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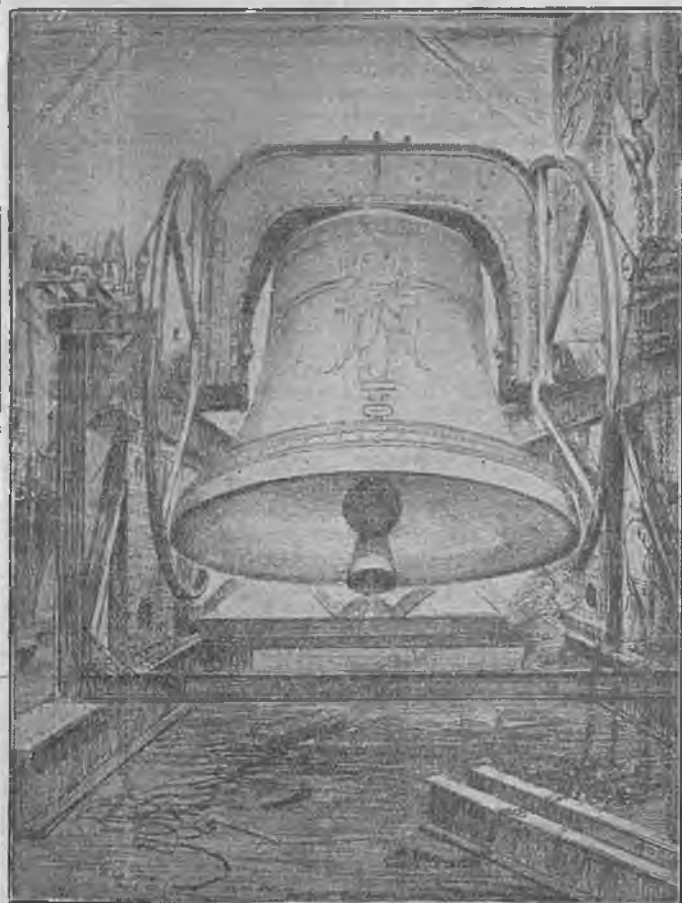
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### A PROBLEM FOR THE COUNCIL?

Is there going to be another verbal battle over the question of peals of Minor, when the Central Council meets at Liverpool? A 5040 of Minor in seven plain methods with only two singles was rung at Isham last October, and the question which the Council may be asked to decide is whether such a performance shall be recognised by the Council and included in the official Peals Analysis. The definition for a peal on six bells, adopted by the Council at the Hereford meeting in 1928, is that it shall consist of at least seven true and complete 720's rung without interval and without rounds or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720. How far does the Isham performance conform to this decision? The seven methods were rung in 360's, the second half of the changes to make up the full extent of each method being produced after the first single. In this way, between the two halves of an extent there were 2160 changes. We do not think that this can be said to comply either with the letter or the spirit of the rule, although there may be some who will attempt to argue otherwise.

There is nothing to compel anyone to conform with any of the Council's definitions of a peal, but the Council is quite within its rights in deciding whether or not it will recognise such a performance and, refusing to recognise it, excluding it from its official records. Things are often done from notions of novelty, and it was either from this motive, or as a direct challenge to the Council, that the mode of ringing a 5040 of Plain Minor was adopted on this occasion. Happily, whatever view the Council may take, performances of this sort are never likely to become a popular practice, for there is nothing in them worth practising. Such a 'peal' advances no standard of ringing; it teaches nothing; it opens no new avenue. It is a very poor substitute for 'splicing' and has not even all the virtues of fourteen 360's in different methods which once used to rank as a peal, but have long since been abandoned as worthy of being given that title.

The Council, however, will, if called upon, have to deal with this question in a judicial manner and decide whether or not the performance comes within its own definition of a peal. The members cannot cast it aside merely because they do not like it, but if they accept this performance as a peal they will find they have stepped upon a slippery slope, which will lead them to the enforced recognition of other things even more retrogressive than this, such, for instance, as forty-two six-scores of Grand-sire or Stedman Doubles with only two singles, or 5040's of Bob Minor with every pair of courses rung seven times

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before going on to the next pair. It is of no use to say these things will not be done; no one ever anticipated that 5040 in Plain methods would be rung with only two singles. If, as a result of their deliberations the Council find that they must admit the Isham performance as a peal, they will be well advised at once to devise a rule which will check any further backward trend in the standard required for five and six bell peals. There is plenty of opportunity and scope for progress and ringing has reached a stage when even novelties, if they are retrogressive, should be entirely taboo.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*LESLIE BARRY ... .. Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6
*HARRY PHELPS ... .. 2	†GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 7
*TOM PRICE ... .. 3	JOHN BALLINGER ... .. 8
THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 4	*HARRY BARRETT ... .. 9
*FRANK PONTING ... .. 5	GEORGE CONDECK ... .. Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.  
 \* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal 'inside.' Rung as a birthday peal to the conductor.

### STEDMAN'S TERCENTENARY.

Join in this national commemoration scheme and let your subscription appear in the first list of donations, which will be published in these columns next Friday.

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### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES H. WALKER... .. Treble	JOHN H. CRAMPION ... .. 5
HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2	JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. Treble	HARRY WAIN ... .. 5
THOMAS LINCOLN... .. 2	PERCY GREEN ... .. 6
GEORGE GREEN ... .. 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 7
JOHN WOOD ... .. 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM BURGESS.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt. in G.

THOMAS W. STRANGWAY... .. Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 5
WILLIAM H. SENIOR ... .. 2	HARRY MARSDEN ... .. 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 3	GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 7
JOSEPH BROADELEY ... .. 4	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS... .. Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.  
 This composition, containing the 6th the extent at home, is now rung for the first time.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WILTON ROAD, PIMLICO, S.W.,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

*CHARLES O. MOORE ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2	†JAMES G. A. PRIOR ... .. 6
THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 3	EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 7
WILLIAM D. GRAINGER ... .. 4	GEORGE HAYDEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First attempt for peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

## STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE ROBINS ... .. Treble	EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... .. 5
FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 2	†DOUGLAS ELLENDER ... .. 6
OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. 3	WILLIAM T. COX ... .. 7
†CHARLES A. PARKER ... .. 4	WILLIAM A. STOTE ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM A. STOTE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

## LEYTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE DAWSON ... .. Treble	JOHN MOULE ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	†ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 6
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 4	JOHN BULLEN ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED PRIOR.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. John Bullen, who has been connected with this church for 41 years, and who is now leaving the district.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 5
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 2	†GEORGE E. CLODE ... .. 6
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 3	RAYMOND S. PHILPOT ... .. 7
*RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE E. CLODE. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.  
\* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung in honour of the 21st anniversary of the King's accession. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 7, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

RICHARD PAINE ... .. Treble	WILFRED ANDREWS ... .. 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 2	REGINALD BROWN ... .. 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4	JOHN R. RODWELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

## PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. F. CLEMENTS ... .. Treble	FREDERICK CLEMENTS ... .. 5
WALTER YEEND ... .. 2	WALTER ROSE ... .. 6
HAROLD HALFORD ... .. 3	GEORGE H. WALTERS ... .. 7
WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... .. 4	JAMES J. CAUSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by GEO. H. WALTERS.  
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the association. Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of King George's accession.

## LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD BOB TWELVE-PART, No. 63. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... .. 6
CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... .. 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4	EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung in honour of the 21st anniversary of H.M. the King's accession to the throne. This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first odd bob twelve-part peal of Stedman Triples.

## WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 7, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SWIFT ... .. Treble	JOHN COOK ... .. 5
WALTER CHARMAN ... .. 2	WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. 6
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7
WILLIAM HOOKER ... .. 4	WESLEY PETTIFER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a tribute of respect to the late William Short, at one time captain of the Warnham Branch.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALFRED HOWKINS ... .. Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... .. 6
†MISS ELSIE K. FULTON ... .. 3	WILLIAM PYE ... .. 7
WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... .. 4	JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

## CULLOMPTON, DEVON.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF ROUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble	S. GEORGE COLES ... .. 5
SYDNEY A. WYATT ... .. 2	JAMES HUNT ... .. 6
ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 7
ARTHUR H. REED ... .. 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.  
Rung, after meeting short for Stedman Caters, as a birthday compliment to P. Merson.

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GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ALBERT RAINBIRD ... .. Treble	FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2	FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3	GEORGE GREEN ... .. 7
FRANK G. RINGE ... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.  
First peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. Howard, Master of the Association, on his election for the 5th time as chairman of the Braintree Urban District Council.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILFRED GRUNDY ... .. Treble	FREDERICK GRUNDY ... .. 5
MISS ANNIE POTTER ... .. 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... .. 3	JOHN POTTER ... .. 7
CHARLES OLLIER ... .. 4	ARTHUR BURTON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

This peal was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lingard, which took place on the Saturday previous.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHRIST CHURCH.

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5
RONALD H. BOLLEN ... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUNDSLEY ... .. 6
HARRY HOVERD ... .. 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells, also by the ringers of the treble and third. First in the method as conductor.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BOCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble	GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 5
MISS PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... .. 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 6
CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 3	HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7
MISS K. E. FLETCHER ... .. 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING

\* First peal in the method. A compliment to Mr. T. Beadle (Isleworth) on his 81st birthday, all the band being also members of the Middlesex County Association.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL.

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

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. Treble	ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 5
*ALBERT D. COLLINS ... .. 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 6
JOHN PERRY ... .. 3	HARRY BOSWELL ... .. 7
HERBERT E. BOOTH ... .. 4	*HAROLD L. FLAVELL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung in commemoration of the twenty-first anniversary of the accession of H.M. King George V., also in honour of the 24th, 19th and 7th birthday anniversaries of the Misses Elsie, Amelia and Rose Greenfield respectively, daughters of the conductor, also on the 25th birthday anniversary of Miss Cathy Collins, sister of the 2nd ringer.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES**

Tenor 11½ cwt.

OWEN H. GILES ... .. Treble	FRANK HAIRS ... .. 5
MRS. F. HAIRS ... .. 2	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT ... .. 3	KEITH HART ... .. 7
ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. 4	JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN DEARLOVE.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. Treble	FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 5
FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6
GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3	WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 7
ALBERT WALKER ... .. 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 5
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. 2	*HEZEKIAH THORPE ... .. 6
HAYDN THORPE ... .. 3	*HAROLD NAYLOR ... .. 7
JOHN THORPE ... .. 4	J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 117). Conducted by J. E. CAWSE

\* First peal in the method.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

CHARLES CLARKE... .. Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 5
ALBERT FLEMING ... .. 2	JOHN W. WARD ... .. 6
HAROLD E. SYMONDS ... .. 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 7
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... .. 4	CECIL W. PIPE ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS

HEAVITREE, EXETER.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS LAVER ... .. Treble	REV. W. P. WRIGHT ... .. 5
MRS. E. S. POWELL ... .. 2	WILLIAM H. HOWE ... .. 6
JOHN ARBURY ... .. 3	REV. E. S. POWELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM S. LETEBRIDGE ... .. 4	*ARTHUR MITCHELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

\* First peal of Major.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 5
†ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... .. 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... .. 7
RALPH MACKRILL ... .. 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. Tom Beadle.



FULNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN T. BROWN ... .. Treble	GEORGE W. MILLS ... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2	*ARTHUR GROUND ... .. 6
ARTHUR J. FARR ... .. 3	JOHN G. AMES ... .. 7
*FRANK TAYLOR ... .. 4	HARRY NICHOLS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY NICHOLS.  
\* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday peal for the conductor and his wife.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.  
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

DONALD G. CLIFT ... .. Treble	JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 5
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... .. 2	GEORGE HAWKINS ... .. 6
*EDWARD H. STRADLING ... .. 3	GEORGE POPNELL ... .. 7
ARTHUR HAWKINS ... .. 4	JOHN W. JONES ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE POPNELL.  
\* First peal in the method 'inside.' The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for his exceptional hospitality after the peal.

CLAINES, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 6
*DENNIS R. MORRIS ... .. 3	CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 7
WILLIAM C. JONES ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.  
\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to 'father.'

AYLESFORD, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

*LOTHER J. HONESS ... .. Treble	HARRY BAKER ... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2	WILLIAM BUTTON ... .. 6
CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 3	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 4	KENNETH PATTERDEN ... .. Tenor

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.  
\* First peal in the method. This composition, a cyclical two-part, is now rung for the first time.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*REGINALD ROWE ... .. Treble	THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 4
WALTER H. RAXTER ... .. 2	DENNIS R. MORRIS ... .. 5
ALLEN MORGAN ... .. 3	ERIC G. CRUMP ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. RAXTER.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, who is only 15 years of age; also to R. Woodyatts, a member of the Claines band, for his 21st birthday.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Tuesday, April 21, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. STIBBONS ... .. Treble	ERNEST V. BLAKE ... .. 4
WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE ... .. 2	WALTER C. MEDLER ... .. 5
WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... .. 3	*PERCY G. HARMER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

\* First peal.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*SYDNEY JAKEMAN ... .. Treble	FRED HAWKES ... .. 4
†SAM HEALEY ... .. 2	EDWARD MAUND ... .. 5
†CHARLES HAYLINGS ... .. 3	*JOSEPH HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

\* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

NEWTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*STEPHEN LAXTON ... .. Treble	JAMES MUSSON ... .. 3
HARRY GIBBARD ... .. 2	C. WILKINSON ... .. 4
WILLIAM H. PROCTOR ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. GIBBARD.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of 4th, and also to the conductor's son.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Being 720 each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

DENNIS R. MORRIS ... .. Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4
FRED HAWKES ... .. 2	CYRIL TANSELL ... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Consisting of seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST HEAPY ... .. Treble	JACK TIPPER ... .. 4
WILFRED STEVENSON ... .. 2	WILLIAM GAYES ... .. 5
ALBERT V. REES ... .. 3	JOHN WORTH ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung after meeting short for four methods, Mr. E. Heapy standing in at short notice.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,  
**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings.

*GEORGE EVANS ... .. Treble	ARTHUR ROBINSON ... .. 3
*LESLIE ILLING ... .. 2	GEORGE PARKER ... .. 4
THOMAS WISE ... .. Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS WISE.

\* First peal, first attempt. George Evans was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Rector, the Rev. Canon T. H. Dodson, M.A.

NORTH NIBLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

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

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

CHRISTOPHER GAPPER ... <i>Treble</i>	LESLIE BARRY ... .. 4
*WILLIAM DAY ... .. 2	ERNEST MORGAN ... .. 5
JACK COOPER ... .. 3	ALBERT BALL ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

STONE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 3, 1931, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Being forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 5½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PAYNE... .. <i>Treble</i>	FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 4
FRED HAWKES ... .. 2	JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... .. 5
†ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 3	ALFRED JONES ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by FRED HAWKES.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 4, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 4
MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR ... .. 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 3	*GEORGE GILBERT ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* 250th peal.

COTGRAVE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of All Saints,

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

Being four 720's of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS IDA B. THOMPSON ... .. <i>Treble</i>	J. P. HAYES ... .. 4
J. F. MILNER ... .. 2	R. MOUNT ... .. 5
R. H. BARTRAM ... .. 3	W. WHITE ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. WHITE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Thomas Squires, a member of Cotgrave band for 44 years.

BRATTON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 5, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James-the-Great,

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

Forty-two six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM J. CHAPMAN ... .. <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES H. LAWRENCE ... .. 4
*LESLIE P. TINNAMS ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 5
*ROBERT J. LAWRENCE ... .. 3	*GEORGE F. MEAD ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WM C. WEST.

