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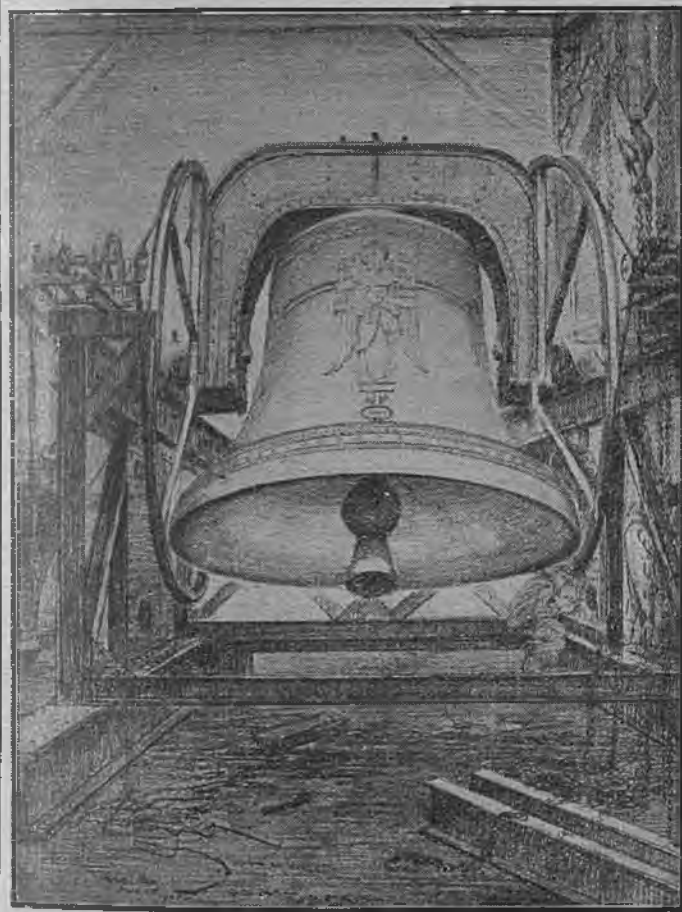
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Readers of 'The Ringing World' will not need to be reminded that this is the one thousandth number of their journal. It is a notable 'mile stone' in the history of the ringing press, and we feel we may be permitted to record our pride and satisfaction at having reached this stage in our career. 'The Ringing World' has from the outset had as its principal aim the elevation of the art of ringing, the promotion of the interests of the Exercise, and the drawing together, through its columns, of all the varied interests which are open to ringers in the pursuit of both the art and the science of campanology. From first to last we have never deviated from that course, and as long as 'The Ringing World' continues we hope this will be its guiding policy.

In the course of a thousand weeks it is inevitable that there must have been numerous occasions when many of our readers have not seen eye to eye with us, but that has not altered the fact that 'The Ringing World' has conscientiously endeavoured to discharge what it has considered its duty to its readers, the Exercise and its own aim as expressed in the article which appeared on this page in the first issue: 'We intend to use our columns for the information, the instruction and, we hope, the elevation of all who take an interest in the art of change ringing, and in the business and social side of the organisations which promote the art.' How far we have succeeded it is impossible for anyone, us least of all, to say, but we are egotistical enough to believe that 'The Ringing World' has not been without influence on the Exercise. Obviously, too, it has never been possible to satisfy everybody in regard to what has appeared in our columns, and if there have sometimes been disappointments for some of our correspondents and readers we are sorry. Our endeavour has been always to give those items of news which were likely to interest the greatest number. We know quite well that a ringer's individual performance, whatever it may be, is to him as important as, if not more important than, any other thing in the current news, but there are occasions when, as, for instance, after the great festivals of the Church, we are deluged with reports of touches rung for service and it is impossible to find room for them all; or again, when under pressure of news of a wide general interest to the Exercise, we have reluctantly to sacrifice something of more limited appeal. It is not an enviable task to make the selection, but we are quite sure our readers will realise that our efforts in this direction are always made in the wider interests of the majority.

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There is one feature of 'The Ringing World' to which we may, perhaps, here be permitted to refer, and that is to the articles which have appeared every week in this column. There has been no break in their continuity from the first number until the present, and always with the motive behind them of focussing attention on some matter of special interest, of making ringers think and, whenever possible, of providing a subject for discussion, either privately or in public. Sometimes, we admit, they have been deliberately provocative, and if occasionally there has been some hard hitting, it has always been, on our part, without rancour, or ill-feeling of any kind. If we have given knocks, we have always been prepared to take them, and our columns have always been open to the views of 'the other side.' For the most part, however, we confidently believe that the opinions which have been expressed in these leading articles have reflected the views of the majority of the thinking members of the Exercise. They have been written, not only from a fairly long experience, but from a very wide and constant contact with ringers throughout the country. They have thus, to a large extent, kept our readers in touch with the general feeling of the Exercise on questions of broad policy in ringing affairs, and in this respect have been something more than the views of the individual writer.

We look to the future with the confident hope that 'The Ringing World' may still serve the Exercise, even better than it has done in the past. We are grateful to all those who, during this last one thousand weeks, have given us their loyal support. The future depends as much upon the Exercise at large as it does upon ourselves. A journal run in the interests of a comparatively small section of the community can only fully succeed if all who are concerned in those interests give it their complete support. It cannot be said that the ringing community, as a whole, has given 'The Ringing World' anything like full support; if it were to do so, it would have in return a bigger paper at a much reduced price. If only half the ringers of England were to purchase a weekly copy a great advance could be made, but until the support justifies it, our readers, we feel sure, will agree that it is better to have a journal for threepence than none at all, because no one expects that any single individual should bear the cost as well as the responsibility of providing the Exercise with what, we venture to believe, is one of its most vital necessities.

In closing this one thousandth leading article we would like to be permitted to put on record a personal fact of which we feel proud, and which, whatever may happen in the future, will always be to us a matter of satisfaction and thankfulness. Every leading article that has appeared on the front page of 'The Ringing World,' from the first number to the one thousandth, has been written by the editor. It is a personal task which he has been able every week to discharge, despite, in former years, the handicap of illness; and to-day's article completes what has long been an ambition. It is not always an easy thing to fill this particular corner of the paper with a subject germane to ringing—there are times when the text itself is difficult to find, and the clothing of the bare bones with sufficient flesh even more difficult. That it should have been possible for a thousand weeks is something upon which we hope we may be allowed to say we look back with no little pride.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

ON THE MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM WILLSON Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
SHIRLEY BORTON 2	HARRY L. SMITH 7
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 8
CYRIL F. HOWITT 4	H. EDWARD NORMAN ... 9
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 5	FRED H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells, and by the ringers of 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9. Rung to commemorate the twentieth year of the King's reign, and as a tribute to the ringer of the 2nd on the birth of a daughter.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Friday, May 9, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MRS. F. CLEMENTS Treble	ALEC RUCK 5
WILLIAM TOWNSEND 2	WILLIAM DYER 6
WALTER YREND 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS ... 7
*FREDERICK CLEMENTS ... 4	JOHN F. BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by J. MILLER. Conducted by GEORGE H. WALTERS.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band, except the ringer of the 6th. First peal in the method on the bells, for the branch, and the first in the method rung in the district for a quarter of a century.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

ROBERT W. JENNISON Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	GEORGE ROBINSON 6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 3	FRED HODGSON 7
FREDERICK SEAGER 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

WILBY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 11, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

JOHN NOLLER Treble	CHARLES F. GOODMAN ... 5
NOLAN GOLDEN 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 6
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 3	ALFRED H. WATSON 7
ALPHREUS J. BERRY 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. GORTON.

Conducted by N. GOLDEN.

First peal in the method by the treble ringer, who stood in at a minute's notice. The company represents eight parishes.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 15, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
HERBERT RANN 2	FREDERICK N. SMEATON ... 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRIS 3	FRANK BENNETT 7
ERNEST G. HIGGIN 4	HENRY STALHAM Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was especially arranged as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. F. N. Smeaton.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

WILLIAM SHAW Treble	*JAMES SHAW 5
*ARTHUR HAUGHTON 2	*SAMUEL BOWKER 6
JOHN BRIERLEY 3	TOM WILDE 7
HARRY NORGROVE 4	ALBERT HODGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by TOM WILDE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the accession of His Majesty King George V. Also as a compliment to Mr. James Shaw, who has been a ringer at this church for fifty-five years. All are members of the local band.

STALYBRIDGE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY (CASTLE HALL),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

JOSEPH MELLOR Treble	†JACK RAWLINSON 5
BENJAMIN THORP 2	ALBERT GORRINGE 6
MISS M. E. THORP 3	*JAMES CARTER 7
*SIDNEY MARSHALL 4	†CARUS WILSON Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal, and made members of the Lancashire Association previous to starting.

LEYTON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*JOHN H. CRAMPION Treble	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... 5
JAMES C. ADAMS 2	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. ... 6
ERNEST E. HOLMAN 3	JACK A. WAUGH 7
FRED C. MAYNARD 4	†JOHN BULLEN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. C. Adams. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. Robert Bren) for kindly granting permission to ring the peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Friday, May 16, 1930, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

RALPH LITTLER Treble	ALBERT D. COLLINS 5
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 2	W. H. LAWLEY 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
HERBERT E. BOOTH 4	HARRY BOSWELL Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Master L. Woodfield, who was chorister at the above church, and met his death under tragic circumstances in a motor accident.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALBERT E. EDWARDS Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 7
HARRY BAKER 4	CHARLES W. PLAYER Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*CHARLES W. DENYER Treble	10. ERNEST SMITH 5
†JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 2	GEORGE W. STREERE 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON 3	WILLIAM T. BRESON 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING

* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method with a bob bell. First peal of Guildford Surprise by the Guild.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	WILLIAM BASON 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	CHARLES LOVETT 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	WILLIAM CLOVER Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS K. DRIVER Treble	J. H. C. MASSEY 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	GEORGE STAFF 6
WALTER STAFF 3	WILLIAM H. SEUKER 7
JAMES H. BASTOW 4	WILLIAM HORAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND MEN'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

BRO. T. KELHAM DEACON, Earl Shilton Branch Treble	
BRO. GEORGE THOMPSON, Hinckley Branch 2	
BRO. ARTHUR WATERS, Earl Shilton Branch 3	
BRO. JAMES GEORGE, Bishop Ryder Branch, Birmingham 4	
BRO. C. HENRY WEBB, Earl Shilton Branch 5	
BRO. GEORGE A. NEWTON, Earl Shilton Branch 6	
BRO. JOHN P. FIDLER, Norbury Branch, Cheshire 7	
BRO. ERNEST V. CHESTERTON, Earl Shilton Branch Tenor	

Conducted by BRO. G. A. NEWTON.

Believed to be the first peal rung by a band of members of the C.E.M.S. First peal for Bro. E. V. Chesterton.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY HOVERD Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	LEONARD H. BAYBUTT 6
EDWARD J. BEER 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	RONALD H. BULLEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method rung by the Royal Cumberland Society, also the first on the bells, and first touch in the method by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 6th. The ringers of the treble and 3rd were elected members of the Royal Cumberlands previous to starting. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Kent County Association.

