tower secretary be good enough to send a photograph of his own tower? It should be forwarded in an envelope for protection, and addressed to The Editor, 'The Ringing World,' Woking, Surrey, and the sender should enclose his name and address.

### BELFRY GOSSIP.

The dedication of the bells at Kislingbury, Northants, is to take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 20th (not Saturday, the 19th, as erroneously printed in previous notices). Will intending visitors please

Mr. William Pye has done many great things in his ringing career, but we doubt if he has ever tackled anything greater than his performance on Saturday, when he rang the 50 cwt. tenor at Worcester Cathedral to a peal. Only those who have rung at Worcester can appreciate the greatness of the performance.

Holt's Ten Part was rung for the first time on October 12th, 1752, at Shoreditch Church,

Thomas Tolladay, who was a prominent leader in the old St. James' Society a hundred years ago, died on October 18th, 1843.

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths will be held on January 11th at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and arrangements have been made for a peal tablet to be opened on the

We have the unusual experience this week of recording in one issue peals rung at no less than four cathedrals and one abbey-Worcester, Llandaff, Ripon, Chester and Tewkesbury.

### THE 29 COURSES OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I herewith wish to enter a strong protest against the Rev. H. L. James in any way attaching his name to the 29 courses of Cambridge Royal and Maximus, both of which have been rung.

If there is any credit for extending Middleton's 25 courses to 29, it is due to myself, who first used them to obtain the 14,112 of London Surprise published in 1903.

Seeing that Middleton's peal is the basis of this block, I think it would only be an act of courtesy and justice to leave the credit of the 29 courses with that old worthy of the Cambridge method.—Yours faithfully,

90 Efford Terrace Dublin

90, Elford Terrace, Dublin.

#### PEAL PACE AT HASLEMERE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In May last, nine simple country ringers and one Bolton Wanderer rang a peal of Stedman Caters at Haslemere, which brought forth a letter from 'Tintinnabulator,' a Londoner, with the suggestion that, 'even if it was amusing,' we had rung extra courses. If he will look in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' he will find another peal, 24 changes shorter, was rung at the same tower, in two minutes less than ours, which proves to the Exercise that the bells can be rung at that pace. The College Youths' band, from their names, do not appear to be so simple as to ring the last quarter over again. I hope 'Tintinnabulator' will withdraw his letter, as it has already caused friction, and, in future, leave the pace of peals alone, as most ringers have fads about the speed at which bells should be rung.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. PULLEING.

### MAXIMUS AT WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

ANOTHER GREAT PERFORMANCE.

The first peal of Maximus ever rung at Worcester Cathedral was accomplished on Saturday last, the method chosen being Cambridge Surprise. Considered by many who had had experience of the bells to be a 'real big job,' it was brought to a successful issue by a mixed band, the majority of whom rang in the twelve-bell record at Ashtonunder-Lyne on August Bank Holiday.

Mr. William Pyo 'turned in' the tenor in his own inimitable style, and was the recipient of the congratulations of a large audience on the completion of the peal. In reply to a facctious remark by a joker from Birmingham as to why he did not attempt the record at Worcester, he said he was not likely to—a five thousand there was oute enough.



### WORCESTER CATHEDRAL AND CENTRAL BELL TOWER.

The hand who rang the peal are greatly indebted to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, and to the former for his hospitality prior to the peal. The attention and kindnesses received from Worcester ringing friends were also appreciated. A peal of Bristol Surprise Major was rung on Sunday afternoon at Claines, at the invitation of Mr. E. P. Thomas. Here the visitors were welcomed by the son of the Vicar, in the latter's unavoidable absence.

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Worcester Cathedral bells were recast last year by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and are a magnificent ring, but, perfectly as the bells are hung, the structural defects of the tower make the ringing of the bells no easy task. The pinnacted central tower, although massive in appearance, is too thin towards the top to carry the strain of a ringing peal, and, in consequence, the bell frame is supported on wooden stanchions, cross-braced and tied, which are carried up from the main walls at about the level of the Cathedral roof. This is an extremely interesting feature of the structure, but it did not simplify the bellfounders' job. Everything that engineering science could suggest was done by Messrs. Taylor in strengthening and bracing the old frame, and the inevitable movement under the strain of a swinging peal was reduced to a minimum. But, while the bells are so perfectly lung, the timber structure is bound to give, with the result that, as one ringer in Saturday's peal said, they all 'catch you bending,' and when a two and a half ton bell plays tricks, well—he is more than an average ringer who can put it through a peal of Maximus.

EYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Menday, August 26th, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. Cooke 1, Miss M. Cooke 2, R. Cooke (first 720) 3, T. Cooke, jun., 4, F. Jaint 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells with members of the local band taking part.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. QUARTERLY MEETING AT LUTTEBWORTH.

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The quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Lutterworth on Saturday, October 5th, and, in spite of a very unsatisfactory train service, it was well attended. The first arrivals, however, lad a long dreary wait until parties arrived from the country districts, when some Hob Minor and Graudsire Triples were more or less successfully rung. Further members from Whitwick and elsewhere strengthened matters, and later on the higher methods were rung. On the arrival of the second train from Leicester reinforcements and committee turned up in good numbers, and the latter immediately had a formal meeting in the Church Hall. They carried out the usual routine, and also passed several resolutions or recommendations for the general meeting. Tea was held at the

carried out the usual routine, and also passed several resolutions or recommendations for the general meeting. Tea was held at the Coach and Horses inn near the church, and it was pleasing to see such a large number present, between 50 and 60 sitting down.