\* First peal. This peal was arranged by the local ringers as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Benjamin L. Cook, their captain, a churchwarden and vice-chairman of the Devizes Branch, Salisbury Diocesan Guild. With the exception of the conductor, the above are Bratton ringers.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 6, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

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

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

Called in ten different ways.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE E. SHALLISH ... .. <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE GILLING ... .. 4
EDWARD AVERY ... .. 2	ERNEST TOSSELL ... .. 5
*CESAR DAVIS ... .. 3	JEFFERY TOSSELL ... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. AVERY.

\* First peal 'inside.' The ringers of the 5th and tenor have completed the circle on six bells.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MORE INTEREST WANTED IN CUP CONTEST.

The annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Retford on Saturday, May 2nd. A service was held in East Retford Church, at which the Vicar (Rev. A. Parkinson) officiated, and the address was given by the Rev. A. J. Linsell, Rector of West Retford. After tea, the Vicar presided at the business meeting, supported by the Revs. R. F. Wilkinson (Ordsall), representative on the Central Council, A. J. Linsell (West Retford), A. Doney (curate of Ordsall), Mrs. Crawford, Lancham, and Mrs. A. E. Rowsell, Lancham, hon. life member, Mr. R. W. Stockdale, hon. secretary, and Mr. H. Haigh, hon. treasurer.

The Chairman said it was a real pleasure to have the association at Retford for the annual meeting, and he assured members that a warm welcome always awaited them when they visited Retford. It was also a pleasure to have Mrs. Crawford and her daughter amongst them (applause).

A kindly message was received from the Archdeacon of Newark (the Ven. Egbert Hacking), who wished the association every success. The financial statement showed a loss on the year of £1 18s. 5d. The balance in the Workshop Savings Bank is £38 10s., and in hand £2 3s. 1d.

In his report the Hon. Secretary explained that the loss on the year's working could be explained by two grants to bell funds, and in having no hon. life members' subscriptions. The membership had increased by twenty-seven, and all the meetings were a success. Six peals were rung during the year, the first being at Gamston by a band of ladies, to whom great credit was due. It was the first ladies' peal for the association, and was conducted by Mrs. R. Richardson. In the other peals that were rung, all of which were conducted by Mr. L. Pierrepont, members of Sutton-on-Trent tower made up the majority of the bands, and the Misses K. and G. Burchall took part in all six peals. Sutton-on-Trent band had therefore made great progress in peal ringing, and were to be congratulated upon their performance. It was also pleasing to know that they rang the association's 100th peal early in 1931. Mr. H. Denman and Mr. H. Rooke had helped the Sutton-on-Trent band to score this success. Several vice-presidents had been lost during the year by death or removal. Four vice-presidents, four non-resident life-members, and 19 performing members were elected during the year, but the secretary expressed the opinion that the association needed more young blood, as they would in years to come require them to fill the positions held by their older members to-day. In bell restoration they could not say great things had happened, but North Collingham had had their bells rehung, which had made a great improvement. Shircoaks bells had also been rehung, and a grant of £2 10s. had been made from the funds for each of these. Still more peals, however, required attention; some were making progress towards getting the work done, but in other places no trouble was being taken. Harthill and Blyth had commenced their respective tasks.

STRIKING SACRIFICED FOR METHODS.

The Crawford silver cup contest was not quite the success it was in 1929, and they ought to get more companies to join the contest for this beautiful trophy. The Secretary added: 'Whilst the progress of the association is gratifying to all, may I remind you that a considerable number of our church bells are frequently only chimed and some not rung at all; some are only able to ring for Sunday service rounds and a few call changes. It can hardly be said that the art of change ringing in some places is making the progress desired. We know our meetings should help on the learners, but one case I have in mind now has not helped on the learners, but has driven them out of our reach. We know good ringers should have a good ring, but I think everyone should have a ring, and I appeal to good ringers to help on the learner. The public in general do not know anything about the art but are swift to complain, this making rather an awkward position; but the public does subscribe well to bell funds, so I think with the exception of one or two they like to hear the bells rung and rung well. The matter of striking, I am afraid, in some places is sacrificed for the method; we all know that this is a mistake, so I appeal to every company to advance in the methods as fast as possible but keep the striking good, then the public will have no cause to complain. I also appeal to everyone to help forward our object towards the Church and belfry, and to carry on with a good spirit of fellowship always.'

The membership roll up to the end of the year contained 3 life members, 25 vice-presidents, 67 non-resident life members, 145 performing members, and 12 unattached members, 252 in all.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson congratulated the hon. secretary on his excellent report, and on his motion, seconded by Mr. C. F. Fowler, it was adopted.

The Chairman expressed thanks to the officials for their services during the past year. A great deal of work had been carried out, especially by Mr. Stockdale, hon. secretary.

Mr. G. W. Metcalfe supported the chairman in his remarks. The Hon. Secretary reported the resignation of Mr. O. Levick, Norton Cuckney, as a vice-president, and said that during the past year the association had also lost by death Mr. Robert Evers, Norton Cuckney, who been a vice-president for nearly 20 years. Norton Cuckney had been one of the outstanding places in the association, and he was sorry they were not well off for ringers.

The following officers were re-elected: Mr. H. Haigh, Worksop, hon. treasurer; Mr. R. W. Stookdale East Markham, hon. secretary; Mr. R. Revill, Ordsall, assistant hon. secretary; Mr. H. Rooke, Warsop, hon. secretary of the Crawford Silver Cup competition; and Mr. A. Johnson and Mr. D. A. Piercy, auditors.

Working committee: Anston, Mr. C. F. Fowler; Barlborough, Mr. Percy Morris; Blyth, Mr. A. Eastland; North Collingham, Mr. J. H. Clayton; Cuckney, Mr. Wm. Smith; Edwinstowe, Mr. F. Martin; Everton, Mr. G. Swindin; Gamston, Mr. Harold Denman, Rockley; Harthill, Mr. T. Laking; East Markham, Mr. W. J. Bowman, jun.; Misson, Mr. S. W. Law; Ordsall, Mr. H. Revill; East Retford, Mr. H. Blagg; West Retford, Mr. J. L. Blagg; Shireoaks, Mr. F. Hargreaves; Sutton-on-Trent, Mr. E. A. Midwinter; Tuxford, Mr. J. H. Smith; Wheatley, Mr. J. Wright; Warsop, Mr. H. Rooke; Worksop, Mr. A. Johnson.

The following new members were elected: Miss Mary May, North Muskham; Mr. L. W. Bacon and Mr. G. L. Chambers, Creswell; Mr. Denis Towler and Mr. R. Ahy, East Retford.

#### STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson spoke of the tricentenary of the birth of Fabian Stedman, of Cambridge. He said that the anniversary was to be commemorated throughout England, and thought they ought to honour Stedman's memory by ringing his method in the towers of North Notts.

The Chairman referred to the bells in East Retford Church tower, and said the Parochial Church Council had considered a report recommending that the back six bells should be put on ball bearings. The Rector of Ordsall, with his experience of church bells, had been asked to advise them, and if any member of the association had any observation to make he asked that it should be made to Mr. Wilkinson.

Mr. Haigh remarked that nothing had been done to the bearings since the bells were hung in 1890, and the larger bells did not go as well as they might.

The next meeting was fixed to take place at Barlborough on Saturday, June 27th.

The meeting closed with thanks to all who had taken part in the service and the meeting.

Ringings took place at the towers of East and West Retford during the afternoon and evening.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Tuesday, May 5th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: K. Guyler 1, C. Lord 2, P. M. Mayne 3, G. C. Mayne (conductor) 4, H. Pendry 5, R. Colyer 6, J. Dolymore 7, T. Humphreys 8.