SOUTH ANSTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER 5
*MISS ELSIE E. SMITH 2	WILLIAM BIGGIN 6
MISS GRACE BORCHNALL 3	WILLIAM H. TORTON 7
MISS K. BURCHNALL 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by A. P. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 5th the 6th the extent in 5th's place, and the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 6th's.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
†JAMES W. WILKINS 2	†RALPH H. BIGGS 6
HARRY WINGROVE 3	*ROLAND BIGGS 7
†FRED BIGGS 4	GEORGE GILBERT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method for over twenty years.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	G. RONALD EDWARDS 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WILLIAM JONES 3	HENRY W. WILDE 7
ARTHUR NEWELL 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN BOOTH Treble	ALBERT PARKER 5
WILLIAM HESKETH 2	JAMES WM. GROUNDS 6
SYDNEY FORSHAW 3	*JOHN HALSALL 7
NORMAN BROWN 4	*RICHARD SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WM. GROUNDS.

* First peal. Rung for a Confirmation service, also to commemorate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. John Halsall. The visitors extend their best thanks to the local ringers for their hospitality after the peal.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALFRED FALLON Treble	HERBERT E. BOOTH 5
*ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 2	FRANCIS BROTHERTON 6
ALBERT D. COLLINS 3	HARRY BOSWELL 7
HAROLD L. FLAVELL 4	JAMES SHAW Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* 150th peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Taylor, a member of the local band, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss T. Davies, also of Rowley Regis; also as a birthday compliment to Miss Elsie Greenfield and Miss Rose Greenfield, eldest and youngest daughters of the conductor.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY	Treble	THOMAS WALLWORK	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	ROBERT WALLWORK	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	TITUS BARLOW	7
WILLIAM R. MADGWICK	4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY	Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of London. Mr. W. R. Madgwick's 100th peal. First peal of London on the bells.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	Treble	JAMES HARRISON	5
JOHN BROWN	2	JOHN SANDERSON	6
NORMAN KENYON	3	JOSEPH A. TOMLINSON	7
FRED HINDLE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method and first attempt by ringers of 3rd and 7th. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to J. A. Tomlinson, son of the conductor.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILFRED C. IBBETT	Treble	GEORGE L. PERKINS	5
MISS DORIS CLARKE	2	*ARTHUR J. GINN	6
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS	3	FRANK WARRINGTON	7
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	4	HERBERT FIELDS	Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal of Major. The conductor's 90th peal. Arranged for Miss D. Clarke, the newly-appointed Hunts District secretary.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

WALTER CHARMAN	Treble	GEORGE ELLIS	5
KENNETH SNELLING	2	KEITH HART	6
ROBERT SWIFT	3	JOHN W. STEDDY	7
REGINALD V. JOHNSON	4	OLIVER SIPPETTS	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS	6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY	3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER	7
*FREDERICK W. BURNETT	4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

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On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours,

At the Pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

SAMUEL JONES	Treble	ARTHUR HAWKIN	5
KENNETH KNOWLES	2	DONALD D. CLIFT	6
JOHN BULLEN	3	CHARLES GREEDY	7
GEORGE HAWKIN	4	WILLIAM PHILLIPS	Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by C. GREEDY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Bullen and K. Knowles, after meeting short for Caters.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt. 4 lb. in D.

JOSEPH T. DYKE	Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD	5
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	6
RONALD G. BECK	3	GILBERT H. HARDING	7
*WILLIAM H. COLES	4	WILLIAM A. CAVE	Tenor

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Major on the bells. Thanks are accorded the local ringers for having everything in 'going' order, and to the Vicar for readily granting the use of the bells. The Vicar met the ringers after the peal, and his kindly interest was greatly appreciated.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 extents, ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR W. BOWLER	Treble	WALTER J. COPE	4
WILLIAM DEMPSTER	2	ARTHUR BOWLER, SEN.	5
GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	*JOHN POWLES	Tenor

Conducted by G. E. OLIVER.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles, also first peal as conductor by G. E. Oliver.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN H. BAILESS	Treble	M. EDWARD WATSON	4
C. HENRY WEBB	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
FRANK BAILESS	3	TOY ATKINS	Tenor

Conducted by T. ATKINS.

First peal of Minor on the bells by a local band, and rung on the second anniversary of the dedication of the three new bells.

BEACHAMPTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two 120's, ten different callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM DILLOW	Treble	FREDERICK C. CASE	3
*ERNEST LOVELL	2	*REGINALD BAILEY	4
THOMAS E. ROBERTS	Tenor		

Conducted by T. E. ROBERTS.

* First peal and first attempt.

So many peal and other reports, as well as letters to the Editor, have been sent us this week that we are compelled to hold over a number of them, and much regret to disappoint those correspondents who were anxious that their reports should appear in this 1,000th number.

HOOLE, CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 13, 1930, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's called differently.

G. R. JONES	Treble	H. COUSONS	4
W. WEETMAN	2	A. NEWALL	5
J. BENYON, SEN.	3	J. BENYON, JUN.	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rector, Rev. Vesey, who has gone to Macclesfield.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1930, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

*JAMES S. REDHEAD	Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER	4
†JOHN ANDERSON	2	HENRY B. TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON	3	ADAM DEAS	Tenor

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 15, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR, 5340 CHANGES;

Being seven extents in 26 methods, viz.: (1) Munden, Alwicks, Newcastle and Chester; (2) Northumberland, Carlisle and Sandiacre; (3) London, Wells and Cuncesacre; (4) York and Durham; (5) Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick and Beverley; (6) Immanuel, Lightfoot, Stamford and Wearmouth; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Hull and Bourne, including Parker's and Driver's arrangements.

ERNEST E. WOODAGE	Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL	4
JAMES BASSETT	2	JAMES WAGHORN	5
BERTHAM LUCK	3	ALBERT RELFE	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

This is believed to be greatest number of Surprise methods yet rung to a peal. Rung for the jubilee of the Kent County Association, this being the nearest date available. The band wish to thank Mr. A. G. Driver and Mr. G. L. Joyce for the figures which enabled them to ring this peal. Mr. G. Fuller had the figures outside the tower, and ticked off the course-ends as rung.

CLIFTON KEYNES, BUCKS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Plain Bob with four different callings, and 30 of Grandsire with ten callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*EDWARD SEAMARK	Treble	*JOSHUA J. PARTRIDGE	4
*AMOS SMART	2	ALBERT MINEY	5
LEONARD PATRICK	3	*EDWARD STANTON	Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

* First peal.

TOTTERNOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1930, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in F sharp.

*REGINALD J. SCOTT	Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS	4
MISS EVELYN STEEL	2	ALBERT FLEET	5
HORACE H. SMITH	3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

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

FIRST 720.

At Benilton, Sutton, 720. Grandsire Doubles was rung on April 29th, the first 720 by the local band, which was formed since the rehanging of the bells last November: Miss Stevenson 1, C. Smith 2, R. Mackey 3, E. Enticknap 4, H. E. Good (conductor) 5, G. Chiverton 6.

CASTING OF HASELBECH BELLS.

MORE THAN HALF THE VILLAGERS VISIT CROYDON FOUNDRY.

Over sixty parishioners of Haselbech, Northampton, visited Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Bell Foundry on Friday last to witness the casting of six new bells, which will be added to two old ones, dated 1621, to form a new ring of eight, in the Parish Church.

They are being presented to the parish by Miss F. D. Ismay, in memory of her late father, and dedication day is fixed to synchronise with her coming of age during the summer.

The visitors arrived at the Foundry at 3.30 p.m., and were taken round the works in two parties. They viewed, amongst other things, the big bells, ranging up to the 18-ton Bourdon, which are being added to the great carillon for Riverside Church, New York, and also some of the bells for the new big carillon now being cast for the University of Chicago.

At 4.30 p.m. the casting of the six new Haselbech bells took place, Miss Ismay, her mother, Mrs. Bower Ismay, the Rector and some of the parishioners throwing coins into the molten metal.

At 5 p.m. the visitors were entertained to tea, and departed at about 6.15 p.m.

The party motored the 70 miles each way in two motor buses, stopping for lunch at Mrs. Ismay's house in Grosvenor Street.

As the total population of Haselbech numbers only 100, practically the whole of the adult population were at Croydon, and friends from the neighbouring village of Naseby, famous for the battle on the Moor and now the country home of the Duke and Duchess of York, took charge of Haselbech for the day.

EATON SOCON BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I regret very much that it should go forth, as your article in your issue of May 9th assumes, that we hold the church bells in this parish in such light esteem, and that they were not insured. As a matter of fact we have no figures yet as to the actual cost of replacing the fabric, but the destruction has been so unprecedented, as the insurance company admit, that it is probable that the whole insurance of £18,000 will be required to put the fabric in order. Obviously, this must be our first duty, and that was the point of my remark, and all other things, such as the bells, the organ, the oak benches and the stained glass windows, must come last. How far we are able to replace these must depend on the response to our appeal for £8,000.

I need hardly say how much we appreciate the practical offer made by Canon Baker at the annual meeting at Leighton Buzzard, and, of course, any gift earmarked for church bells will be most gratefully used for the renewal of our peal. Three of these crashed and are in pieces, and the other three are badly cracked, and have had to be taken down and all the burnt timbers removed.

EDGAR P. HIGHAM, Vicar of Eaton Socon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG MEMBERS ELECTED.

A meeting of the North and East District held at St. Mary's, Enfield, on Saturday last, turned out a great success, some 50 members and friends attending. Divine service at five o'clock was taken by the Vicar (Rev. J. Thomas). Tea was served in the Church Hall, and the unexpected number caused a strain on the catering department, which was, however, successfully overcome.

The Vicar, who had to leave early, afterwards gave the ringers a very hearty welcome, and was thanked by the hon. secretary, not only for the use of the bells, but for his kind and helpful words.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the vice-president (Mr. W. Pickworth), who was supported by the District Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. G. R. Goodship), Mr. W. Pye, Mr. G. R. Pye, Mr. J. Parker, etc. No less than 25 new members were elected, including three of the local band, and twelve of St. Andrew's, Enfield, who were proposed as members by Mrs. F. K. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) expressed gratification at the election of such a large number of young members, and stated that he sincerely hoped that these young ringers would prove of great value to the association. The joining up of a new band at St. Andrew's was very pleasing to them all, and these young ringers were fortunate in having two capable instructors in Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher. The Secretary added that visitors would be welcomed at St. Mary's Church on Thursdays, where assistance was needed.

Stammore was chosen for the next meeting on June 28th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. G. W. Daisley for the use of the St. Andrew's bells, and to Mr. F. Start for making arrangements for the meeting.

A course of Stedman Caters was afterwards rung on handbells by an expert quintette, prior to an adjournment to the tower. The ringing done during the afternoon and evening was of a very varied nature from rounds for the large number of beginners present, to Spliced Surprise (four methods) for the 'experts.' Early in the afternoon the bells at St. Andrew's were rung to touches of 'rounds,' and Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

SUFFOLK GUILD. AN AUGMENTATION FUND.

At the annual Easter meeting held in Bury Cathedral, the sermon was preached by the Rev. T. E. Goodbody, Precentor, on the valuable church work rendered by ringers. By invitation of Archdeacon Farmiloe, tea was provided at Abbey House. Owing to the inclement weather the attendance was not so large as it sometimes is. The balance sheet showed that although the income is not sufficient for the expenditure, there is still a balance in hand of nearly £9.

A collection amounting to £2 was made for the repairs to Halesworth bells.

It was decided to start an augmentation fund, to which members, who could not afford to pay half a crown a year, could still pay something more than a shilling, if they wished, and so increase the income of the Guild.

There was some discussion on the fact that neither ring of bells at Bury is heard to the best advantage. In both cases the sound is too penetrating, and not at all well blended. It was pointed out that this could be remedied at no very great cost.