Immediately after tea the general meeting took place, with the vice-president (Mr. J. Griffin) in the chair, supported by the houterasurer (Mr. W. Wallace) and the hon, secretary (Mr. Ernest Morris). The election of members (seven life, seven ordinary) was duly confirmed.

The hon, treasurer gave a brief summary of the finance of the association, and urged all members to do their best to assist in keeping up this very necessary side of the work, not only by paying their own subscriptions promptly, but also by interesting their clergy and others to become hon, members. The vice-president also asked the local hon, secretaries to do their very best to the same end, for, since the lamented death of the president, Mr. R. B. Chambers, many of his personal friends had ceased their honorary subscriptions.

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PRESENTATION TO MR. WILLIAM WILLSON.

The vice-president then informed the meeting of a very pleasant duty he had to perform, and that was to present Mr. William Willson with a slight token of the members' appreciation of his good work for the association and ringing generally. This took the form of a solid silver tea set, which he trusted Mr. Willson would value as much as he (the vice-president) did the watch presented to him by the members in 1893. Mr. Griffin spoke in eulogistic terms of the good work Mr. Willson did as hon, treasurer for nine years, and in other directions for the association.

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Mr. Willson, in accepting the gift, spoke 'very feelingly, stating that whatever he had done in the past either for the association or for ringers and ringing, he was still willing to do again, and any service rendered was given with a free, good will. He had been a member some 40 years and had seen many changes. One particular trait could not help being noticed, and that was the fact that all the hon, treasurers had borne the initials 'W. W.,' viz., William Wakley, sen., William Wakley, jun., William Wilson, and now they had Walter Wallace! He also remarked on the fact that it had been facetiously remarked he had two 'l's' in both his names, and it was said one would not be enough for him! (laughter). He thanked the members for their good wishes, and would appreciate and value their gift most highly.

SUGGESTED MEMORIAL TO THE LATE PRESIDENT.

Mr. C. H. Webb asked if it was possible to promote a scheme for a memorial to the late president, and, as one suggestion, mentioned the fact that at Peatling Magna, Leicestershire, where Mr. Chambers had great interests and certain property, there was a ring of four bells. On their restoration in 1906 they were greatly indebted to the late president for his generosity, and, in addition to other gifts, he had the tenor bell recast at his own expense. This bell is 13 cwt., and inscribed:—

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RECAST 1906 AT THE COST OF R. B. CHAMBERS, DERBY. Mr. Webb suggested that it might be possible to increase this ring to six, if the association could give a bell, and, maybe, Mrs. Chambershight be approached to place another there to the late Mr. Chambershuppers.

It was decided that this matter should be considered by the various local centres, and a definite proposal brought forward at the next general meeting in January, 1930.

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Votes of thanks to the local ringers and others for arranging the meeting were duly passed, and further ringing was done both at Lutterworth and Bitteswell by those who were fortunate enough to be able to stay. Many had to go back by train early to reach their destinations in a damp atmosphere, but not damped in sprit!

### TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the report of the meeting of the Truro Branch of the above Guild, which appeared in your issue of Friday last, the branch secretary elected for the ensuing year was Mr. A. S. Roberts, and not Mrs. A. S. Roberts as reported. I shall be obliged if you will point out this little error, as my ringing friends in various places may be led to think that I have become 'spliced' even the word 'go' for this has yet to be called.—Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS.

### AN ADVANCE IN MINOR SPLICING.

SOME NEW PRINCIPLES.

By George L. Joyce, Leytonstone.

Those of us who possess a copy of that useful little book, 'Method Splicing, will have read that spliced Minor ringing was introduced by the Rev. H. Law James, when, in 1909 or thereabout, he dis-covered that methods could be spliced 'by leads' and 'by courses,' a peal in 14 methods (in seven true extents) being rung in 1911

The next step was the splicing of methods in three complementary leads, the first peal on this '3-lead' plan being arranged and conducted by Mr. J. W. Parker in 1913.

The publication of 'Method Splicing' in 1925 introduced the splice, and the splicing by ' mixed places ' at the lead ends. Extents on these principles were rung by the Leytonstone company in 1926, and embodied in a 22-method Surprise peal in 1928.

It has been suggested more than once in these columns that a complete and concise table of Minor methods which will splice would be of great assistance to those interested in arranging such extents. With the object in view of compiling such a table, Mr. A. G. Driver, of Belvedere, Kent, has undertaken an exhaustive investigation, which has resulted in a number of splices hitherto unknown.

Not all that is new can be exampled in the Surprise methods, with which the Leytonstone company are more familiar, but the following instances have been selected by way of introducing Mr. Driver's work to the Exercise. The extents were rung at St. John the Baptist, Leytonstone, and are the 'firsts' of these particular types.