#### THE NEW VICAR OF BRAY.

The induction of the Rev. Canon Arthur John Jones, M.A., as Vicar of St. Michael's, Bray, took place on Tuesday, April 28th, the service being at 5.30 p.m., and the actual ceremony performed by the Bishop of Oxford (the Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Banks Strong), assisted by the Ven. Archdeacon of Berks (the Rev. Wickham-Legg, Vicar of Sonning), and the Rev. A. Keeble (curate-in-charge, St. Michael's). Visitors from the new Vicar's former incumbency at Banbury, who had travelled in four motor coaches, attended the service, which was of a very impressive character, and was followed with great reverence. The visiting clergy were entertained to tea by Lady Benson at Chantry House, and the lay visitors from Banbury had tea in the old schoolroom. Whilst the congregation were assembling, the Bray band rang some excellent Grandsire and Bob Doubles on this fine heavy ring of six, with its 27 cwt. tenor, the ringers taking part being Messrs. E. J. Russell (conductor), H. Russell, H. Pickles, W. Blackall, J. Fuller, B. Ludlow and J. Russell.

As the congregation left the church after the induction service a representative band of the Oxford Diocesan Guild commenced a quarter-peal of Minor in eight methods, which was rung and brought round in fine style in just fifty minutes. The methods from which the quarter-peal was made up were Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Canterbury, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. The ringers were W. E. Taylor (Maidenhead) 1, Miss S. Davis (Buckbury) 2, G. H. Gutteridge (Iver) 3, L. Stilwell (Windsor) 4, W. Henley (Farnham Royal) 5, G. Gilbert (Maidenhead) (conductor) 6. A peal is to be attempted by the same band on the day that Canon Jones takes up residence on or about May 19th.

Canon Jones officiated for the last time at St. Mary's, Banbury (where he had been Vicar for 25 years) on Sunday, April 19th, when a congregation of about 2,000 was present. Only last January, to commemorate his 25 years as their Vicar, the parishioners presented him with a silver coffee set and tray. On Monday evening the town's presentation took the form of a motor-car. There were also presentations from the children of the National Schools and Sunday Schools. Canon Jones (who is a bachelor) was born on January 27th, 1871, and was educated privately and at Lincoln College, Oxford, where he took the degrees of B.A. in 1893 and M.A. in 1897; later he proceeded to Cuddesdon College. He was ordained in 1894, and from that year and until 1906 he was assistant curate at Aylesbury. In January, 1906, he was appointed to the Vicarage of Banbury. In 1912 he was appointed the Rural Dean of Deddington, and in 1919 became an hon. Canon of Christ Church, Oxford.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. J. A. Trollope's fourth article on the history of the College Youths will be published next week.

Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, has been elected chairman of Braintree Urban District Council for the fifth time.

Mr. E. A. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, reached England last Thursday, after his long tour, which has taken him to South Africa and home via Egypt.

Martley, in Worcestershire, has a peal of six bells all cast by Richard Keene and dated 1673. Is there any older original and complete ring of six in England?

The peal at High Wycombe on May 2nd was rung in 3 hrs. 39 mins., not 29 mins. as reported. The peal at Birchington on April 25th was rung in 3 hrs. 35 mins., not 2.25 as printed.

A band, consisting mostly of young ladies who are all very keen churchworkers, are now ringing the bells at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, which have been silent for over a year.

Thurstan's famous four-part peal of Stedman Triples was rung for the first time on May 18th, 1846.

Mr. Sam Woods, of Ashton-under-Lyne, called the 16,508 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Mottram on May 18th, 1883.

On May 20th, 1840, the south-west tower of York Minster and the ten bells in it were destroyed by fire.

Mr. W. T. Pates (the conductor) and Canon Coleridge, who rang the 8th and 9th respectively, are, we believe, the only survivors of the 13,054 Stedman Caters rung at Cheltenham on May 21st, 1888.

May 21st is also the anniversary of that great performance, the 12,875 Stedman Cinques at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark (tenor 50 cwt.) rung in 1923.

Mr. Harry Mason, of Goodrest, Hagley, has recently undergone an operation to one of his eyes, which has been most successful. He is progressing satisfactorily, and hopes to be home for Whitsunide. Mrs. Mason desires to thank all those friends who have made kind enquiries concerning her husband.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING. MEMBERS TO ENJOY HOSPITALITY OF LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND LORD MAYOR.

Members of the Central Council who propose to attend the meeting at Liverpool should at once notify the local secretary, Mr. C. I. Davies, of Caerleon, Dunabin Road, Wavertree, Liverpool, if they desire to accept the hospitality of the Lancashire Association at lunch and of the Lord Mayor at tea. Applications for tickets must reach him not later than the first post on Tuesday next, the 19th. Visitors accompanying members can join them at lunch, and visitors and members alike will be welcome at the Town Hall for the reception and tea, and at the social at the Stork Hotel on Tuesday evening.

The headquarters of the Council will be at the Stork Hotel, which is about three minutes' walk from Lime Street Station, five minutes from Central Station, and ten minutes from Exchange Station. Those who travel by G.W.R. will arrive in Birkenhead, and must cross by the ferry to Liverpool landing stage.

If visitors will write to the local secretary, giving time and place of arrival, arrangements will be made to meet them, and members of the reception committee will wear small white rosettes for identification.

Archdeacon Howson has kindly offered to conduct a party round the Cathedral, and it may be possible to arrange a visit to a liner on Wednesday morning, but those who wish to take part in either of these visits should communicate with Mr. Davies as soon as possible. Above all, members are asked to assist the local arrangements by an intimation whether they will be present at lunch and tea on Tuesday. The last day for obtaining tickets for lunch is Tuesday next.

The Standing Committee of the Council will meet at 9.45 a.m. on Tuesday, and the Council itself at 11 a.m., when a welcome to the city will be given by the Lord Mayor.

The full programme was printed in our issue of May 1st.

## WORCESTER BELLS. SINGERS' DIFFICULTIES.

'Many poems have been written about the beauty of chimes, the joyous ringing from hill and valley, or the faint sweet vibrations borne on still summer air, but bells, like most other things,' says a writer in a Worcester newspaper, 'have their disadvantages. The Cathedral bells, for instance, beautifully sweet and true since they have been tuned, are doubtless delightful to hear from a distance, especially along the Severn; but citizens of College Yard and High Street find them rather too loud for perfect enjoyment. The Festival Choral Society, at their rehearsals in the Chapter House, find the tinnitulation quite disconcerting. Only those who have tried can tell how difficult it is to sing in tune against pealing bells in another key! An amusing instance of this kind of difficulty occurred at a concert in a Worcester school adjacent to a church. Children were giving a concert, and singing their very best—while just across the road the church bells were ringing exuberantly half a tone above the pitch of the piano. It was difficult for the small singers and discordant for the big listeners. But one must propitiate bellringers by relating a compliment which was lately paid them. A bus-load of hop-pickers was passing a church on the outskirts of the City, when one particularly ragged individual said to her companion: "Ever heard the bells ringin' up there on a summer night? It's a bit of 'eaven; that it is."



# TERCENTENARY OF FABIAN STEDMAN.

## THE RINGERS' NATIONAL COMMEMORATION.

### OPENING OF THE RESTORATION FUND.

Subject to the final approval of the parochial and diocesan authorities, the scheme for commemorating the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman, the 'father' of the art of change ringing, is to go forward. There are three main proposals:

(1). The restoration of the bells at St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, where Stedman learned to ring and where his method was first practised.

(2). The erection in the tower of a suitable commemorative tablet.

(3). The holding of a gathering of ringers in Cambridge at the end of the summer, with a thanksgiving service at St. Benet's Church.