It was decided to hold next year's meeting on the Saturday after Easter, and the meeting ended with the usual votes of thanks.

A general meeting of the Guild was held at Laxfield on Saturday, May 10th. Although half the district secretaries had not sent in their returns, it was announced that the report was now ready for the printers. Arrangements were made for distributing the report more expeditiously, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Grundisburgh on June 14th. There was ringing both at Cratfield and Dennington, as well as at Laxfield; all these towers have excellent rings of six bells.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Association was held at Felkirk on Saturday, May 10th. Owing to the unsettled weather the attendance was small. Members were present from Ackworth, Crofton, Royston, Sandal, Wath and the local company. After tea, which was served in the Church School, a short business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Nash.

Mr. G. D. Potter proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.—The Rev. H. R. Coney, in replying, remarked on the wonderful record his ringers had achieved last year, and said he was very proud and delighted to see such a good account of it in 'The Ringing World.'

Crofton was selected for the next meeting.

It was decided to hold the Shield Contest at South Kirkby in July.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION'S TITLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very much surprised, when reading in 'The Ringing World' the report of the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association held at Burton on Easter Monday, to see the action taken in regard to the association's title. The report states that a resolution was passed, 'That in future the full title of the association shall be "The Midland Counties Association of Change Ringers for the Dioceses of Derby, Leicester, Lichfield and Southwell."' It is further stated that this had met with the approval of the Lord Bishops concerned.

Now, Sir, seeing that the Diocese of Lichfield is already provided for by having an association in each archdeaconry of the diocese, all of which are already doing very good work, this change of title appears to me to be uncalled for, and is also in direct opposition to what the Church and our associations stand for.

One of the objects of our societies is, I believe, that of creating a spirit of brotherhood among the members. As a member of the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, I cannot help thinking that this change of title was not given the due consideration by the members of the M.C.A. that it ought to have had, for on the face of it, as it appears in the report, it seems to me, and I do not like using the word, very much like 'poaching' on others' preserves.

This is not upholding the teaching of the Church, to which some of us, at least, are proud to belong.

In conclusion, I would like to ask the M.C.A. whether, before they came to their decision, the views of the members of the three societies at present in the Diocese of Lichfield had been ascertained from the officials of these societies, and whether they were in favour of this alteration?—Yours faithfully,

Brewood, Stafford.

JOHN PERRY.

TWELVE-PART PEALS OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The 12-part Stedman Triples by Mr. J. J. Parker, published on 24th April last, is merely my 12-part No. 8, which was first rung about 15 years ago, conducted by W. Pye.

With regard to the remarks by our old friend, 'W. H. F.,' I consider in the first place he had no right to refer to private correspondence, and in the second place the reference he made was not correct. I stated that the 10-part peal which Mr. Parker published recently for the first time was rung as my composition 28 years ago (not recently as stated).—Yours truly,

Dublin.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We extend our sincere thanks to the large number of ringers who have written to congratulate us upon reaching this interesting point in our history, and to send us their good wishes for the future. We would have liked to give extracts from many of them, as evidence of the appreciation in which 'The Ringing World' is held, but space forbids, and we must content ourselves by saying a heartfelt 'Thank you.'

When 'The Ringing World' was started, the Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths was Mr. Alfred B. Peck, and his was the first photograph to appear in our columns. He had many great performances to his credit even in those days, and he has since added the ringing of the tenor at Southwark to the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, 12,675 changes in 9 hrs. 47 mins., and St. Paul's Cathedral tenor to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who supplied 'The Ringing World' with the photograph, has very kindly provided many of the excellent illustrations of church towers which have since appeared. Incidentally he wrote the first letter to the Editor which appeared in our columns.

While we feel that we have grown older since No. 1 of 'The Ringing World' was issued, there is one man whose name appeared in that issue and in this who refuses to recognise the passing of time, and who has been a great 'missionary' in the cause of this journal. He is seventy-six and a half, and has rung 1,059 peals, and intends to ring at least a thousand more—he is James George, 'of England,' who has been not inaptly described as 'one of the eight wonders of the world.'

In looking over the peal columns in the first number it is interesting to note how many whose names then appeared are still on the active peal ringing list.

Those who are no longer with us include such well-known conductors in their day as William Lomas, of Sheffield, Frederick W. Rice, of Crawley, William H. George, of Eastleigh, Robert E. Stavert, of Bushey, and York Green, of London, who all conducted peals recorded in our first issue.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, celebrated his 65th birthday yesterday. He now relinquishes his post as a surveyor under the London County Council, and the good wishes of his hosts of friends will go with him that he may long live to enjoy his well-earned retirement.

A board, recording the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Lincoln Cathedral, is shortly to be erected in the Cathedral tower at the expense of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The photographs of the big gathering at Canterbury on the occasion of the Kent County Association's jubilee, are now on sale (15in. x 12in. 5s., and postage 4d.; 12in. x 10in. 2s. 6d., and postage 3d.), from the hon. secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, or Mr. Munn, photographer, Gravesend. Souvenir programmes can be had from the hon. secretary, post free, 4d.

'I-ve got to tell you,' writes one of our flippant correspondents, 'that although the "Reds" were only at half strength on Saturday last, they were not severely trounced by Double Norwich.'

There is a certain bachelor ringer, well known in London ringing circles, who, we hear, is not a little envious of the recent performance in which one 'mere male' rang a peal with seven ladies.

The Sherwood Youths, with W. D. Crofts among them, rang 'Mr. Holt's true whole peal of Grandsire Tripples, containing 8,040 changes,' on Whitsun Tuesday morning, May 24th, 1768. 'The hobs we're call'd by J. S. Canner.'

The Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5,120 Court Treble Bob at Edmonton on May 26th, 1798.

Next Wednesday is the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters, rung at Horsley Down by the College Youths, London, in 1787. The bells in this small tower are now never rung.

May 28th is also the anniversary of the first peal rung by the Junior College Youths. This was a peal of Grandsire Caters at Fulham, in 1820.

The Bristol Surprise record of 15,264 changes was rung in 9 hrs. 49 mins. at Hornchurch, Essex, by the Middlesex Association on May 28th, 1912, conducted by William Pye.

The first Surprise peal rung out of England was a peal of Superlative at Bray, Ireland, on May 28th, 1901, conducted by J. S. Goldsmith.

The only peal that has been rung on the sea was rung on the day following the above while crossing from Dublin to Holyhead on the S.S. 'Cambria.' The bells came round as the ship entered harbour. The band was made up of Messrs. W. Pye, W. H. Barber, G. R. Pye, E. Pye and W. Short (conductor). It was rung for St. Martin's Guild.

Later the same day these ringers with three other members of the touring company, including 'He of England,' rang the first Surprise peal in Wales, a peal of New Cambridge Major, conducted by W. H. Barber, at Bangor.

The peal of Grandsire Tripples at Taunton on May 3rd was the first peal 'inside' on eight by the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, and not by A. H. Reed, whose name was 'starred' in error.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

There is no member of the Exercise more esteemed and popular than Canon G. F. Coleridge, president of the Central Council. His name is known wherever the art of change ringing is practised, and for years he has stood as the revered figurehead of the Exercise.

Canon Coleridge was born in the Devonshire vicarage of Cadbury on November 10th, 1857, educated at the Ayshford Grammar School, Uffculme; Chardstock, Dorset, and St. Edmund's College, Salisbury, before proceeding to Keble College, Oxford. His first lessons in ringing were given to him, when a lad, by Mr. R. Brimblecombe, a 'judge' much sought after in Devon prize ringings in those days. In these early lessons the necessity for the most accurate striking took precedence of all else, and those who have rung with Canon Coleridge know how this primary instruction of the old Devon tutor has been lived up to. Canon Coleridge's ringing has always been an example to emulate, and many ringers will agree with his view that a large number of people ring peals before they have learnt to ring rounds properly, or even to handle a rope correctly.

It was while at Oxford that he took up change ringing. He joined the University Society, at the time when the members in residence included C. D. P. Davies, H. A. Cockey, W. S. Willett and J. F. Hastings, who all later entered the Church and became prominent in the Exercise. Mr. Coleridge, as he then was, succeeded Mr. Davies as Master of the University Society, and he took part in the Society's first peal of Stedman Triples, which was rung at Drayton, although the undergraduates had previously rung peals with the Oxford City Society.

Canon Coleridge entered Holy Orders in 1884, and was licensed to the curacy of Caversham, where, naturally, the ringers became his special care, and where in 1891 the six bells were increased to an octave. The Caversham band made great strides, but in 1894 Canon Coleridge went to the Vicarage of Crowthorne, Berks, where he has remained ever since, and has endeared himself to the hearts of all his parishioners, as he has done in the wider field of the ringing Exercise among all who know him.

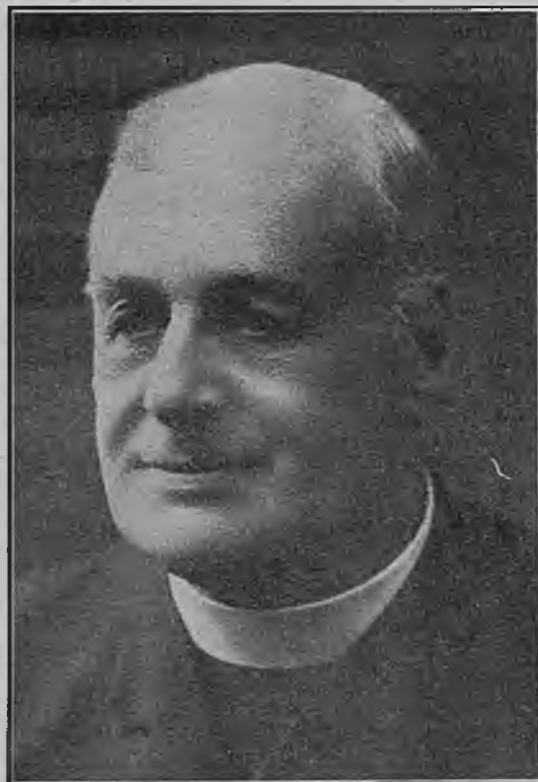
The strenuous work of a single-handed parish, with only a 'ting-tang' in the church turret, has prevented Canon Coleridge from taking part in as many peals as he might otherwise have done; nevertheless his list is not only of goodly proportions but contains some noteworthy performances,

including the first clerical peal (Stedman Triples at Drayton), the first peal by the Central Council (Stedman Triples at Selby Abbey), a non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples at Drayton, the only peal (Stedman Triples) rung on Lundy Island, the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells at Exeter Cathedral, 8,800 Superlative Surprise Major at Loughborough, 12,096 Double Norwich Major at Boyne Hill, 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham and 15,041 Stedman Caters at Appleton.

A member of many ringing Guilds and Associations,

Canon Coleridge has been one of the guiding influences in building up the success of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, while the advance of change ringing in his native county, through the efforts of the Devon Guild, has always been followed by him with the closest interest. Outside these two societies, his greatest pride is in the Ancient Society of College Youths, which he joined in 1879, so that he is one of the few now living who have completed half a century of membership. Canon Coleridge seldom misses the annual dinner of the Society in London, and here, as at all other gatherings of ringers which he attends, his cheery speeches, his amusing stories, and above all, his genial personality, are not only welcome, but give delight to everyone.