CARLISLE and CUNECASTRE SURPRISE (Nos. 9 and 17). Sunday, July 14th, 1929, in 26 minutes, for morning service. These methods are spliced in three-lead blocks. As described in 'Method Splicing,' the 3-lead splice is confined to the middle rows, whereas Mr. Driver has extended it throughout the lead. This makes necessary a correction to the statement, on page 5 of the book, that methods cannot be spliced when they start in different ways.

NETHERSEALE and BOURNE SURPRISE (Nos. 28 and 41) .- On Sunday, August 25th, 1929, in 26 minutes, for morning service. A splice on a 6-lead principle, which is remarkable in that, unlike Mr. Parker's, it is not confined to the '5/6 section' of the methods; and, moreover, it does not produce the extent of the rows within the six complementary leads. Again two methods which start in different ways are truly spliced.

NORTHUMBERLAND, CARLISLE and SANDIACRE SURPRISE NORTHUMBERLAND, CARLISLE and SANDIACRE SURPRISE (Nos. 8, 9 and 11).—On Sunday morning, September 29th, 1929, in 27 minutes, for harvest festival. These methods are spliced on a novel and interesting principle evolved by Mr. Driver, which he terms 'romposite courses.' It has been thought, in the past, that the 'odd' methods of Mr. Pidler's 'groups' can be introduced only in complete courses; but, in the 'composite courses;' these methods are spliced in such a way that no complete course of any method is rung.

NORPOLK, IPSWICH, PRIMEOSE, CAMBRIDGE, HULL and BOURNE SURPRISE (Nos. 36, 37, 58, 39, 40 and 41).—On Monday, April 8th, 1929, in 27 mins., for practice. An example of an extent from a set of 'composite courses,' further varied by the use of Mr. Parker's 'mixed places' at the lead ends. The figures are appended, whereby it will be seen that Hull and Bourne Surprise are both included in a 720 which runs round. These methods have 165432 at the lead end (handwhich runs round. These methods have 105452 at the lead end (handstroke row), with 6th's and 2nd's places between the leads, respectively, and it has hitherto been thought that such methods could not be embodied in an extent between 'rounds.' It is the second combination of more than five legitimate Surprise methods to be spliced into a 720 between rounds; and, unlike the other (to be found on page 11 of 'Method Splicing'), no method here will splice with mother 'by the leads.' It may be mentioned that both of these combinations of six methods keep the tenors the 'right way.'

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The ingenuity displayed in the 'composite course' splice is remarkable to a degree. The writer is of opinion that Mr. Driver's work forms a valuable addition to that which has been published, and it is to be hoped that he may be induced to place the results

of his researches before the Exercise.

The writer has seen some of the tables compiled by Mr. Driver, and can say that, roughly, the number of 3-lead and 6-lead splices is double that which would be obtained by tabulating those from existing principles; is given to understand that ex-

(Twice repeated) tents in oleven, and even twelve methods, are possible; and also, in the splicing of plain methods, that the relationships which have been stated to exist can now be revised and very much amplified.

Surely an advancement, and yet by no means the 'last word' in the splicing of Minor methods.

The following names should be associated with the above 'first' performances: P. H. Avey, E. J. Butler, G. Dawson, G. L. Joyce, W. Miller, R. Molton, J. Moule, A. Prior, A. Reeve, E. D. Smith and

### BENJAMIN ANNABLE AND THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

To the Editor.

Sir .- About the end of last year you kindly published a letter from me in which I questioned the accuracy of one of the records in the interesting handbook which gives us the history of the College Youths. In the 'list of notable performances by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, compiled from the Peal Record Books,' the first entry is: 'January 7th, 1689, St. Sepulchre, Snow Hill, Plain Bob Triples, 5,040 changes, 3 hours 45 minutes, tenor 31 cst., Composed and Conducted by Benjamin Annable.' I pointed out that if, as Osborne stated, Annable died on February 1st, 1756, and, as the 'Clavis' records, he was between 60 and 70 years of age, he the 'Clavis' records, he was between 60 and 70 years of age, he could not possibly have composed and conducted a peal of Bob Triples in 1689. If he did call the peal in 1689, then he must bave been nearer 90 years of age when he died, but it was unlikely that so soon after his death the writers of the 'Clavis' would have made a mistake of twenty years in his age. Moreover, I drew attention to the fact that Annable was Master of the College Youths in 1746 and suggested it was doubtful it he would have been preparated to effect the college of suggested it was doubtful if he would have been appointed to office at the age of 80 or thereabouts.

In commenting on my letter, Mr. E. Alex Young admitted the difficulty with regard to reconciling the date of this early performance and Annable's age, and suggested, as a possible solution, that Annable was a much older man than his contemporaries thought. Mr. Young added that reference to Snowdon and Osborne did not help us.

Here Mr. Young appears to be in error. Looking casually through an old volume of 'Church Bells' recently, I came across an article (December 9th, 1876) by Jasper Snowdon on 'Annable's M.S.' (now in the British Museum). In this article Snowdon says, 'Annable was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and in the earlier pages of their peal books his name is to be found connected earlier pages or their pear books his manner. He joined the society in with nearly all their great performances. He joined the society in the pearly manner admitted in that year. He with nearly all their great performances. He joined the society in 1721; in fact, he was the only member admitted in that year. He was elected a steward in 1737, and made master in 1746. The last mention of his name in the books of the society occurs in the pear rung by the College Youths at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, in 1754.'