Fabian Stedman is one of the greatest national figures in connection with the Exercise; his efforts laid the foundations of our art as we know it to-day. He printed the first book on ringing and he was its first missionary; for he travelled to Leicester the better to explain to the bell ringers of that town, as we are informed by an old diarist, 'ye desirabilite of establishinge a societie of scholars for setting forth ye "artes and mysteries" of change ringing not onlie for ye edifyings of their minds, but also for their enjoyment and the healthfull exercise of their bodies.'

To vast numbers of ringers Stedman's method has been for more than two centuries and still is a source of great delight, and there are few things in ringing, even to-day, more worth doing than a peal of Stedman Triples well rung. Ringers owe a great deal of the pleasure which they enjoy from their pursuit to the legacy which Stedman left them, and we feel sure that they will heartily unite in seizing a unique opportunity to honour the name and the genius of a man who did so much for the art.

To carry out the first two items in the commemoration scheme, 'The Ringing World' now appeals to ringers throughout the country for their support, and it believes that the necessary money will be forthcoming. Every ringer, we feel sure, will desire to be associated with this national project, and the fund, which is now inaugurated, is open for contributions. They may be sent to:—

The Editor,  
'The Ringing World,'  
Woking,  
Surrey,

and will be acknowledged in these columns. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has kindly consented to act as hon. treasurer.

Already, of course, promises of support of a most practical and encouraging kind have come in from ringing associations and a direct appeal is being made to these organisations. But it will require the fullest possible effort on the part of the whole Exercise to carry the scheme through successfully, for a sum of money estimated at about £350 will be needed. Moreover, it has got to be raised in a short time, if the restoration is to be carried out and the bells reopened this year.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, the President of the Central Council and an eminent authority on the subject, has kindly inspected the tower and drawn up a report of what is required. This and his specification will be the basis upon which the faculty will be applied for and the tenders for the work obtained. Briefly, it is hoped to bring the bells 12 feet lower in the tower, strengthen and restore the old oak frame, provide all the necessary new fittings, clean the bells and replace them on ball bearings, shutter the louvres, and bring the ropes down to the ground floor, thus obviating the present necessity of climbing a straight iron ladder for 22 feet to reach the ringing room.

This restoration is to be a work of commemoration and it is therefore an essential part of the scheme that the bells themselves shall be preserved, because five of the six are the identical bells upon which Stedman himself rang. In addition, it is hoped to utilise much, if not all, of the oak frame, which appears to be in excellent condition.

Obviously the work cannot be put in hand until the money is secured, and it is for this reason that the appeal is being launched while the details have still to be settled. To delay the raising of the funds would jeopardise the completion of the scheme this year, and for this reason we ask the ringers of England to subscribe quickly.

At the numerous meetings at which the proposed commemoration has been ventilated there has been the greatest approval expressed in its favour, and the editor of 'The Ringing World,' in bringing the subject to the notice of his many friends, has received the utmost encouragement. Here is one example: Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, a vice-president of the Midland Counties Association, writes: 'As a humble member of the Exercise, who has derived enormous pleasure from change ringing and from friendships made in the belfry, I cannot imagine any object with more appeal to ringers than the celebration of the tercentenary of Fabian Stedman's birth by the restoration of the bells upon which he rang the superb method called after his name. If I am allowed to subscribe £50 to this object I shall consider myself honoured.'

Here is a magnificent start, which, with the donations already voted or promised by various associations, gives

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ST. BENET'S TOWER.

**THE RINGERS' DIRECTORY.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The committee of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds are now compiling the third edition of the Church Bellringers' Directory. Subscribers to the previous editions will receive per post a subscription form in the course of a few days.

New subscribers will be posted a form upon application.

A minimum of 72 pages is assured, and, if needed, an edition of 200 to 300 pages will be issued at the same nominal fee of one shilling.

An Empire Section, edited by Mr. W. H. Fussell, will be included, in addition to other interesting features.

The committee now asks for the support of ringers in their efforts to produce this invaluable work.

All communications will be attended to if addressed to me.

EDGAR GUISE,

Hon. Secretary.

39, Tankard's Close,  
St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Petersfield on Saturday, May 2nd, when the following towers were represented: Alverstoke, Bramshott, East Meon, Gosport, Hambledon, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Steep, Swanmore, Titchfield, and visitors from Blackmoor, Dorking, King's Somborne, North Stoneham, Rogate and Winchester. The Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar of Petersfield (Rev. E. G. A. Kent), who also gave an address.

Tea was served in St. Peter's Hall, and the business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the chair.

New members were elected, including the Vicar as an honorary member, and Rev. A. V. Wardle, Messrs. E. T. Chantry, A. Fisher, P. Fisher, P. Strugnell, C. James and A. James as ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Soberton on July 25th, with a by-meeting at Titchfield on a Wednesday evening.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of Petersfield and Steep for the use of the bells and to the organist.

The members then returned to the tower for further ringing, which ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Newmarket on May 2nd, but was very poorly attended, not a single member being present from Mildenhall or Elveden. A service was held at All Saints' conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Barnes), and after tea the business meeting was presided over by Rev. R. L. Gardner.

Mr. R. Sharpe was elected secretary in place of Mr. P. Fordham, who wished to resign. As the district is on the borders of two counties, Mr. F. C. Turner proposed that a joint meeting be held in the summer with the Ely Association, and that it be left with the secretaries to arrange a date.

One new member, Kenneth Tufts, of St. Mary's, was elected. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. R. L. Gardner for taking the chair. Various methods were rung at St. Mary's and All Saints' Churches during the afternoon and evening, but owing to illness near the church Exning bells were not available.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

An old member of the band at St. Andrew's Church, Limpsfield Chart, Surrey, has passed away in the person of Mr. James Knight, sen. He was buried on April 7th, and in the evening members of the local company rang a half-peal of Minor with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect: E. N. Tidy 1, W. G. Paternoster 2, C. W. Clinch 3, E. E. Tidy 4, H. F. H. Tidy 5, L. A. Tidy (conductor) 6. The half-peal was made up of 720 of Woodbine, 720 of Oxford and 1,080 Kent Treble Bob.

**THE STEDMAN TRICENTENARY.***(Continued from previous page.)*

early evidence of success for the scheme, and will, surely, induce a generous and prompt response. The guineas will be needed, but the shillings and even the pence will be equally welcome, for they will help to swell the total and make the fund really national in its scope.

In addition to the associations who have already promised support for the scheme, the Ancient Society of College Youths, at their meeting last week, unanimously decided to give a donation to the fund, and the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on Saturday voted a subscription of three guineas.

**TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.****APPEAL FOR MORE CONDUCTORS.**

A splendid number attended a meeting of the Truro District of the Truro Diocesan Guild on Saturday, May 9th. There were about sixty present from St. Gluvias, St. Budock, St. Mabe, St. Agnes, Gwennap, Redruth, Gulval and Truro Cathedral, also Dr. J. Symons (president), Major C. F. Jerram, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Ringing Master), Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella (general secretary), Rev. H. C. Thompson (Redruth), and Mr. W. Wood (secretary, Penzance District).

The campanile, which stands about fifty yards north-west of the church, contains a ring of six bells (tenor 7½ cwt.), all cast in 1889 by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Last September they were rehung on ball bearings and quarter-turned, etc., by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the ringers themselves collecting the whole of the money required for the purpose.

The service was conducted and the address given by the Rev. Harry Oxlund, who has been Rector of Mogan since 1884. An excellent tea was provided in the Mission Room, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Symons to the Rector, the local ringers and the lady helpers. He also thanked the choir for attending the service, which was fully choral. Dr. Symons then spoke of the splendid restoration which had been carried out in the tower, and said the 'go' of the bells was now perfect.—In seconding the vote of thanks, Major Jerram appealed to captains of towers to encourage others to take up conducting, if only in call changes, and not to rely, as was so often done, on one man, it being often the case that when the leader removed, by death or otherwise, the band fell to pieces.

Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, and the rehanging bells were fully tested.