Canon Coleridge has been an elected member of the Central Council since its formation, close on forty years ago, having represented the Oxford Diocesan Guild for the whole of that time. In 1921 he was elected president and now, after nine years in office, he contemplates relin-



CANON G. F. COLERIDGE

quishing the post on account of his advancing years. He will retire to the regret of all the members, for he has presided over the deliberations of the Council not only with the utmost impartiality, but with a tolerance, tact and good humour that leave nothing but the pleasantest memories.

His unique experience of the Council gives him unexcelled qualifications to speak of its work, and for that reason the article which he has specially written for this issue of 'The Ringing World' is of additional interest and value.

The fact that Canon Coleridge has been able to write this sketch of the work of the Council is a happy evidence that he is now recovering from his recent serious attack of pneumonia. The whole Exercise followed with deep concern the progress of his illness and will join in congratulations to him upon what, it is hoped, is a complete return to health.

FROM ONE TO ONE THOUSAND—AND AFTER.

BY THE EDITOR.

To-day 'The Ringing World' makes its one thousandth appearance.

One thousand weeks is but a mere flutter in the world's history, but it is a fair slice in the modern history of church bell ringing.

'The Ringing World' was founded on March 24th, 1911, and with one exception—in the period of the General Strike in 1926—it has made an unfailing appearance every Friday for more than 19 years.

It is interesting to note, therefore, that it has to-day the same editor, the same printers and the same publishers, whose association in its production and publication has never been broken.



MR. J. S. GOLDSMITH, Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

It is a proud boast that never once during the whole of this time has the publication of 'The Ringing World' been even one hour late from any reason within the control of the three departments concerned, and on this occasion, as Editor, I desire to acknowledge the cordial co-operation which has been given both by The Woodbridge Press, Ltd., the printers, and The Rolls House Publishing Co., Ltd., the main distributors.

The path of 'The Ringing World' from its first to its one thousandth number has, however, been by no means an easy one. Its appearance in the arena in 1911, at a time when the Exercise was badly in need of a reliable journal, properly edited and punctual in its publication, was at once a success as far as its reception among ringers was concerned, but the early difficulties which inevitably confront a new undertaking had scarcely been surmounted when there came the upheaval of the war with all it brought in its train—the departure of men from the belfries and the almost complete

cessation of ringing, with the consequent loss of circulation; the alteration of values which added to the financial difficulties of carrying on; and the restrictions which handicapped production of every kind except of those things directly connected with the prosecution of the war.

During these strenuous days, which changed the whole course of our habits and our lives, numberless journals which, like 'The Ringing World,' catered exclusively for special interests, succumbed to the unequal struggle for existence, many of them never to be resuscitated.

Emaciated as 'The Ringing World' was in those troublous times, it contrived to maintain a precarious existence, and when the restoration of peace came, it was there to help and encourage those to whom fell the task of rebuilding the Exercise.

Since that time it has been held steadily on its course through the encouragements and disappointments, the successes and the difficulties which come to undertakings as well as to individuals in the progress of a long career. 'The Ringing World' has had the encouragement of a host of loyal supporters, whose kindness, consideration and help have been a stout buttress against the disappointments which come from the apathy of a large section of ringers, who do not even yet realise that a vast amount of the pleasure which they get from their ringing and of the knowledge which is at their disposal would have been unobtainable without the assistance which a ringing journal provides.

Any success that has been achieved has come to 'The Ringing World' by steadily pursuing a policy which has had for its aim the general uplifting of the status of the ringer and his art; and the difficulties have been met by the knowledge that throughout the Exercise it has had the goodwill and the consistent advocacy of countless friends. And because of all the assistance which has been received from so many well-wishers, and in spite of the apathy of so large a proportion of ringers, 'The Ringing World' is still a live force in the Exercise.

Coming more particularly to the personal, as distinct from the general review, I cannot let this occasion pass without thanking the many, many friends throughout the country for the always kindly welcome accorded to me whenever I have gone amongst them. The position of an Editor, even of a journal like 'The Ringing World,' is not always an enviable one, although it is always interesting, but the drawbacks have had their compensations, the greatest of all of which have been the friendships made, many of them deep and lasting.

It has been my privilege to know personally almost all the leading members of the Exercise—men whose names are household words among ringers—since the days when 'The Ringing World' was first launched. Many of them are no longer with us, but who that knew them, as I was happy to do, would not cherish the memory of the acquaintance of such famous men as Sir Arthur Heywood, William Snowden, Charles Hattersley, Henry Dains, Nathan Pitlow and John Carter—men whose service to the art of ringing will ever continue to benefit the Exercise—and such great ringers as Matthew Wood, James Washbrook, Ernest Pye, Bertram Prewett and Isaac Shade—to mention but a few—whose names will live in the annals of ringing as long as ringing itself shall last? It was a privilege to know these giants now gone from us; it is still a privilege to claim as friends notable men, whose name is legion, still actively engaged in our art, and it is in no small measure due to their support, in dark days as well as fair, that 'The Ringing World' has been encouraged to carry on.

I have referred to the past. What of the future? On an occasion like this we must look forward as well as back. The future of 'The Ringing World,' as the leading article to-day points out, rests as much on the ringers as upon those who are responsible for its production. Without circulation it cannot live. The paper is now going on on what is really a minimum circulation. There are, it is officially estimated, over 45,000 ringers in this country. The number of subscribers to 'The Ringing World' does not equal even the odd 5,000. Is it too much to ask that there should be a circulation equal to half the number of ringers? If this could be achieved, a journal as large as this issue could be provided for 2d., if not less. I know that there are many who refrain from buying a copy of the paper because of its price. What they do not realise is that less than half the sum goes towards the cost of production; the necessary channels of distribution swallow up the rest. The way to a reduction in price is a rise in circulation; the ringers thus have the matter in their own hands.

'The Ringing World' desires to serve the Exercise. It will continue to do so within the limits at its disposal. It is for the ringers themselves to enlarge those limits, and if they will do so they will not be disappointed.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE RINGING PRESS.

HOW NEWSPAPERS HAVE HELPED THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXERCISE.

BY THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

It is with no little pleasure that I respond to the Editor's request for a short article for the one thousandth number of 'The Ringing World,' recalling a few impressions of the days when the Exercise had no journal devoted entirely to its interests, and showing, at least by implication, some of the many changes for the better that have ensued from the dissemination of ringing news and the interchange of ideas between ringers.

But, first of all, let me, sir, congratulate you most warmly on this, the attainment of the 1,000th issue of 'The Ringing World,' and on what it has done and is doing for the advancement of change ringing and for all that is best in connection with it. May your influence for good always be the same as it has ever been, and may the paper continue to flourish and its circulation continue to grow as the years pass on!

There are, I suppose, not very many of us left whose memories go back to the year 1874 or thereabouts. It was then that I first began change ringing. For about three or four years previous to that time I had been able to pull a single bell, but had had no opportunity of anything further. At that time 'Church Bells,' with a column for ringing under the sub-editorship of Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, had been in existence for a short time, but, though it was generally used as a channel for the publication of the performance of peals, there was little in it calculated to advance the interests of the Exercise in those many other directions that are now and have been for so long to the fore. It must not for a moment be thought that I am blaming 'Church Bells' for this, except in so far as the closely circumscribed space allotted to us often militated against the inclusion of matter that would have been of much use, but which had to be postponed or rejected altogether for want of sufficient room. As it was, the space available for anything in the way of instruction was nearly always fully and splendidly occupied by Mr. Jasper Snowden with his invaluable articles either scientific or historical.

To understand why his articles, of whatever kind they were, were so important, it is necessary that we should put ourselves in imagination to the state of affairs as they then were.

Except possibly for some very brief and occasional communication in 'Bell's Life,' or some such 'sporting' journal, the only means of correspondence that had ever existed between ringers was private and personal—that is, by post—and, be it remembered, a letter in the older days cost more like three and six than three halfpence. We know that there were ringing books, but they were neither many nor cheap, and to the ordinary man not at all easy of comprehension. The last of the old writers was Shipway, and of the more recent neither Hubbard nor Banister erred in the way of too full explanations. And so ringing pabulum was thin and scanty.

The natural result of this was that the Exercise was thoroughly unorganised. In London and the leading towns there were individual conductors and composers who knew one or two other conductors or composers up and down the country, but beyond this there was no general intercourse or cohesion between the various local units of the Exercise. And so each local company developed solely on its own lines and while in many centres, such as London, Norwich, Birmingham, Paiswick and others, change ringing well kept up its head, there were often co-existing developments of a less desirable nature, such as jealousies, quarrels, narrowness of outlook, accompanied by failure in general to realise and appreciate the uplifting power of the science, and, above all, its position and responsibility as pertaining to the Church of God.

What a different view meets the eye of the ringer of the present day as he surveys the scene around him! We do not mean that things are perfect. There is still much to be done in many ways. But on the chief lines we are well established. In place of sparse and casual units the Exercise, though not formally, but really and effectually, is a united whole. Every member of it is, or at least may be if he likes, thoroughly instructed in ringing theory and practice. Is there any question in connection with the art and science of change ringing on which he wishes for enlightenment? He may get replies galore in a few days. The same, too, as regards any point in its history or other particular on which he may wish for information. With the Church he stands well, chiefly as the outcome of the mutual recognition of his true position by his own realisation on the one hand, and on the other by the fact that the clergy and Church authorities have come to recognise him as a most important church-worker.

Thus the whole aspect of ringing has altered for the better. Here it is vital to remember that the improvement has mainly arisen, not as in most cases by kindly help from outside hands, but as the outcome of a moving spirit in the Exercise itself. It is true that Mr. Ellacombe struck the match, but the material for the flame was supplied by the ringing fraternity itself.

It took but a short while to discover that what was required was a voice of its own by which the Exercise could express its mind and its ideals, and could develop its own power of expansion both in knowledge and in action.

This speedily gave birth to 'Bell News,' which was at first published as a 'monthly,' but soon settled down as a 'weekly,' and ran a most useful course for somewhere near thirty years, when from various causes weakness began to affect its utility.



THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

It was then that 'The Ringing World' came into existence, and since then has continued with conspicuous ability and faithfulness in its task of contributing to the unity and progress of the Exercise.

When we look at its pages at the present time and compare them with its earlier issues or with those of its predecessor we are at once struck by strong evidences of continuity of policy. The same causes of weakness in ringing circles, both from within and from without, are still at work and must be countered. From within comes ever and anon slackening of energy and purpose, and now and then dissension and estrangement. From without come attacks on ringing and ringers from the few—we are happy to say, the very few—who hate bells and everything to do with them. Deprived of our weekly journal we should lack the chief means of defence against these dangers.

The great point of difference between the older numbers and the more recent ones is to be found in the comparative absence of scientific matter at the present time. The reason for this feature is not at all to be attributed to any unwillingness on the part of the editor to insert matter of this description, nor to want of interest on the part of his readers, but to the simple fact that modern

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS, 1890-1930.

By THE PRESIDENT, CANON G. F. COLERIDGE.

Forty years an elected representative member, with never a miss at the annual meeting, a member of the Standing Committee, and for the past nine years President of the Council, naturally afford a deeper insight than would be granted to many of the objects and practical working of the Central Council from its inception to the present time. I therefore gladly accept the invitation of the editor of 'The Ringing World' to write a short article to mark the 1,000th issue of a periodical which should claim the active support of every ringer in the land.