The dates quoted here, by Snowdon, are, I presume, not guesswork, and can be verified by reference to the books of the society.

If, in fact, Annable joined in 1721, that would finally settle the question whether he composed and conducted the 1689 peal.

As Annable composed and conducted the peal of Grandsire Cinques St. Bride's in 1724, which is the next performance on the list, at St. Bride's in 1724, which is the next performance on the list, I have my own theory as to how a mistake may have occurred, but Mr. Young may be right when he says that 'in the several transcriptions, Annable's name was added as conductor and composer, where the original had omitted to state these, and "hearsay," like a rolling snowball, had eventually added what was deemed the only possible name, and incidentally overlooked the age difficulty. However, the Ancient Society can, I imagine, now settle the question, if, as would seem to be the case, Annable's name appears in the Name Book as having been elected in 1721. Will Mr. Young be good enough to examina it and let us know? it and let us know?

Anything which adds to our knowledge of these ancient pioneers is welcome. Few of your readers probably are aware that Annable was, by trade, a baker, for on the first page of his famous notebook, Mr. Snowdon tells us, is written:

' London College Youths, 'Amsterdam Coffee House.
'Benjamin Annable, Baker.'

Yours faithfully,

"COLLEGIAN."

### KEGWORTH RINGERS VISIT THE FENS.

The ringers of the Parish Church, Kegworth, Leicestershire, with friends had their annual outing on Saturday, September 21st, when they visited the Fen district. Travelling via Melton Moworay, Oakham, Stamford with its cluster of churches, and Peterborough, they stopped at Market Deeping, where ringing took place, and several touches were brought round. Here they met Mr. Horace W. Day, who kindly conducted them to St. James', Deeping, and arranged for them to ring on these bells (a very fine six by J. Taylor and Co.), but time would not allow of a long stay. A few touches were, however, rung, and the ladies handled these heavy six very well, the go' being good. Proceeding to Crowland, where Mr. A. Holland provided a substantial tea for the visitors, which all enjoyed, the party visited the famous Abbey and its surroundings, and brought round a few touches on the bells. The return journey was commenced shortly after seven o'clock, via Cowbit, of skating fame, and here the party were met by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Clark), who is a son of a former Rector of Kegworth, also his sister (Mrs. Gleed), who was delighted to meet the vicitors. were delighted to meet the visitors. A short visit to the church and an inspection of the old documents and Elizabethan communion plate was of great interest. The journey was continued via Spaiding, and Kegworth was reached about 11.15 p.m., after a memorable and happy day. Thanks are accorded to all who helped to make a successful outing.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DEVIZES BRANCH AT WARMINSTER.

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at the Minster Church of St. Deny, Warminster, on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and service was later conducted by the Rev. A. R. Bellars (Vicar), the lesson being read by the chairman of the branch (Mr. C. D. Heginbothom). Tea followed at the Magnet Tea Rooms, the Rev. A. R. and Mrs. Bellars and Mr. Curtis (church-maylon) being presented. warden) being present.

A short business meeting followed, at which the Chairman expressed to the Vicar the congratulations of the branch on his marriage, and

wished him and Mrs. Bellars long life and happiness.

The Vicar, in replying, thanked those present for their good wishes, and also thanked the local ringers for ringing for his wedding and on his return, and also for the present which the ringers had given him and his wife. The Vicar said he would like those present to him and his wife. The Vicar said he would like those present to see this gift, which took the form of two silver inkstands in the form of bells. He added that he was very pleased to welcome the branch again to Warminster.—Mr. and Mrs. Bellars then left.

The Chairman extended a welcome to the visitors and the following

were elected members of the Guild : Messrs. T. Button, W. Chatfield

On the motion of the Chairman, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist, and to those who prepared the tea.—Mr. Curtis, in reply, said he was pleased to be present as churchwarden, and he felt that sometimes the work of the ringers was not appreciated as much as it should be, as it was done out of sight. It was, however, none the less a work for the church.

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Seend was proposed for the November meeting, and Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church) for December.

Visitors included Miss I. Hastie (Leatherhead, late of Warminster), Miss N. G. Williams (Bath), Mr. W. Prescott (Bath), Mr. E. Coward (Mere) and Mr. W. Evans (Burnham-on-Sea). Ringers in addition to the above were present from Warminster, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's). Bratton, Merc, West Cranmore, Corsley and Rowde. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Warminster has a peal of eight bells (tenor 28 cwt, approximately), and a brass plate affixed to the pillar near the beliry door bears the following: 'The bells in this tower were rearranged December, 1881, and converted from a peal of six bells into a peal of eight bells,

and converted from a peal of six bells into a peal of eight bells. The treble and second bells were added by George Thomas Vicary. Nos. 3 to 7 were recast and the tenor retained.—James Erasmus Phillips, Bart., Vicar; Edward Edwards, Thomas Ponting, churchwardens.

A peal board in the belfry records a peal of Grandsire Triples by the Cumberland Youths for the opening of the bells, and the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Longleat, December 18th, 1881.

### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

A well-attended quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham took place at Edgbaston Parish Church, Birmingham, on Saturday, September 28th. The church, which is known locally as 'the Old Church,' is dedicated to St. Bartholomew, and, although within a couple of miles of the centre of the city, is pleasantly situated in a quiet residential district. The date of the original church is unknown, but from authentic records a small chapel stood on the spot in 1340. Since then it has passed through many vicissitudes. During the Civil War it was laid derelict by Parliamentary Forces under Tinker Fox, and the materials of the roof were used to barricade Edgbaston Hall and make bullets. Between 1658 and 1684 the parishioners began to rebuild the church, and about 1725 the Lord of the Manor put it into very good repair. Considerable alterations were made in 1810, and again in 1885 it was restored and enlarged.

The tower contains a modern peal of eight bells by Taylor. Until recently there were only six bells, and four of these bore the date

Ringing in various methods took place from 3 to 5 p.m., in which Mr. W. Burgar, of Sheffield, took part. Tea was then partaken of in the schoolroom and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Presiding Ringing Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett) took the chair. Several new members were elected, including Mr. Clifford H. chair. Several new members were elected, including Mr. Clifford H. Ball, the carillonneur at Bournville.

It was decided to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner as usual on Saturday, March 1st, 1930.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar, Canon Blofeld, for the use of the

hells, for providing such an excellent tea and for his presence amongst them that afternoon was proposed by the Chairman.—In acknowledging this, the Vicar stated how pleased he was to be with the Guild and how much he appreciated the services rendered in the

After the meeting a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on a new peal of handbells, in which Mr. Vice-President Tom Russam took part, the band being T. Russam, P. Laffin, H. Withers, A. Walker, A. E. Norman and J. Neal. A return was then made to the belfry, where further ringing took place until about 8 p.m.

### A JOINT MEETING AT GUILDFORD.

SURREY ASSOCIATION VISIT GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. Guildford Diocesan Guild and Surrey County Association members fraternised at Guildford on Saturday, when ringers from a wide area spent a pleasant half-day. Joint meetings of this description are a welcome feature of present-day gatherings, and in the case of organisations which overlap in their territory as these two do, they are all the more commendable, as they encourage that friendly spirit which leads to completely amicable working between the two societies. Guildford is favoured by having two excellent peals of bells, one of eight at the Cathedral and the other of ten at S. Nicolas' Church.

eight at the Cathedral and the other of ten at S. Nicolas' Church. The former were open on Saturday during the afternoon, and the latter both afternoon and evening. The result was that S. Nicolas' was, more or less, neglected before tea, but a band was got together to ring a good service touch. In the meantime, Holy Trinity Cathedral bells had been kept going, under the direction of Mr. A. H. Pulling, in a variety of methods up to London Surprise Major. The service in S. Nicolas' Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Wheeler), and an address was given by the Rev. G. Wellercott, who has come to reside in the diocese on retiring from the charge of a parish in the West of England, where he took a practical part in ringing at his own church. It was an inspiring sermon, coming from a ringer. Basing his address on the words, 'In that day there shall be on the bells of the horses, "Holiness unto the Lord," he referred to the appeal of the bells to the people and the fascination of the art to ringers. There was an old saying, and the fascination of the art to ringers. There was an old saying, or once a ringer, always a ringer. That, said the preacher, was true if they started in the right spirit and if they had a love of ringing. He referred to the changed tone which had come into the beliries

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A company of nearly fifty sat down to tea at a near-by cafe, and afterwards Mr. -Walter Harrison (vice-president of the Guildford Diocesan Guild) welcomed the Surrey Association, remarking that such gatherings must tend to improve the good feeling between the two bodies. He also thanked the preacher for his address, and the Vicar for conducting the service.—Admiral T. P. Walker (vice-president) secondary approaches the service of the formal of the service of the serv dent) seconded, and took the opportunity of extending, on behalf of all present, cordial congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling upon celebrating their silver wedding.—Mr. D. Cooper (district secretary) acknowledged the welcome on behalf of the Surrey Association and hoped to see the Guildford Diocesan Guild members at a similar in the Surrey area. He also thanked Mr. G. Grover (Guildford District secretary) for having made all the arrangements.

Guidlord District secretary) for having made all the arrangements. The Rev. G. Wellercott replied to the vote of thanks in a homely speech, in which he again evinced his interest in ringing.

Mr. C. H. Kippin (hon. secretary of the Surrey Association) made an appeal for help for the widow of the late Mr. C. Gordon, who was ill and in staitened circumstances, and, in response, several of those present made contributions to the fund.

Afterwards S. Nicolas' belfry was visited, and for more than two hours the ten bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and Cambridge Surprise Royal, under the direction of Mr. C. Hazelden (District Ringing Master).

#### NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

Blessed with excellent weather, the above society had one of their most delightful week-ends this summer, starting from Newcastle by bus on Saturday, September 21st, at 9.30 a.m. The venue was Whitby and Scarborough, and to the number of eleven they reached the former in time for lunch at the Station Hotel. From thence to the tower, where the handy peal of ten was turned in to short touches the tower, where the handy peal of ten was turned in to short touches of Stedman and Erin Caters and Forward Royal. After a tour of the ancient Abbey of St. Hilda, and other parts of the town, Scarborough was reached in time for dinner at 7.30 at the Lord Nelson Hotel, an ideally comfortable place for a holiday on the foreshore. The night was filled in in a 'go-as-you-please' fashion, and after a touch on handbells, followed by a more or less friendly game of cards, bed was sought as the last resort.