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**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****NEED FOR THE SUPERVISION OF BELLS.**

The monthly meeting of Devizes Branch was held at the Church of St. Mary, Steeple Ashton, on Saturday, May 2nd, when there was a very good attendance. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Knubley. Tea in the Village Hall was followed by a short business meeting. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham being in the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon Knubley (hon. member), the vice-chairman (Mr. E. F. White), and representatives from Warminster, Trowbridge, North Bradley, Melksham, Bishop's Cunnings, Rowde, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Southbroom and Steeple Ashton, numbering in all 32.

Mr. Heginbotham extended his usual welcome to all present, and reminded them of the date of the annual festival to be held at Sherborne on Saturday, May 16th. He hoped they would make a special effort to attend this Guild gathering. The chairman also spoke on the great need of supervision of bell towers, periodical inspections by experts, etc., on similar lines to those adopted by the Church authorities in charge of organs, and other valuable appliances, when often a minor repair or adjustment, if carried out in good time, would save a considerable outlay.

It was decided to have the second of the series of branch lectures on 'Ringing' at the half-yearly meeting to be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, July 4th. The branch secretary was instructed to make arrangements with Mr. C. F. Andrews, Trowbridge, for this date if possible.

The next monthly meeting will be held at West Lavington on Saturday, June 6th.

Hearty thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and conducting the service, to the organist and those who had prepared the tea, were acknowledged by Canon Knubley. He spoke of the pleasure it gave him to have the branch meeting at Steeple Ashton, and assured them of a hearty welcome at all times. He invited any of those present to take a stroll through the Vicarage gardens after the meeting.

Ringing was continued till 8 p.m., the following methods being rung during the afternoon and evening: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

**PENDLEBURY RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.**

On Saturday, May 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. T. Lingard, of 11, Fraser Street, Pendlebury, celebrated their golden wedding. The bells of Christ Church, Pendlebury, were set going to a touch of 688 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's ten-part), rung by the following ringers: R. Lambert 1, T. Lingard (conductor) 2, A. Wallwork 3, S. Bradley 4, C. Seddon 5, T. Howard 6, F. Grundy 7, N. Bryan 8. After the ringing Mr. Lingard was presented by Mr. C. Seddon with an oak smoking cabinet from his ringing friends, which Mr. Lingard suitably acknowledged.

Afterwards, at the Church Brigade Institute, an excellent tea, attended by about 120 persons, was served. The toast of 'The bride and bridegroom' was proposed by the Vicar (the Rev. E. D. Butters), and speeches were made by Mr. Lingard's fellow-ringers. At the reception, handbell ringing, singing, dancing and numerous other items added to the success of the jolly occasion, and touches were also rung on the tower bells. At the conclusion of the evening, the Vicar, having formed a circle of members and friends round the happy couple, gave his blessing, and wished Mr. and Mrs. Lingard many more years of success and happiness.

**A NEW DEVON RING.****BROADWOODKELLY BELLS RECAST INTO SIX.**

Broadwoodkelly was invaded on Saturday afternoon, May 2nd, by ringers from many parts of Devon between Exeter and Combe Martin for the dedication and opening of the recast and rehung ring of bells in the tower of the Parish Church of Allhallows. Previously there were five bells cast by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, in 1705, when the Rev. T. Allen was Rector, and Messrs. R. Hewitt and J. Poulson were wardens. They had of late years got into a very dilapidated state, and it was eventually decided to recast the five bells into a ring of six, with a tenor of 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in A, and have a new iron frame and new fittings. The total weight of the bells is 36 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. The tenor bears an inscription giving the names of the Rector and the churchwardens (Messrs. C. H. Green and E. J. Davey), and the names of the founders and date. The contract was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the well-known bell founders and clockmakers, and they have carried it out without their customary skill and success. The cost has been between £350 and £400. This represents a big undertaking for the parish, but much enthusiasm has been shown in appealing for funds, to which many ringers and prominent churchpeople outside the area have subscribed. Up to Saturday about £85 remained to be raised. A collection of £5 16s. 8d., profit on tea (for which all provisions were

**BROADWOODKELLY CHURCH.**

given by parishioners and friends), attended by about 300, and proceeds of a concert by Mr. W. Cotton's party from Exeter, considerably reduced the debt.

The church, calculated to seat 200, was filled to overflowing for the service, which was attended by the Lord Bishop of Exeter (Lord William Cecil). The Rector (the Rev. E. W. Perry) conducted the service, and the Revs. H. B. Burnaby (Sampford Courtenay, who also officiated as chaplain) and E. J. White (Exbourne) read the lessons. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Thomas (Exeter), Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Johnston (Croydon), Mr. A. W. Searle (chairman of the Exeter District, Guild of Devonshire Ringers) and Mrs. Searle, Messrs. R. C. Copleston (Clannaborough), E. Shepherd (one of Devon Guild's representatives on the Central Council), W. Fowings (North Tawton, honorary secretary) and R. G. Pidler (High Bickington, representing the Devon Association), Miss D. Harris presided at the organ. The hymns were, 'Sing to the Lord a joyful song,' 'Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him,' and 'Great God, to Thee our hearts we raise.' During the singing of the second hymn the Bishop, clergy and wardens proceeded to the belfry, where the Bishop performed the dedication of the bells, and a few rounds were rung by the local men. The Bishop, in an address, touched on the ancient and modern uses of bells.

After service the bells were rung for several hours by complete or mixed bands from Ilfracombe, Braunton, Combe Martin, Crediton, Christow, Exeter, Silverton, Stowford, Petrockstow, and the neighbourhood of Broadwoodkelly. The tone and 'go' of the bells were highly praised, and the striking of call and scientific changes was, with a few exceptions, quite good.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****THE 'HOLD-UP' OF THE MINOR METHODS BOOK.**

The fine summer day, coupled with a chance of a pull on the newly-restored ring at Woodford, no doubt accounted for the large gathering at the meeting there of the South-Western Division on Saturday last, between 90 and 100 members and friends putting in an appearance during the afternoon and evening. Amongst those present were Messrs. C. H. Howard (Master), A. Prior (District Master), G. Dent (District Master, North-Eastern Division), A. W. Coles (District Master, North and East Division, Middlesex Association), C. T. Coles (the 'half' secretary of the Middlesex Association, who, by the way, arrived somewhat late). The bells were going soon after three o'clock, but, owing to the large number present, the Master restricted the ringing to short touches to enable all to have the chance of a pull.

The service, conducted by the Rector, was held, over eighty being present. Tea followed, and at the usual business meeting one hon. and two ringing members were elected, and Leyton chosen for the next meeting on July 18th.

A discussion was initiated by Mr. G. L. Joyce, respecting the publication of the Minor Methods, who stressed the point that it was a great pity the book had been held up owing to a dispute between the Methods Committee and the hon. secretary of the Central Council, and the association representatives were urged to do all possible at the Liverpool meeting to get the book into sale.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the Master to the Rector for allowing the use of the tower and bells, conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, to the churchwardens for their assistance, the organist for accompanying the hymns, etc., Mr. Morss and the local band for having everything in readiness, was carried with acclamation and responded to by the Rector, who said how pleased all were that the association had paid another visit to Woodford. He hoped all had enjoyed themselves, and assured them that if at any future time another visit was paid, he could guarantee them another hearty welcome.

During the day, members were present representing 27 towers, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol and Spiced Surprise Major were rung, the bells being made full use of till 9 p.m., but at a much later hour one could have seen several well-known campanologists wending their way along Woodford High Road happy, but tired, after a rather strenuous afternoon, but no doubt looking forward to another such gathering in the near future.