Debarred as I am at the moment from access to the shelves of my library, wherein may be found volumes of 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World,' complete from the beginning, the two containing records not only of the proceedings of the Central Council, but records extending over near 50 years, a mere sketchy outline of the Central Council is all that I can give, not laying so much stress on its transactions year by year as on the wisdom in which it was conceived, and the sound lines on which its constitution was drawn up, for on those lines the Central Council has made such sure and definite progress till it has become the natural body to which all ringers can with confidence appeal, and to which they can look for guidance in the solution of many a knotty point which has arisen during the 40 years of its existence.

This is just what might be expected, seeing that the Council from the beginning has always numbered amongst its members not a few of the best known and most highly respected men to be found in the Exercise, whether as practical ringers or as deeply versed in the theory of composition, method construction and so forth. Many of the original members have passed from our midst—a new generation is succeeding them.

What does this generation know of the origin and founding of the Central Council? How came it into being? There are some of us who will remember the occasion on which a 'National Association of Change Ringers' was first mooted. To celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. Henry Johnson in the year 1890, Sir Arthur Heywood (he had not then succeeded to the baronetcy) invited nearly a hundred of the best known ringers to do honour to the old veteran at a dinner in Birmingham given by him. It was at this dinner that a scheme for such an association was laid before those present, and, after discussion, approved in so far as its main outlines were concerned. The various associations, guilds and societies were invited to send two representatives each to a further meeting to be held in London, where, under the chairmanship of Mr. Heywood, the draft scheme was gone through, thoroughly discussed, altered and amended in the course of an afternoon's work, and the proposed title changed into 'Central Council of Church Bellringers.'

The rules and constitution were circulated among the associations, guilds and societies with a request that representatives should be elected before the end of that year to attend the first meeting of the Council to be held in London on the Tuesday in Easter week following. There was a most satisfactory response, 63 out of the 74 elected were present, a large amount of business was transacted and the Council entered with high hopes on its career of usefulness.

Such, in brief, is the story of the inauguration of the Council; the younger generation may be glad to read it. Under the wise and firm guidance of Sir A. P. Heywood, who was president for 28 years till his death from overwork during the Great War, backed up by two of the most able secretaries, the Rev. H. Earle Butler and, after him, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, with a Standing Committee alive to the responsibilities entailed upon it, together with unflinching goodwill exhibited by members in Council assembled, though opinions on some points proved to be as far apart as the poles, the Council has made its way and gained its position as a body essential to the welfare of the Exercise. I venture to assert that it will continue to exercise its influence for just as long as there is no radical departure from the sound lines on which its constitution has been evolved.

By the rules of the Council the election of representatives is held every three years, and at the first meeting, always held in London, not more than 15 honorary members may be nominated. The two remaining meetings of the session are held in regular rotation either in the Midland district or North and South and East and West. This arrangement has been found to work well in the past, all parts of England being visited in turn according to rota, the selection of

city or town to be visited being left to the decision of the members present at the previous meeting. In recent years the Council has not only been warmly invited to a centre, but has been officially received in Cathedral cities by Bishops, Deans and Archdeacons; in towns by the Mayor, notably at the last meeting in London by the Lord Mayor, Sir Rowland Blades, now Lord Ebbisham, who placed the Mansion House at the disposal of the Council. This year, for the first time, the meeting will be held at Lambeth Palace.

The output of literature by the Council has been considerable; it would be vastly increased if sufficient funds were available. Most of the books, pamphlets, etc., should be in the hands of every ringer. There are also volumes and typewritten collections of peals in the care of the librarian which may be borrowed by any member of an association represented on the Council.

Committees who do invaluable work, and whose praises are too often left unsung, are constantly at work, their labours being submitted to the Council annually, as for example, the 'Press and Publications Committee,' which is charged, among other duties, to correct misstatements in the public press when ringing and the legitimate use of church bells is in question; the 'Methods Committee,' diligent in their work for many a long year, and often disappointed when lack of funds prevents the publication of their labours; the 'Analysis Committee,' which annually produces its statistics of peals rung, with commentaries of surpassing interest appended; the 'Peals Collection Committee,' which is always at work, proving compositions and arranging them in volumes, some of which have been printed, while others, in typescript, are in the Council's library. Other committees having done their work have been dissolved with thanks for their labours; others, no doubt, will be appointed as occasion serves; while others again are kept in being in view of possible work in the future.

There is a lighter side to the annual meetings which must be mentioned—the pleasant evenings arranged by the association within whose area the meetings fall, the sumptuous teas at the close of business provided by them, with later entertainment, when native talent, musical and otherwise, is enlisted, and ringers of the district have an opportunity of meeting the Council members in an informal way.

A lighter side is also occasionally manifest in the midst of solemn discussions, as, for example, when we were informed that 'Stedman is not a method—it is a principle.' Forty minutes or so were occupied in discussion, which the president closed by stating that the only motion before the meeting was one made by a burly Yorkshireman—'that Stedman should be as it was in the days of his father.'

No doubt the Editor's blue pencil will strike out this paragraph—it would certainly heavily line any other lighthearted anecdote I could supply. To save him trouble, I refrain.

One serious question, however, remains to be asked—it is prompted by the statement made by the secretary three weeks ago, that no subjects for discussion at the next meeting had been sent in. We may well ask: What are the associations doing? What are their representatives doing? Surely there are plenty of subjects which touch the ringer on all sides, and subjects which might well be discussed. It is an old complaint of forty years' standing: if the Council is to be useful to associations, it is imperative that matter for discussion should be submitted by them to fill an agenda paper otherwise concerned only with routine business. Let us hope that the next forty years will see a big annual response in the matter of 'subjects for discussion.'

And now one word in conclusion. We welcome to-day the appearance of the 1,000th number of 'The Ringing World.' We may well ask: Where would the Exercise be if it had no journal devoted solely to its interests? Of what use would the Central Council be if no detailed account of its proceedings were made public? The answer is obvious. There is no need to give it, or, if given, to dilate upon it. It is enough to say that for a thousand weeks 'The Ringing World' has regularly appeared every Friday without a break. What this means to a proprietor and editor can never be realised by those who merely read. What it means to those who read is that a feeling of deep gratitude should rise and extend to him who for a thousand weeks has ministered to their needs.

To carry on a paper dealing with one subject only, for the benefit of a comparatively few in number, means indomitable faith, courage and pertinacity. Those virtues have been exemplified to the full. Week by week we read our journal, and with avidity the leading article, wondering whether the springs of inspiration will ever run dry; and if now and then in the past some of us may have felt that certain strictures on the Central Council were somewhat uncalled for, we must remember that years have passed since they were written—that they are now forgotten and have been more than atoned for by innumerable articles of the greatest help, all written by a man of courage, and one who is never ashamed of his opinions. I raise my hat to the Editor on this auspicious occasion, so full of satisfaction both to himself and his readers, and beg to assure him that the thousand congratulations I personally offer him will be exactly multiplied by the number of those who appreciate and value his laudable undertaking.

CONTROVERSIES THAT HAVE ADVANCED THE ART.

HOW THE RINGING PRESS HAS FURTHERED COMPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

That the study of composition and the theory of change ringing is necessary, is a statement that few ringers, even the most careless, would care to deny. At the same time there are many who do think that these things are not of immediate importance—at least, not to themselves—and they are inclined to grudge the space and time which are given to them in the pages of 'The Ringing World' and the discussions of the Central Council. Let us have, they say, something practical and leave all this theory to those who are interested in it. Well, these good people should be reminded that these discussions and these questions are of the utmost importance; the progress and the very life of change ringing and the Exercise depend on them, and directly or indirectly they influence every individual ringer, however humble.

When the study of composition is keen and intelligent, then practical ringing flourishes; when it has been languid, then practical ringing has declined. The methods and the peals we ring to-day are the fruits of the study of men that have gone before, and perhaps there is nothing which more helps to keep change ringing alive and growing than the keen intellectual interest these problems give to the best men of the Exercise.



MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

I suppose that throughout the long history of ringing there was no time when its future looked more uncertain than the third quarter of the last century. It was a period of stagnation, if not of actual decline. In the country villages, owing to various causes, some of them economic, some ecclesiastical, ringing was dying out. In the towns there was no progress. What ringing was done was almost entirely Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman, and Stedman only in a few favoured towers. And everywhere the social standing of ringers was at the lowest. This was the time when composition was at its worst.

The book on ringing, which William Sottanstill published in 1867, will give an idea of composition and the standards of originality at his time. If you take away what belongs to previous generations and what is either the merest variation of old peals or the closest imitation of old peals, very little is left of that work of many hundred pages. And Sottanstill was undoubtedly a very worthy man and above the average. Of course, there were a few men even then whose names rank, and deservedly, among the leading composers of the Exercise, but with the exception of Henry Johnson, their reputation depends on a few peals of Treble Bob.

Fifty years ago began the great revival of change ringing, of which we to-day are reaping the benefit. It was a revival in every

branch of the art and science. The jubilee anniversary of association after association during these recent years has reminded us of one great feature of this revival. Jasper Snowdon's series of books on various methods (which are out of date to a surprising little degree) is another feature of this revival. And a third and equally potent was the establishment of a ringing press. For half a century the Exercise has not lacked the services of a weekly newspaper, and it is not easy to estimate how much ringers, and especially the more advanced ringers, owe to this fact. At first it was the now defunct 'Church Bells.' This was not primarily a ringer's paper, but it did open its columns to ringing compositions. Then in 1881 appeared 'Bell News,' a paper which, however much it fell away in its later days, served the exercise manfully till it disappeared along with many other better and worse things in the great war. Two papers, 'Campanology' and 'The Bellringer,' had brief careers. And, of course, for these last one thousand weeks we have had 'The Ringing World.'

These newspapers give us a full and complete history of the Exercise during this last half-century, and as we turn over the pages we can trace the development of ringing and the changes that have taken place, and how this method has waxed in popularity and that method has waned. It is easy enough to see why Treble Bob should have lost ground, but we wonder why Superlative, which was once hailed as 'the queen of methods,' should have declined; why Cambridge, once so despised, should now be so popular; why Double Norwich does not hold quite the position which we think it should.

But perhaps of all the articles in these pages the most interesting and the most valuable are those on composition and the science of ringing. We see a succession of problems arising, and we see the best brains of the Exercise setting themselves to the task of solving them. It is not always that we actually see the solution—we must look for that in the doings and opinions of the ringers of to-day.

Fifty years ago the burning question was, 'Is it possible to get a true peal of Grandsire Triples with common hobs only?' The answer is so simple, and the clues to it had been given to the Exercise more than fifty years earlier by Shipway that we wonder—now—that it ever could have been a problem. But it took some very clever brains to solve it. Later on the construction of peals of Stedman Triples on Thurstans' plan was investigated by the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer and Mr. Percival Heywood, whom we later got to know as Sir Arthur. He was a frequent contributor to the ringing press on composition, and many of his articles are of permanent value. Whatever opinions we may hold of his method Duffield (and mine are not high), there can be no doubt that the articles in 'Bell News' in which he introduced it to the Exercise (afterwards issued in book form) are among the best of ringing literature.

Then there was the big fight over London Royal. Many of us remember how Mr. Lindoff extended London Major to ten bells, how the College Youths, under the conductorship of Mr. George Price, rang the peal at Stepney; how composers from all sides with one consent shouted that whatever the method was it was not London Royal, and how the air was black with different London Royals, no two people agreeing on the same version; the net result being, I imagine, that ordinary sensible people came to the conclusion that there is no London Royal at all.

Then there was Mr. Law James' brickbat hurled at the head of Stedman ringers, when he bluntly told them that the first peal of Stedman Triples has yet to be rung, and what they were practising was a faulty extension. All of which had some truth and much exaggeration, but which admirably served its purpose of making people think.