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Two touches were rung for service at St. Mary's on the fine peal (tenor 24 cwt.), Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples. After service, Mr. Harry Ferguson conducted his friends from his native town on a charabanc tour round the Marine Drive, past the Lord Nelson Hotel, and round by Scawhy and Forge Valley. The afternoon was spent somewhat lazily, four preferring touches on handbells and others the charms of the south cliff and shore, where the beauties of the Italian gardens and precincts were a source of de-

The party boarded their bus at 5.30, and landed in Newcastle well pleased with all they saw and did. The members wish to thank the Vicars of the two churches at which they rang, and also Mr. Ferguson for his kindly arrangements at Scarborough, together with his colleague, Mr. Barton. The members are also most grateful to Mr. Arthur Payne, their secretary, who made such admirable plans for their comfort and amusement.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Wednesday, September 25th, in connection with the harvest festival, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: Rev. J. R. King 1, J. H. Swinfield 2, M. Swinfield (conductor) 3, J. Bailey 4, C. Draper 5, C. Smith 6, J. George 7, R. C. Belton 8.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT APPOINTS A RINGING MASTER.

By the kind permission of the Rev. D. A. Taylor (Vicar), the autumn meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Wingham on Saturday, October 5th. The meeting was well attended, there being 31 members present, representing the following towers: on Saturday, October 5th. The meeting was well attended, there being 31 members present, representing the following towers: Brabourne, Canterbury Cathedral, St. Alphege, Dover, Littlebourne, St. Peter's, Thanet, Sturry, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, Swindon, Tunstall, Walmer, Wickhambreaux and Wingham.

The bells were ringing soon after 3 o'clock, and from then until 4.30 p.m. some very enjoyable touches in Grandsire, Bob Major and Stedman were accomplished. The Rev. Taylor officiated at the service, for which the association's form was used, and gave a particularly interesting address. Mr. F. Lovell, of Wingham, very kindly presided

Subsequently, adjourning to the Dog Inn, the ringers found an excellent tea awaiting them. The Vicar presided and was later voted

excellent tea awaiting them. The Vicar presided and was later voted to the chair for the business meeting.

The election of two non-resident life members, W. R. Drage, Long Eaton, Notts, and T. R. Dennis, Cambridge, was confirmed.

A discussion arose as to the advisability of the Canterbury District appointing a Ringing Master. The suggestion met with general approval, it being thought that it was necessary for the cultivation and continuance of successful meetings to get someone to take the lead and make the more or less shy ringers 'take off their coats and join in.'

Subsequently Mr. Whitehead made a proposition that Mr. F. Brett, Canterbury, be elected as Ringing Master for the Canterbury District, and, failing his attendance at any meeting, the ringers in the tower should elect their own 'master' for the afternoon, preferably the conductor or secretary of the local tower, the Ringing Master to be elected annually at the annual district meeting. The proposition, upon being seconded by Mr. Slingsby, was put to the meeting and carried with one dissentient.

Ospringe was decided upon for the next by-meeting, the probable date being 23rd November.

Before the meeting closed Mr. Brett proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. D. A. Taylor for his kind words of welcome and for the service, and also to Mr. Lovell for the musical arrangements. Adjourning to the tower after the meeting, the ringers enjoyed further good ringing, adding Kent and Oxford Treble Bob to the methods achieved.

#### NORTH STONEHAM RINGERS IN BERKS.

The North Stoucham ringers, together with the choirmen, had their annual outing on September 14th. A start was made at 8 p.m. in two motor charabanes. Newbury, with its fine ring of eight bells, recently rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was the first stop, the party being met at the church by Mr. H. Curtis. Leaving Newbury, a trip over the levely Berkshire Downs brought the party to Farringdon, where there is a grand ring of eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Ringing here was not of the best, as the bell ropes are apt to strike the clock wires, and this put several of the company 'off.' However, a good lunch restored confidence. However, a good lunch restored confidence.

A move was then made to Drayton, where everything was of great A move was then made to Drayton, where everything was of great interest to the ringing members of the party on account of its association with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. The beautiful carving which he executed, the ringing records, and the memorial screen were of much interest, and it was with regret that the visitors learned that there is not now a ringing band at this church.

East Ilsley was the last place on the programme, where Mr. W. Hibbert had everything in readiness, including a splendid tea, which was first discassed of Afronaudes.

was first disposed of. Afterwards, a move was made to the church, and the party enjoyed ringing on the light ring of eight. A special feature was a good touch of Grandsire Triples, in which four of the East Ilsley ringers took part. Home was reached at 9.30 p.m., everyone agreeing that a most enjoyable day had been spent. During the trip, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Major were rung. thanks of all are due to the various incumbents and steeplekeepers of the four towers visited, and particularly to Mr. G. Williams for arrangements made in such interesting country.