**DEVON GUILD.****BRANCH MEETING AT STOKE GABRIEL.**

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild was held at Stoke Gabriel on Saturday. The weather was fine, and there was a very good attendance of ringers from Exeter, Whimble, Topsham, Christow, Torquay, Cockington, Paignton, Collaton, Brixham, Buckfastleigh, etc. The bells were well utilised during the afternoon, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung. A service was later held in church, which was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. Beaumont), the lesson being read by Mr. F. J. Laxton (branch chairman). In his address, the Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and he paid a tribute to the work of the ringers, especially those in his own parish.

A collection was afterwards taken on behalf of the Instruction Fund, a substantial sum being collected.

After tea in the Parish Hall, the business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. F. J. Laxton (chairman). It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Ashburton on Saturday, October 17th. It was also decided to hold an informal meeting at Staverton and Littlehempstone on Saturday, August 22nd. The secretary read a circular which he had received from the general secretary, giving particulars of the annual general meeting which is being held in Plymouth on Whit Monday.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Stoke Gabriel for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address, and also to the organist and choir for their assistance.

This ended the business, and the visitors returned to the tower for further ringing.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the Ely Association was held at Hartford (Hunts) Church on Saturday week, when ringers from Huntingdon, Godmanchester, St. Neots, Somersham, Hartford, Keynton, and Great Staughton were present. Touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were enjoyed. A service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. E. G. Alderson, who presided at the tea, which he kindly provided.

The following new members were elected: Miss B. Hibberd, Miss J. Shepherd, Miss E. Pannell, Messrs. H. Linford, E. Jones, G. E. Fisher, B. Bull and G. Manser. Arrangements were made for the next meeting to be held at Hemingford Abbots on June 13th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality was proposed by Mr. H. Fields, of St. Neots, and the ringers returned to the church to enjoy a few touches of Bob Minor.



## JOINT RINGERS' GATHERING AT SURFLEET.

## LINCOLN AND LADIES' GUILDS MEET.

A well-attended meeting was held at Surfleet on Saturday, May 2nd, when the Elloe Deanery Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Lincolnshire Branch of the Ladies' Guild held a joint meeting. Besides ringers from Lincolnshire, there were present visitors from Cambridge, Rotherham, Handsworth, London, Treeton, Derby and Peterborough.

The bells were raised in peal about 1.30 p.m., and kept going until late in the evening, touches being rung in methods from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Royal, including London and Bristol Surprise Major.

Choral evensong was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. Law James), and afterwards the whole assembly adjourned to the Fraiser Room, where tea had been provided. In all 83 sat down, and, unlike most meetings, the majority had sent in their names, which certainly eased the work of the caterers.

At the Elloe Deanery meeting which followed, the Rev. G. H. Clark, of Bicker, as president, was in the chair. After some discussion had taken place, it was proposed to promise three guineas, to be taken from the general funds, towards the Stedman tercentenary memorial.

Thanks were then accorded by Mr. Ladd to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson and the other ladies who had helped to prepare the tea. The gentlemen then adjourned to the belfry, while the ladies held their meeting.

Mrs. Jack Bray presided over a good gathering of ladies. Mrs. C. T. Coles was elected a life member of the Guild, and Miss Esme Stokes a ringing member.

The next meeting is to be held at Bigby on July 18th, and will be a joint meeting with the Grimsby District.

## DEATH OF A COTGRAVE RINGER.

The village of Cotgrave, Notts, has lost one of the most respected of its inhabitants, and the ringers one of the most valued and able of their band, by the death of Mr. Thomas Squires, who passed away on Saturday, May 2nd, in his 75th year.

Tom Squires began his ringing career at Cotgrave in 1887 on a bad-going peal of five bells, and with a band of novices, who by dint of determination and perseverance rang their first 120 changes (Grand-sire Doubles) on Good Friday, March 30th, 1888.

He joined the Midland Counties Association in 1899, and rang in 34 peals, ranging from Doubles to Major, in addition to 7 or 8 peals for other associations, but of which no definite record has been kept by him. His first peal was a peal of Doubles in two methods at Cotgrave on June 5th, 1900.

The deceased was laid to rest in the new churchyard on Tuesday, May 5th, many neighbours and friends from near and far being present in church and at the graveside. Immediately before the funeral 240 Oxford Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled by: W. E. White 1, J. J. Jackson 2, G. H. Footitt 3, J. Oldham 4, R. Mount 5, W. White (conductor) 6, and in the evening a 5,040 was rung, which will be found recorded on another page.

## THE LAST OF A PIONEER BAND.

## BE IT REMEMBERED.

That on Saturday, January 21st, 1865, was rung on these bells by the undermentioned members of the Kelly Society of Change Ringers a true and complete peal, consisting of three six-scores of Grand-sire Doubles, being the greatest number of changes in the scientific or half-pull system ever rung in Devonshire by men of the county.

John Yole	...	...	Treble	Benjamin Bloomfield	...	4
Edwin Yole	...	...	2	Frank Yole	...	5
Maitland Kelly	...	...	3	James Wilcock	...	Tenor

Conducted by John Yole.

Rev. H. T. Morshead, Rector.

William Perry } Churchwardens.  
Thomas Palmer }

A board with this inscription hangs in the tower of Kelly Church, Devon, and all those who took part in that performance have passed away. The last to be called home was Edwin Yole, who was laid to rest in Milton Abbot Churchyard on April 19th last. That evening, in Kelly Church, was rung a plain course of Grand-sire Doubles with bells half-muffled in his memory by Wilfred Boucher 1, Roy Johns 2, George Fitze 3, H. Boucher 4, Abel Johns 5, George Hill 6, members of the Devon Guild.

## THE LATE SIR EDWARD CLARKE, K.C.

On Sunday evening, May 3rd, before the memorial service to the late Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., at St. Peter's Church, Staines, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: G. Walmsley 1, W. E. Butler 2, A. J. Hiscock 3, W. G. Shorter 4, W. A. Peck 5, W. C. Parker 6, E. J. Goater 7, W. Jolley (first quarter-peal) 8.

On Friday evening, May 1st, after the funeral service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples with half-muffled bells: G. Walmsley 1, W. E. Butler 2, W. R. Shorter 3, A. J. Hiscock 4, W. A. Peck 5, E. J. Goater 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, G. Hain 8. Sir Edward Clarke was the donor of the bells at this church, which his house adjoined.

## WHAT IS A TREBLE BOB METHOD?

BY GEORGE BAKER.

Since the publication of the first 'Treble Bob' method in these columns on March 6th last, I have discovered in all, with variations, seventy other 'Treble Bob' methods, many of which are more intricate than any known Surprise method.

The only conclusion that can be drawn from this fact is that the arbitrary definition laid down as to what constitutes a Surprise method is worthless.

I am as much to blame as anyone else in this matter, as I accepted the arbitrary definition laid down, in good faith, not realising that a 'so-called' Treble Bob method could possibly be more intricate than a 'so-called' Surprise method, of which the method published in these columns on March 20th is a good illustration.

The very fact that intricate methods can be obtained without places at the cross sections shows the fallacy of the theory that these places are the only moves that count in method construction, and on looking over old papers I found that as long ago as June, 1912, I possessed a Treble Bob method with clean proof which would have given the lie to this theory, but evidently I ignored the method at the time because, according to arbitrary definition, it was only a 'Treble Bob' method.

Now I want to add a short description of the method which follows.

In the first place I must explain that the placemaking of this method is three-fourths Albion Treble Bob and one-fourth Cambridge Surprise, plus central fifth's as in London Surprise.

It will be seen that the bells are in Bob Major coursing order in front and behind.

There is only one false course-end, 24365, tenors together, but the method being on the lengthening lead plan, if a Bob Before is used there is an extra false course-end, i.e., 32546.

Any peal of Treble Bob Major tenors together will be true for this method.

The 'Albion' moves break and restore the coursing order in each section where used, leaving only the 'Cambridge' moves, and central fifth's to produce the lead-head.

## THE METHOD.

No. 67. Lead-heads of separate moves, omitting Albion moves.