So I could go on and tell of the battle we fought over Bob Major Lead-ends and Symmetry, now generally accepted by the Exercise, and on down to the latest dispute about Minor peals. And what is the good of it all? What? Fifty years ago, if you were a first-class ringer you would be ringing peals of Grandsire Triples. Now, Cambridge is an ordinary 'bread and cheese' method, and ten Surprise methods have been rung spliced into one peal!

MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

GREAT WORK IN THE INTERESTS OF RINGING.

Mr. James Armiger Trollope, who has been for many years one of the most regular contributors to the ringing press, was born on January 8th, 1876, at East Dereham, Norfolk, and educated at King Edward VI. School, Norwich. His ringing career started in 1892, and his first peal was seven 720's of Bob Minor on handbells, which he conducted from 1-2. This peal, rung in the then quick time of 1 hr. 38 mins., was shared by the brothers George and J. E. Burton. Mr. Trollope's first tower bell peal was Bob Major, on the middle eight at St. Peter Mancroft tower, and in the same year, with a young band, he rang 5,040 in seven methods of Doubles at St. Peter

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LOOKING BACKWARD, IN LIGHT AND SHADE.

BY WILLIAM WILLSON.

'Memory, the warder of the brain,' a phrase that Shakespeare puts into the mouth of Lady Macbeth, can hold, for most of us, both sweet and bitter reflections. A retrospect of 'One Thousand Weeks,' or a period of nearly twenty years, is like looking into a kaleidoscope with its never-ending prisms. Time rings the changes on faces and events which pass before us like a panorama. Let us see! On March 24th, 1911, the curtain was rung up on No. 1 of 'The Ringing World,' which from the outset was stamped 22 carat 'at Goldsmith's Hall.'

Since that time many things have happened and giants of their generation, mental and physical, have passed on. Names such as W. Banister, Sir A. P. Heywood, John Carter, and J. W. Washbrook, will live for ever in the annals of ringing. Peal records have been eclipsed to make room for further doughty deeds, though it would appear that the limit of human endurance must have been almost reached.

Perhaps the best performances of the past two decades were the long peals of Stedman Caters at Appleton, the Cinques at Southwark—with a tenor of 50 cwt.—and the Cambridge Maximus at Ashton-under-Lyne. I heard several hours of the Cinques, and checked many course-ends. The boom of the heavy bells could be heard long before the Underground train pulled into London Bridge Station. The striking was beyond any criticism when I came away after the seventh hour.

I regret that I did not hear the Ashton peal, but it goes without saying that it must have been one of the best, for anyone knows that a ringer cannot 'run amok' in Cambridge Twelve very far without wrecking the peal. With a 'scratch' hand, it is no fool's job to score a 5,000, but to pull off 15,000 at the first time of asking is little short of marvellous, and a feat of which the performers may well feel justly proud. I think that record will stand the test of time.

The other two peals were rung by the College Youths, whose hefty henchman, Mr. W. T. Cockerill, has just passed his 71st milestone, and on April 13th! This supposed unlucky date has not been unfortunate for him, for he carries his years—and weight—remarkably well. Somehow, these old-timers of the C.Y. retain their youth's certificate well beyond the allotted span. I first met some of them over 35 years ago, and they seem to have aged very little. On that occasion there were C. F. Winney, W. Prime, W. T. Cockerill, J. Waghorn, J. Pettitt and E. Horrex. Most of these remain, and one wonders if the secret of their longevity lies in the Coffee Pot? If it does, I must take to coffee. Of course, the secretary of the C.Y. must always remain a chicken, for unless he changes his name he will never die an old bird.

The flight of time has brought the carillon, though this does not seem to threaten change ringing at all. The view has been expressed that it would be a good thing if 8, 10 or 12 bells in every carillon were hung for ringing, as it would serve a dual purpose. It would, but as a rule, carillon towers are not built to carry swinging bells, and as the carillon is usually hung in several tiers it is probable that mechanism would be disturbed by the ringing. Still it is not beyond engineering ability, and the first bell founder who initiates it will get the business. In their place, carillons are delightful, and can be heard at their best on the Continent, where towers and spires are much higher than in this country. I call to mind sitting in the market place at Bruges on a summer evening, listening to the bells immortalised by Longfellow, when the carillonner accompanied a choir singing on a balcony below. The effect of bells and singing on the still, night air is thrilling, and visitors from many parts of Belgium come on Monday evenings in summer to a scene romantic and weird. One can ascend the tower and stand beneath the bells which are open to the sky, but the semi-wooden staircase is narrow, dark, and somewhat dangerous.

After counting 350 steps, I suddenly forgot how many, for a huge fellow was coming down with no room to pass.

'Go back, please,' I said. He answered, 'Nein, nein,' and came on like an elephant. 'Oh, that's your game, is it?' I replied, and 'prepared to receive cavalry.'

We clashed, but I was able to get in some fine bayonet work with the elbows, treading on his feet the while, by way of encouragement. 'Mein Gott! Donner und Blitzen,' he yelled, and with a final dig in his capacious paunch, I got clear. It was meat and drink to me to hear his grunts all the way down.

So, my readers, when you are rushed on the belfry steps, remember my recipe.

Some of the ringers whose names appeared in No. 1 are with us to-day—and some are not. The veteran I. G. Shade was a victim of the motor, and paid the toll of the road. Others we can never forget. One memorable name is missing—Bertram Prewett. Those who knew him will ever recall his sunny smile. When the holocaust of 1914 burst over Europe, many of our fellow-ringers exchanged

the rope for the rifle, and the belfry for the battle-front. I have sought for their names in the cemeteries of the Salient, where poppies blow in Flanders fields, and where the blood of our nation was poured out like water.

Few can stand in these hallowed havens of peace without emotion. It is a peace unbroken, save for the sighing wind singing a requiem in the trees, save for the song of a bird piping its plaintive elegy to the fallen. There they lie. All that they had, they gave. Stretching out far beyond the horizon—from Poperinghe to Passchendaele, St. Julien to Ypres, and these are but a few—thousands on thousands of headstones gleam like fields of whitening corn, the harvest of 'the Reaper Grim.'

It makes one feel a better man to stand in the silent company of the heroic dead who found their journey's end in the garden of God. Faces we shall see no more come before the mental vision, lit now by the lamp of remembrance, and the words rise unbidden: 'These are they who came out of great tribulation.' Aye:—

They shall not grow old, as we who are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the Sun—and in the Morning

We will remember them.

Some years ago a course of Stedman Caters was rung in Westminster Abbey over the grave of the Unknown Warrior. Why not a ringers' pilgrimage at the Menin Gate?



MR. WILLIAM WILLSON.

There are others still with us who are like Tennyson's brook. To name a few: Lindoff, Pye, Pulling, G. Williams and, of course, J. George ('He of England'). The last-named must have been forgotten by Father Time. James, known to his friends of the vulgar tongue as 'Jimmie,' laughs at the old man with the hour-glass. The hero of many tenors commenced peal ringing late in life, and in consequence is a stayer. One scarcely knows how to place Jimmie in Shakespeare's 'Seven Ages of Man.' Always interesting and voluble, though never more so than when at the Central Council meetings, he seeks the bubble reputation, even at the cannon's mouth, notwithstanding the Canon in the chair deftly spikes Jimmie's guns. He tells me that he still retains 'that Kruschen feeling,' is as spry as a greyhound, and has taken a lease of his house that runs out when he is 130 years old. He is worried because he thinks he will have to renew the lease. His name, also, appeared in No. 1 of 'The Bellingranger' in 1907. Looking further back, I find two famous names also in No. 1 of 'Campanology' in 1898, but what is most remarkable the same two appeared in No. 1 of old 'Bell News' in 1882. They are Messrs. C. F. Winney and F. E. Dawe, and both are still in peal-ringing harness.

In a review of two decades we cannot but be impressed by the new methods and systems evolved, and one wonders what the ringers of old would have thought. There are those who will adopt nothing without a precedent, oblivious to the fact that everything

that exists was once its own precedent. This retrospect is in no wise controversial, but the fact remains that some features of modern ringing have evoked divided opinions. It could be argued that methods like 'Little Bob,' where the treble only rings Minimus, ought to be scrapped from Major methods, on the ground that it never does the work. On the other hand, I recollect a peal of Stedman Caters where the seventh bell never went in 'slow.'

The splicing (within the lead) of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob might fitly be described as 'neither fish, nor good red herring,' as it is only rung by extraneous calls, but this is not altogether new, for Sottanstell produced the idea in 1867. I would, however, like to see a Plain Course of 'Mixed Treble Bob.'

The real splicing of methods, both plain and Surprise, is on a firmer foundation, and has come to stay, compelling, as it does, the utmost skill of composer, conductor and ringer. Shipway thought in 1816 that London Surprise might be rung if a band could be found clever enough to practise it. What would he think in 1930 when 6, 8 and 10 or more Surprise methods are rung, all compressed within a true peal of 5,000 changes?

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Peals have been rung under various conditions. Once on the sea, and several touches down a coal mine are the present limits. No one seems to be sufficiently ambitious to attempt a handbell peal either down in a submarine or up in an airplane. The coal mine would not be so bad. I have been down 1,000 feet, and except for the atmosphere, which is a bit musty, there should be no difficulty. Those London ringers who live almost continually in the 'Tubes' would be quite at home. The airplane is a different proposition. If anyone contemplates it, I advise a trial flutter first. Except in the tail of a Handley-Page, the roar of the 'Prop.' is like thunder, air sickness is worse than sea water, and if the pilot should decide to do a little stunting, such as 'the Falling Leaf,' 'Spiral nose dive,' or 'loop the loop'—well, the striking would get a bit mixed, to say nothing of the ringers.

There is a feat, however, that remains undone. I think I am right in saying that no peal has yet been rung on the Continent of Europe outside the British Isles. A handbell band could easily ring peals in France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany in a week's tour. Dunkerque, Ostend, and Shuis are all in a 50-mile radius. Cologne could be taken at leisure. There is—or was—a monster 35 ton bell at Cologne, with two wheels for swinging, and the cannons forming a royal crown. A call could be made at Brussels, and a tribute paid to the grave of Nurse Cavell. I should be glad to join such a party. This is looking forward, but when the younger ringers reach the 2,000th number of 'The Ringing World' in 1948, may they then look back on something attempted and something done.

Well, here we are at the end of the programme. Talking is dry work, and my bearings need lubrication. There is just another dose in the dispensary, and, as my private Muse is nudging my arm, I give you

A TOAST:—

Then 'Here's success to the Ringer's Press, the captain and the crew.
Who seeks for fame, must play the game. It's up to me and you

To help our boat to keep afloat; so with our sails unfurled
Let every man do all he can to speed "The Ringing World."'

MR. WILLIAM WILLSON.

ONE OF THE FIRST CONTRIBUTORS TO 'THE RINGING WORLD.'

There has been no more trenchant pen in ringing journalism than that of Mr. William Willson, who was a contributor to the first number of 'The Ringing World'—and many subsequent issues—and returns to-day in reminiscent vein.

In his many contributions to the ringing press, Mr. Willson, in serious mood, has been a caustic writer, and often a formidable antagonist to those with whom he disagreed. When he gets down to business he has a way of saying things which make his opponents sit up and think, for he never hesitates to call a spade a spade.