#### A TEN-PART PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

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### HARVEST FESTIVAL RINGING.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, October 6th, for evensong (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 48 mins.: G. Sibley 1, A. Wyatt 2, V. Crabb 3, Wm. Coles 4, D. G. Taylor 5, G. Coles 6, P. Merson (conductor) 7, G. Novell 8. First quarter cf

Stedman on the bells.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—At Holy Trinity Church on October 6th, for the harvest festival evening service, 1,250 Grandsire Triples: L. Townley 1, W. Atkinson 2, R. Everson 3, T. Haslam 4, E. Jennings (conductor) 5, F. Martindale 6, I. J. Heap 7, R. Dennison 8.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 6th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Butler 1, J. Sitch 2, A. Prior (conductor) 3, W. Watson 4, W. H. Theobald 5; also 360 in the same method, with H. Perry 1, E. J. Butler 4. After evensong 240 Grandsire Doubles by the same band. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

LONDON.—At St. Mark's, Dalston, on Sunday, October 6th, for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Wilfred Williams 1, E. F. Pike 2, G. Cole 3, P. C. Davis 4, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 5, R. F. Deal 6, J. E. Davis 7, Charles Randall 8.

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HOLBORN.—At St. Andrew's Church on Sunday, October 6th, for harvest festival evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 46 mins.: J. S. Hawkins 1, R. G. Bell 2, W. J. Norton 3, Harry Alfourd 4, Tom Langdon (conductor) 5, Ernest Brett 6, C. W. Pipe 7, C. Vitler 8.

TAUNTON.—At the Church of St. James on Sunday, October 6th, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Hancock 1, J. Hunt 2, A. H. Reed 3, H. Pocock 4, A. R. Thorne 5, E. Priddle 6, W. G. Gigg (conductor) 7, S. Priddle 8. Longest length for 1st and 3th.

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SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church on Sunday evening, October 6th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: E. Pickering 1, W. H. Hall 2, W. H. Funge 3, J. W. Reynolds 4, C. Waithman 5, W. G. Anker 6, B. G. Leedham (conductor) 7, F. R. Trinder 8.

BUNGAY.—At St. Mary's Church on Friday evening, October 4th, for harvest festival services, before service 480 changes and after service 1,024 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. Rumsey 1, G. Howlett 2, S. Copling 3, Miss V. Beckett 4, E. R. Goats (conductor) 5, G. Gower 6, R. Riches 7, C. F. Sayer 8.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, September 29th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted, but was not successful. Afterwards 701 Grandsire Caters: T. Gunning 1, H. Beats 2, T. Ferris 3, J. Gait 4, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 5, A. Ferris 6, C. E. Levitt 7, T. Brice 8, H. Vowles 9, A. Bond 10.

### NOTICE.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .-Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch - A quarterly meeting will be held at Timsbury on October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and business meeting, 5, in Church Room. Please notify me by 10th inst. for tea.-R. T. Clark, Hon. Sec., Timsbury, Bath.

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### NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637) .- Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on October 29th, St. Magnus on the 24th, \*The Coffee Pot on the 15th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.-William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

\*ESSEX ASSOCIATION. - Northern Division. - A meeting will be held at Gestingthorpe on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.30. W. Arnold.

Dis. Sec., Holt Street, Earls Colne.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.-Southampton District.-A quarterly meeting will be held at Upham, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells from 2.30. Tea and meeting at the Brushmakers' Arms at 5 o clock.-W. T. Tucker, District Secretary, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Turvey, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. - P. C. Bonnett, Hon.

Dis. Sec., Stagsden, Beds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church House. All welcome.-Hilda F. Mills, Cairneyhill, Bridgefield, Farnham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. -A meeting will be held at Heywood, on Sat., October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. -William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey,

Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. -A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bootle, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m.-Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.,

Caerleon, Dunbabin Rd., Wavertree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Harrietsham on Saturday, October 12th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea and business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. All ringers welcome. -C. H. Sone, Dis. Sec., Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Next meeting will be held at Leatherhead (not St. Martin's, Epsom, as previously arranged), on Saturday, Oct. 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Institute at 5.15.—A. R. Pink, Hon. Sec. 32, Nower

Road, Dorking.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. -Northern District.—A meeting will be held at King's Walden on Saturday, October 12th. The bells (6), which have recently been rehung on ball-bearings, will be ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Bus services from Hitchin and Luton.—Donald C. Mears, Dis. Sec., Offley, Hitchin.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LON-DON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District. -A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Also a joint meeting at St. Mary's, Ealing, November 2nd. Everybody welcome.—Wm. H. Hoilier, 29, Duke Road, W.4. Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. meeting will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, October 12th, to decide the tie between Wath, Sandal and Shelley for the Shield Competition. Draw 2.45 p.m. prompt. Tea and Judges' award 5.30 p.m. Tickets for tea 1/6, limited to those who apply by postcard to Mr. Geo. Cooke, North's Yard, Crofton, Wakefield. All ringers cordially invited .- C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION .- Eastern District .-The autumn meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Hull, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in Hill Farm. See circular for full details. -A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street,

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION .- Nottingham District.—The third quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Basford on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6.15 till 8.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea.-F. W. Bailey, Dis. Sec., 42, Rupert Street, Nottingham.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION .-A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea at George's, Ltd., High Street, 5 p.m.-

J. T. Dyke, Chilcompton, Bath.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.-Mid-Devon Branch.-The next meeting will be held at Kingsteignton on Saturday, October 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. -H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street,

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.-North and East District.—Practice meeting at St. Paul's, Glyn Road, Homerton, on Wednesday, October 16th. Bells 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting, St. Leonard's, Streatham, Saturday, October 19th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and meeting, 5 o'clock to 6.30. A postcard? thanks. —J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec., 17, Grimston Rd., S.W.6. ESSEX ASSOCIATION AND ELY DIOCESAN

GUILD.—A joint meeting will be held at Saffron Walden on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly advise us .- C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford; F. Warrington, Long Stanton, Cambs.