Born on August 12th, 1868, Mr. Willson began ringing at the early age of ten years, and he has now rung over 350 peals of 5,000, 6,000, 7,000, 10,000, 11,000, 17,000 and 18,000 changes, proving that he is as tenacious at the end of a bell rope as he is in debate. He conducted the first seven-method peal for the Midland Counties Association, and also peals of 7,001 Grandsire Caters, 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major, 10,192 Bob Major, and 11,008 and 17,104 Double Norwich Major, while he was one of the band that cut a deep niche in ringing history when they rang the famous 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough Parish Church. Among other notable performances in which he has taken part have been 'silent' peals of Stedman Triples, Caters, and Cinques (on handbells), and the first peals of Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise in Leicester.

Mr. Willson was for some years hon. treasurer of the Midland Counties Association, of which he is at present one of the representatives on the Central Council, and is Ringing Master at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, to which tower he gave two trebles to complete the ring of ten.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE RINGING PRESS.

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books on ringing, notably those of the Snowden series, have incorporated in their pages reprints of all the epoch-making articles in former issues of 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World,' so that ringers of the present day are thoroughly and firmly set standing on their own feet in the science of ringing, and are able themselves to go ahead with any new views of their own, or to appreciate what is or what is not of real and permanent value in the ideas of others.

In fine, we may truly say that, while on the one hand the position and influence of the Exercise to-day are largely due to its own initiative and organisation, to its diocesan and county guilds and associations, to its supply of modern books and treatises, and, of course, to modern means of transport and intercourse, it has been and still is the case, that all these advantages have been made known and brought home to each and every individual ringer by the ringing press, and for many years past solely by 'The Ringing World,' to which with all our heart we wish every success and a long period of continued and increasing usefulness in the future.

THE REV. CHARLES D. P. DAVIES. INVESTIGATOR AND AUTHOR.

Although a ringer and conductor of no mean order, it is not so much for his work in this department of the Exercise that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies has made his imprint on the art. He is best known for his important labours in the investigation of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the results of which solved many of the problems which baffled earlier composers, and which, embodied in the 'Snowdon' volumes, have become standard works upon the questions involved. In addition to his services in this direction, Mr. Davies has laid ringing under an obligation to him by the services he rendered as hon. secretary to the Central Council for twenty years. In addition Mr. Davies filled, for some four or five years, the position of editor of the ringing column in 'Church Bells.'

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies was born at Tewkesbury Vicarage, Glos. on September 12th, 1856, the eldest son of Canon C. G. Davies, who was Vicar of Tewkesbury from 1846 until his death in 1877, and who initiated a great scheme for the restoration of the Abbey—a work which he did not live to see finished. Last year his son preached at the jubilee celebration of the completion of the restoration, thus forging a memorable link in the history of the famous church.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies began his ringing at Tewkesbury tower, but progress was slow. By great perseverance, however, the company taught themselves to ring first Grandsire Doubles and then Grandsire Triples, and Mr. Davies eventually had the satisfaction of ringing a peal with the band on their own bells. After his father's death the family removed to Cheltenham, where, during vacations, Mr. Davies, who was then at Oxford University, rang with the Cheltenham company. At Oxford Mr. Davies practised with the University Guild, of which he became hon. sec. and afterwards Master.

Mr. Davies was ordained in 1880 at Lichfield Cathedral to the curacy of Whitchurch, Salop, where he worked up the local company to ring Stedman Triples. Going next to Chaceley, in Worcestershire, Mr. Davies completed and published his work on Grandsire, which was afterwards incorporated in Snowden's standard work upon the method. After filling curacies at Redmarley, Worcestershire and Whiteshill, Gloucestershire, he went to Ringmer, Sussex, where once more the existence of a ring of eight bells enabled him to coach a band. His next appointment—to the living of East Marden, a village among the South Downs—took him to a church without a ring of bells, but his association with the Exercise became more intimate than ever by his being elected hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Council, on the death of the Rev. H. Earle Bulwer. This important office he occupied for no less than twenty years and filled with ability, punctiliousness and courtesy. When he retired in 1921 the Council presented him with a 'loving cup' as a small token of their appreciation of his long services.

In 1902 Mr. Davies accepted the living of Fretherne, Gloucestershire, where he remained for many years. He was again in a parish without a peal of bells, but he became Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, of which he had been one of the founders. He was in the office when the association celebrated its 25th year, and by a happy coincidence he was again Master in the jubilee year of the association. After a long period at Fretherne, Mr. Davies occupied for a few years the living of Deane, near Andover, and since his retirement has been living at Kemerton, Tewkesbury, where, despite physical handicaps with which illness has left him, he still keenly follows the developments of ringing, and has contributed to the literature of the art another useful publication under the title of 'Odds and Ends of Grandsire Triples.'

Mr. Davies has, unfortunately, no record of his peals, but they cover the standard methods on eight and ten bells, and include the 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham. There is, however, no yard stick by which his services to the Exercise can be measured. His researches fifty years ago laid the foundation of much of the knowledge which is the common property of ringers and composers to-day. Principles, which his painstaking labours discovered, are accepted facts from which modern investigators start; his compositions of Grandsire and Stedman are classics.

MR. J. A. TROLLOPE'S WORK FOR THE EXERCISE.

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Permouniergate, Norwich. This company, who are all well known in the Exercise, was made up of Mr. Trollope, the brothers Burton, Mr. C. E. Borrett, afterwards for many years secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and now one of its vice-presidents, and Mr. Alfred W. Brighton, who later migrated to London and who has been a visitor to towers in every corner of the country. Three members of this band are to-day members of the Central Council.

Mr. Trollope's activities in the belfry have been very considerable, and his peals, from Doubles to Maximus in many methods, number nearly 400, the longest being 11,200 Bob Major on handbells, which stood for many years as the record length 'in hand.' He has rung a peal in each of 28 Major methods, which must be almost, if not quite, a record, in addition to another method in which the composition proved false, and two others which were included in the peal of ten Spliced Surprise Major methods, in which he took part, as well as in the peals of 4, 5, and 6 Spliced Surprise methods.

In the realm of method construction and peal composition and in his many short treatises on these and cognate subjects, as well as on the historical side of the art, contributed to ringing journals, Mr. Trollope has rendered lasting service to the Exercise. Articles from his fluent pen constantly appeared in 'Bell News' and 'Campanology,' while in 'The Ringing World' his contributions, always lucid and gifted, have been a feature of interest. His 'Notes by the Way,' which were published regularly for a time and now make occasional appearances, are often critically analytical and always informative and interesting.

These are among the things which are known to the ringing fraternity. What is not so generally known is the vast amount of work which Mr. Trollope has done in the interests of the science behind the door of his own study. A great deal of this has been in collaboration with the Rev. H. Law James and others, solely for the benefit of ringers in general. Some of the results of these years of labour have made their appearance through the Central Council in the shape of the 'Collection of Plain Major and Cater Methods' and in the revised 'Collection of Minor Methods,' which is awaiting publication. The Council and the Exercise are fortunate in having men like Mr. Trollope, and those with whom he has been associated, ready to give their time and knowledge to work of this kind, without any sort of personal reward. In addition, Mr. Trollope has also written one or two books on the science of ringing, which are in MSS. for private circulation.

Mr. Trollope's connection with the Central Council began in 1897, when he was elected as a representative of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and he has been an honorary member since 1900. He is thus one of the oldest members of the Council. He has served on the Methods Committee from 1899, and several other committees. He is now a vice-president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING AT ABERGAVENNY.

A well-attended and successful meeting was held at Abergavenny on Saturday last, and will not soon be forgotten by those who paid the visit. Abergavenny, situated amongst beautiful scenery and hills at the north-west end of the diocese, possesses a ring of eight bells, and is a very different place to visit, from a ringer's point of view, to what it was a few years ago. Access to the tower was then almost impossible, but to-day the heartiest and most cordial welcome is given by a genial and enthusiastic band, amongst whom is Mr. W. Horsington, this year's Mayor of Abergavenny.

The bells were raised early in the afternoon and, contrary to the experience of a Yorkshire correspondent of 'The Ringing World,' as reported in the last issue, everyone had the opportunity of a ring. The Master, Mr. W. Pike, had charge of the tower, and saw to it that no one had to go away disappointed or had to wait long for a pull. Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. M. E. Davies), whose address was much appreciated. A move was then made to the old Priory buildings, now owned by the church authorities, where a bountiful tea had been generously provided. At the outset, the Vicar extended a welcome to all, and this was followed by a cordial welcome by the Mayor. Seventy-three sat down to tea, and then followed the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided.

Augmentations and restorations, and instructors' reports were given, and places chosen for the next meetings.

Caerleon was selected as the place for the next Monmouth meeting, with Trevelin as an alternative.

A suggestion from Llanbradach that, instead of holding the next meeting there, as had been arranged, it should be held there in the autumn, was agreed to.

An invitation having been given by the Vicar of Llantwit Major to visit his parish, it was decided to hold the next Glamorgan meeting at that church.

A number of new members were elected, including three ladies from Bedwellty.

After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting closed, and a return made to the tower, and the bells kept going until late in the evening. The meeting was a huge success.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TAUNTON.—At St. James' Church, on May 18th, for divine service, 560 of Grandsire Triples: S. Chaplain 1, T. Hancock 2, A. H. Reed 3, J. Hunt (conductor) 4, S. Priddle 5, W. G. Gigg 6, E. Priddle 7, S. Jarman 8. Longest length by ringers of 1 and 2 and longest 'inside' by 5th ringer.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral Church, on May 18th, for evensong, 1,287 Stedman Caters: G. E. Fearn 1, F. E. Haynes 2, H. H. Fearn 3, M. J. Morris 4, A. Walker (conductor) 5, F. Price 6, E. Mansell 7, W. Woodhead (Leeds) 8, J. Neal 9, G. F. Yendall 10. Longest touch on these bells for 25 years.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on May 18th, for evening service, also as a birthday compliment to the conductor, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 50 mins.: H. Mason 1, C. Hazelden 2, F. W. Radford 3, E. Etheridge 4, Mrs. C. Hazelden 5, T. Theobald 6, S. Radford 7, G. Tompsett 8, W. W. Thorne (conductor) 9, R. Radford 10.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,220 changes) in 48 mins.: T. Faulkner 1, W. Theobald 2, G. Dawson 3, W. Easter 4, C. Fenn (conductor) 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, R. Fenn 7, E. D. Smith 8. Composed by the late A. J. Perkins.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, May 18th, at St. Paul's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: E. Lubbock 1, F. G. Goddard 2, H. Worsfold 3, W. Ellingham 4, S. Stilwell 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. J. Tricker, jun., 8.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Willis (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Baird 2, Reg Dobbins 3, Wal Dobbins 4, J. Williams (conductor) 5, W. Dobbins 6, O. Wintmore 7, J. Hanson 8. First quarter of Triples 'inside' for ringer of 7th, who hails from Camerton, Somerset.—Also on a recent Sunday at Llanstephan, Carn, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, 1,246 Grandsire Triples and 360 Plain Minor, conducted by J. T. Williams, Morriston, with the same band as above.

TAUNTON.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, at St. George's Church, Wilton, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Wyatt 1, A. H. Hayward 2, D. F. Sheldons 3, H. E. Cawsley 4, S. A. Wyatt 5, S. G. Coles 6, A. J. Wyatt (conductor) 7, W. H. Coles 8. First quarter of Stedman by the Guild.

OVERSEAL.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday evening, May 11th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Clayfield 1, L. Freeman 2, W. Curzon 3, A. Adams 4, J. W. Cotton (conductor) 5, G. Price 6.