ASSOCIATION. — Manchester LANCASHIRE Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stretford on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock, important business. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD .- The next monthly meeting of the above guild will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, October 19th Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. - A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association and the Doncaster and District Society will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (8) available early. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 in Church Hall at 1/6 each. Please notify Mr. G. Clark, Dawood Villas, Bentley, Doncaster, by the 16th. Will members please try and pay outstanding subscriptions previous to or at this meeting, so that books can be made up?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., Southern Div., Yorkshire Association; P. Gledstone, Hon. Sec., Doncaster and District Society.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION—Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at North Cadbury on October 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 430 p.m. Tea at the Catash Inn 5 p.m., meeting to follow. Please notify me for tea by October 17th.—E. F. Creed, 6, West

Park, Castle Cary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde and Preston Branches.—A joint meeting of the two branches will be held at St. Annes-on-Sea on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Will all intending to be present for tea (1/6) kindly notify F. Youles, 73, Clifton Street, St. Annes-on-Sea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th?—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec., F. Rigby, Preston Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Welling-borough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, October 19th., Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who hope to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, October 15th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Rd, Wellingborough.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery
Branch.—Combined practice at Sandhurst, Saturday,
October 19th, from 6 to 9 p.m. All welcome.—W. J.

Paice, Branch Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Flamstead on Saturday, October 19th. Bells (6) recently overhauled, available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Buses from Dunstable and St. Albans. Will those intending being present please notify me by the previous Wednesday so that I can make arrangements for tea?—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

WÄRWICKSHIRE GUILD.—There will be a quarterly meeting at Coleshill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, October 19th. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge.

—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward

Road, Nuneaton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bicker on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 12.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by October 14th.—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, Oct. 19th. The bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m.—A, E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.— The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7—Business: Yearly list of meetings.— Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.— The next meeting will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, October 19th. Church of St. Helen (8 bells) available afternoon and evening Tea and meeting will be arranged. Please notify Mr. G. H. Paulson, Churchtown, Darley Dale, not later than October 17th.— J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Dis. Sec., Leamwood, Dore.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, October 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., King's Som-

borne, Winchester, Hants.

SALISBURY.—St. Martin's Church.—The peal of 8 bells which are being overhauled and rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston will be reopened on Saturday, October 19th. Service at 6 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing during the rest of the evening. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Romaine, 41, Green Croft Street, Salisbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.
—The autumn meeting of the above branch will take place at Weston-under-Penyard on Saturday, Oct. 19th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea kindly given by the Rector. Buses, frequent, pass the church. Ringers of every grade welcomed, only notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 16th.—John Clark, Fern Lea,

Chase Road, Ross.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.—The peal of five, rebung with new fittings in new frame by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will be re-dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough on Sunday, October 20th, at 3 p.m. Bells available during the evening. Tea (1s. per head), after the service, for those who notify the Rector (the Rev. W. T. Fowke) by October 16th.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Wednesday, October 23rd. Tower open 2.30. Tea and meeting 4.30, in Parish Room, by kind invitation. Service 6. Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Friday, October 18th.—A. D.

Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Rochester on Saturday, October 26th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. followed by service at Cathedral at 4 p.m. After service a tea, supplied by the Association, will be served in the Temperance Cafe, Rochester Bridge. The business meeting will take place after tea, at which the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Members intending to be present must please potify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday. October 22nd.—Stanley J. T. Shellock, 162, Barnsole Rd., Gillingham.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Cowden on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 23rd. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond

Hay, East Grinstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincoln Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stow on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea 5. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, October 23rd. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding.

MAISEY HAMPTON. GLOS .- Dedication of the peal of 6 (treble recast and all rehung in new frame with new fittings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston) will take place on Saturday, Oct. 26th, at 2,30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Kingswood on Saturday, October 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. All ringers welcome.-A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Llantrisant (Glam.) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Rd., Newport, Mon.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Lewisham District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m., Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Tea, at the kind invitation of the Vicar, will be reserved only for those who notify me by Monday, October 21st, not later .- A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The 292nd anniversary dinner will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, where there is ample accommodation, on Saturday, Nov. 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained until Nov. 5th from Messrs. C. J. F. Bayley, J. Bullock, C. S. Burden, C. J. Chooet, P. E. Clark, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, W. Roughton, J. W. Rowbotham, W. Rushton, E. F. Sampson, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS .- P. Laffin and A. F. Bailey have removed from 16, Lime Grove, Longsight,

Manchester, to 23, Greek Street, Stockport.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS .- From October 14th, the address of Mr. Alan R. Pink, Hon. Sec. of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, will be the Railway Hotel, Dorking, Surrey.

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