WATFORD.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, April 27th, a quarter-peal of Superlative in 54 mins.: E. Palmer 1, S. Wyatt 5, S. G. Coles 6, A. J. Wyatt (conductor) 7, W. H. Coles 8. Oakley 7, H. Cashmore (conductor) 8. A birthday compliment to the towermaster, Mr. W. E. Oakley.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: Miss L. Willoughby 1, F. W. Marshall 2, J. Seagley 3, A. S. Roberts 4, W. H. Southard 5, W. H. Sleeman 6, A. R. Pink, Dorking (conductor) 7, F. M. Roberts 8.

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

Monday, which was St. Dunstan's Day, was the anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. J. F. C. Bayley, towerkeeper of St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, London, whose death was recorded a few weeks ago. Permission was granted to the Ancient Society of College Youths to ring 'the whole pull and stand' on the bells which Mr. Bayley had so long tended, and this was done on the back eight, a course of Stedman Triples being afterwards rung. 'De Profundis' was said before the ringing.

One who had the privilege of ringing in this muffled peal writes: 'Friend Bayley was like St. Dunstan, a craftsman, who got the Devil by the nose with his tongs—Mr. Hubbard told me they were red hot. Dear old Bayley did better. He served at Holy Mass, so had a stronger grip.'

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A record meeting of the Western Division was held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, when over 40 ringers attended. The bells have been recently quarter tuned and rebung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the work does them great credit. Ringers came from Apsley, Harrow, Harpenden, Berkhamsted, Billington, Redbourn, King's Langley, Hitchin, Baldock, Edmonston, Linslade, St. Albans, Tring, Watford, and the local company.

The Vicar, the Rev. A. T. Robson, conducted the service, and gave an interesting address, dwelling upon the ancient history of the church, and how the rehung of the bells came about.

After service, by kind invitation of the Vicar, all sat down to a splendid tea in St. Mary's Hall, over which the Vicar presided.

At the meeting which followed the Secretary called attention to 'The Ringing World's' forthcoming 1,000th number, and it was the wish of the meeting that the paper should have further support from all ringers.

The tower was again visited until 8 p.m., when the bells were rung down in peal.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. DISAPPOINTMENT CHANGED TO SUCCESS.

A very successful meeting of the Peak District was held on Saturday at Bakewell, and not at Youlgreave, as had been arranged. On arriving at Youlgreave about 3 p.m., visitors were informed that no ringing could take place owing to illness nearby, and for a time it looked as if a great disappointment was in store for a large gathering. Thanks, however, to the kindness of Mr. A. G. Wallace, the use of the fine peal of bells at Bakewell, about four miles distant, was obtained, and eventually the whole of the visitors arrived there, and ringing took place from 4 to 8.30 p.m. Between 30 and 40 ringers arrived during the afternoon, and some very good ringing was accomplished, ranging from London and Superlative, through Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman, Bob Major and Grand-sire, to rounds and call changes, so that all should be satisfied and no one should go short of the chance of a ring.

Ringers and friends were present from Bakewell, Baslow, Butterley, Chesterfield, Darley Dale, Dore, Duffield, Eyam, Great Longstone, Hathersage, Matlock and Ripley, and again, through the efforts of Mr. Wallace, a substantial tea was arranged at short notice at the Wheatsheaf, which was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by the Rev. W. P. Wright, of Eyam, and at which several items of business were disposed of.

The next meeting was arranged for the historic Church of Eyam, with its musical light ring of six, probably on June 14th, and an especially hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. A. G. Wallace and the Bakewell ringers for their efforts in converting what might have been a most disappointing afternoon into a very successful meeting.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, May 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 49 mins.: H. J. Skelt 1, *E. Acok 2, *F. E. Mitchell 3, H. G. Humphries 4, J. E. Cooper 5, A. W. Clark 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, J. Rumble, jun., 8. *First quarter-peal. Rung in honour of the consecration of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon E. S. Woods) as Bishop of Croydon, which took place on Thursday, May 1st, at Westminster Abbey.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 29th, 8. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brockenhurst on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please write to C. W. Tucker, St. Winifred's, Addison Road, Brockenhurst, Hants.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Witley on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., Merrow Cottage, East Clandon, near Guildford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The first district quarterly meeting will be held at Derby on Saturday, May 24th. The bells of St. Luke's (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4.30 p.m., St. Alkmund's (8) will be available from 2.30 till 4 p.m., and the bells of St. Andrew's (10) will be available from 6 till 7.30 p.m. Business meeting at 4.30 in St. Luke's belfry. All ringers welcome. Will members who have not paid their subscription kindly do so at this meeting or send them. Reports for 1929 can be obtained? Seats can be reserved and tea obtained at King's Cafe, St. Peter's Street, on notice being given in the belfry during the afternoon.—George Freebrey, Local Hon. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 6. A good attendance is requested.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 118, Dickson Road, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — A joint meeting of the Northern and North-Eastern Divisions will be held at Great Tey on Saturday, May 24th. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5.15. — Mr. Ridgewell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester, hon. secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Spring meeting of above branch at Woodstock on Saturday, May 24th. Service 3 p.m. Preacher, Rector of Woodstock. — W. Evetts, jun., Hon. Sec., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxon.

BUSHEY. — Saturday, May 24th. Bells open from 3.30. Tea 6. Cheap tickets by train or motor coach from all parts. — C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey (City 4270).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Shenfield on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Tea 5. Meeting to follow.—E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Jubilee celebrations at Wokingham on Saturday, May 24th. Ringing at All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches from 3 p.m. Thanksgiving service in St. Paul's Church at 5 p.m. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Berkshire. An offertory will be taken for Branch Restoration Fund. Tea by kind invitation of the Rector in the Rectory garden at 6 p.m.—W. J. Paice, Branch Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 24th, when East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be open for ringing from 2 p.m. Short service at the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea 5, business meeting to follow. Good bus and rail service from all directions. A good attendance is requested. All requiring tea must notify R. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., 34, High Street, Ordsall, Retford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Keysoe (5) and Riseley (5) on Saturday, May 24th. Ringing at Keysoe 2.30-4.30. Tea at Riseley 4.45. Ringing after tea. Please make an effort to support this meeting.—Percy C. Bonnett, Stagsden.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand.—The annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28th, at 8 p.m., the Rector presiding. It is hoped all members will attend.—Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, M.A., Rector, F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Coln St. Aldwyns on Thursday, May 29th. Bibury bells (6) open 2.30. Coln bells (8) 4 o'clock. Tea, New Inn, 5, o'clock. Service 6 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please let me know by 26th? All ringers welcome.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester, Glos.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the Sussex Oak at 5. All those intending to be present advise me not later than Wednesday previous to meeting.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) ready early. Usual arrangements for tea. A good attendance is requested.—Percy Gledstone, Hon. Sec., 34, Silverwood View, Conisborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Elnor, a bye-meeting will be held at Dover St. Mary's (8) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available after 4 p.m. As this is the first meeting to be held at Dover since the war, it is hoped there will be a good attendance. Will those intending to be present, and requiring tea, please notify Mr. J. Eagles, 44, Clarendon Road, Dover, not later than Thursday, May 29th.—Percy W. Smith, Hon. Dis. Sec., Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Abingdon on Saturday, May 31st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify by the 27th.—A. E. Lock, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, May 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea and meeting following. Those requiring tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, May 27th.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Our next meeting will be held at Darwen and Hoddlesden on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at Darwen from 3 p.m. Meeting at Hoddlesden 6.30. Subscriptions due.—F. Hindle, Hon. Br. Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry will be held at Stapleford (6) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify Mr. A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs, by 29th.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bickenhill, near Birmingham, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock at a moderate charge. Midland Red Buses leave Birmingham (Bull Ring) and Coventry (Fleet Street) at 2.30 and every half hour following.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Bishop Auckland on Saturday, May 31st. The bells of South Church and Shildon will be available after 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea (1/3) at 5 o'clock at Peverells' Cafe, South Church. Will members intending to be present please advise me not later than Wednesday, the 28th.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports, etc., to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 8, Oaklands Road, Edenfield, nr. Bury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Ibstock on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The May meeting will be held at Benington on May 31st. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided by the Rector. Business meeting after in the Parish Hall. All will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, May 31st. Service in the Parish Church 4.15. Tea in the Church House, Bull Ring, 5 p.m. (resident members free, non-members 1s. 9d.) for those who notify Mr. H. I. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby, by the 28th inst. Bells available: St. James' (8) 2 to 4.15, 8 to 9, St. Andrew's (8) 8 to 9. All welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 43, Etherington Street, Gainsborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting has been arranged at Chalfont St. Giles on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6) available at 3.30 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head, for those who notify me not later than May 26th.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at West Deeping (6) on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 28th?—C. T. M. Bradley, Hon. Sec., Folkington, Lincs.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Teas can be obtained near the church.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 31st, by kind invitation of the Rev. G. S. Long (Mr. Slingby's 93rd birthday party). Bells available 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea (free) 5 p.m. Bus leaves Ashford College Avenue 2.30. It is hoped as many as possible will attend this meeting as there is important business to transact.—A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, May 31st. Tower opened 3 p.m. Kindly let me know all those requiring tea by Wednesday, May 28th.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Huntingdon.—The next meeting will be held at Buckden on Saturday, May 31st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will ringers requiring tea advise me as soon as possible.—Doris Clarke, Dis. Sec., Cromwell Gardens, St. Neots, Hunts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Dunmow on Wednesday, June 4th, at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Service at 5.30. This is for the benefit of those who are unable to attend Saturday meetings. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea kindly advise me.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

CHURCH OAKLEY, HANTS.—The peal of bells (6) at the above church will be re-dedicated on Wednesday, June 4th, at 7 p.m. The Rector will be glad to welcome any ringers who care to attend the service and ringing afterwards.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hagley on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, June 7th. Tower open at 3, service at 5, tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, June 4th.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Dis. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Gosberton (6 bells) on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells available all day. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45. Business meeting afterwards. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by June 3rd?—George Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Portmadoc on Whit Monday, June 9th. Further details in next issue.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 51st annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service at the Cathedral, with address by Rev. Canon W. E. R. Morrow, M.A., Sub-Dean, 11.30 a.m. Lunch (members 2/-) to be followed by the annual meeting at the County Hotel, Rainsford End, at 12.30 p.m. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than first post previous Tuesday, June 3rd, in order that proper provision for lunch can be made.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

DEVON GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Exmouth on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in Holy Trinity Church at noon. Dinner and meeting in the Church Hall, Rolle Street, 1 p.m. Tickets (2/- each to non-members) obtainable up to June 2nd. Towers open: Withycombe Raleigh and Littleham.—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, June 9th. The central committee will meet at 11 a.m. in the Upper Vestry at St. Edmund's Church. The Guild form of service will be held at St. Edmund's Church at 12 noon. Lunch at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by the meeting. Will those requiring tickets for lunch please make application (with remittance, 2/6) before Wednesday, June 4th, to Mr. T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton, or to the Gen. Sec. Bells available: St. Edmund's (8) 10 a.m. to 12 and 5.30 p.m. to 7, St. Giles' (10) from 10 a.m. throughout the day, St. Peter's (8), St. Sepulchre's (8), and Duston (6) after the meeting, Kingsthorpe (6) from 5.30 p.m. to 7.—R. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Handsworth on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea (1s. each person) and business meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Subscriptions due. Those requiring tea please notify Noel Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Handsworth Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.

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