12545678	(1) Cambridge	14362857
21435687	(2) Central 5ths	12357486
12346578	(3) Cambridge	12463357
21436587		

24163857	Transpositions.
42613875	14362857
24168357	14325678
42618375	14263857
46281735	
64287153	
46821735	
64827153	

68472513 Another way of obtaining Transpositions.

86745231 transposed by 86745231 = 14362857

87654213 transposed by 87654321 = 14325678

78536241 transposed by 87654321 = 14263857

57382614

53728164

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N.B.—Failing a table of lead-heads of the possible moves of the Treble Bob Principle, a simple way of finding the lead-heads of moves is to make them separately in the section of the Treble Bob Principle to which they belong, and then find the heads by transposition in a similar manner to the last examples given above.

## FOUR PEALS FOR METHOD No. 67.

Composed by George Baker.

5,088.				5,088.			
23456	M.	W.	H.	23456	B.	W.	H.
36452	1	2		52364	—		2
62453	1	2		65243	—		2
43526	1	1	2	65432	—		1
26354	1	2	2	36524	—		2
23564	1	2		23645	—		2
Repeat twice.				25346	—	1	1

Repeat twice.

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**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****'LITERATURE DEPARTMENT' OPENED.**

The meeting of the Leatherhead District held at Ewell on May 2nd was the first district meeting the Guild had held at this tower, and the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Usherwood, extended a warm welcome, and a practical one, too, by the attendance of his churchwardens, who became honorary members.

The attendance was not very large, but with visitors, including Admiral T. P. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, and Mr. and Mrs. Greenhill from Woking, and Mrs. C. Hazeldene and Miss I. L. Hastio from Guildford, it was quite an enjoyable gathering. The Rev. E. C. Usherwood conducted the Guild's service and gave an address. He afterwards presided at the tea and took the chair for the business meeting, which was not very lengthy, but included the election of Mr. Humphrey Ryde, of Woking (proposed by Admiral Walker) as an hon. life member, and the Rev. A. E. Robins, of Dorking, Mr. S. M. Wood and Mr. C. C. Buxton, of Ewell, as hon. members, and the ratification of the election of Messrs. L. Cooper and A. L. Brown, of Epsom, G. Read, of Sutton, and J. A. Hobson, of Banstead, as ringing members, and Messrs. A. Nash, Rotherham, W. Green, A. Gill and A. Panlther, of Waltham-Dearne, Yorks, and E. Bernard Wells, of Merstham, Surrey, as compounding members.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, Admiral Walker said how encouraging it was to find the Vicar and the churchwardens present to show their interest in the Guild.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until the visitors had to leave.

At the meeting a 'literature department' was opened and a start made by selling some of the copies of the Central Council publications. In future, publications of the Central Council will be on sale through all the district secretaries of the Guild.

**SERVICE RINGING AT OXFORD CATHEDRAL.**

The Oxford Society, in conjunction with some members of the University Society, have been ringing the Cathedral bells on Sunday mornings during the last three terms, and as a memento of their appreciation the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church have presented the society with Mr. Morris' new book on 'The history and art of ringing.'

On Sunday week, on the occasion of a visit of the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, an excellent touch of 921 Stedman Cinques was rung in 40 mins.: Miss M. Reynolds 1, S. Taylor 2, W. Simmonds 3, W. Brigham 4, J. R. Chaundy 5, W. Blake 6, F. Taylor 7, R. Post 8, W. F. Judge (conductor) 9, V. Bennett 10, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 11, H. Miles 12. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn expressed great pleasure with the ringing, and congratulated the society on their efforts in getting a band together to ring for the Cathedral service. It was, he said, the first occasion that he had had the pleasure of ringing Stedman Cinques at Christ Church for the Sunday morning service.

**ACCESSION DAY.**

On Wednesday, May 6th, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, Surrey, in celebration of the 21st anniversary of the accession of H.M. the King, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,232 changes) in 48 mins.: S. Meadows 1, J. Beagley 2, G. Upshall 3, C. Wells 4, H. Kemp 5, F. Kemp 6, R. Hasted 7, T. Upshall 8. Composition arranged by R. Hasted, conducted by T. Upshall, and rung by an entirely local band, all of whom are regular Sunday service ringers. The longest length yet rung in the method by all the band.

**LITTLEBOURNE, KENT.**—On Thursday evening, as a compliment to R. Smith, who is leaving for service in the Mediterranean, 720 Cambridge Surprise in 27 mins.: H. Bramble 1, P. J. Cobbold 2, R. Smith 3, W. Savage 4, P. W. Smith 5, A. Johnson (conductor) 6.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on the 21st, 'the Coffee Pot' on the 19th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th; all at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from noon. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay. Further particulars on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Coddensham on Saturday, May 16th. Tea, 1s. each, in the Parish Hall, at 4.30 p.m. Meeting follows. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—By permission of the Vicar, the half-yearly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, on Saturday, May 16th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Festival will be held at Sherborne on Saturday, May 16th. Service in the Abbey at 12.15 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Cole-ridge. Luncheon in Church Hall at 1.15 p.m., price 1s. 6d. Towers available: Sherborne Abbey (8 bells) 10.30 to 11.45 a.m., 3 to 8 p.m., Milborne Port, Charlton Horethorne (8), Bradford Abbas, Thornford (6), Bishop's Caundle, Lillington (5), Long Burton (4). All 10 to 11.30 a.m., 3 to 9 p.m.—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Elfinward, Haywards Heath, on Saturday, May 16th. Meeting to commence at 3 p.m. sharp. A special service will be held at Elfinward, at 4.30 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Lewes. A meat tea will be provided at Elfinward at 5 p.m. Tea, 2s. 6d. each (1s. 3d. to members). Half rail fare (maximum 2s. 6d.) will be allowed to resident members attending the meeting. The towers of Cuckfield, Bolney and Lindfield will be open for ringing after tea.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Oundle Branch.—The 32nd annual meeting will be held at Warmington, Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke Rectory, Peterborough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The re-opening of Greenstead Green bells will take place on Saturday, May 16th. Thanksgiving service at 3 o'clock by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford. Ringing commence at 2 o'clock. Tea, 1s. each.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earl's Colne.

**ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The next meeting of the guild will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Battin, Hon. Sec., Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The May meeting will be held at Bickenhill, near Coventry, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head. Frequent bus service from Birmingham and Coventry.—D. E. Lewis, Gen. Hon. Sec., Firholm, King Edward Road, Nuneaton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eastnor on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton respectively on Saturday, May 16th, at 3.30 p.m. A good meeting is hoped for.—W. A. Cope, Smockington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Pendlebury, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells 6 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District meeting at Bramley and Wonerh May 16th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at Bramley 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting Jolly Farmer, Bramley.—G. L. Grover, Merrow Cottage, East Clandon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, May 16th. Visitors made welcome, but please advise me in time to provide tea. Bells available: Kingham (8), Chipping Norton (8).—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Pre-Whitsun meeting at Rothbury, Saturday, May 16th. Bells available at 3.30 and after tea. Committee meeting at 4.30 and tea at 5 o'clock at Greenwell House Café, 2s. each. Bus leaves Newcastle (Haymarket) every hour after 12.20.—George S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**TROWELL, NOTTS.**—The dedication of the peal of six bells, recast and rehung by Taylor's, of Loughborough, will take place at the evening service on Sunday, May 17th.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A quarterly meeting at Soham on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berkshire Branch.—Annual meeting at Drayton on Saturday, May 23rd. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 20th?—Albert E. Lock, 35, East Street, Helen Street, Abingdon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Newhey on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, May 23rd. The ring of 6, recently augmented to 8 with two new trebles and recast tenor, will be opened. The dedication service will be performed by the

Master of the Guild, the Rev. H. Law James, at 2.30 p.m. Bells available after service until 9 p.m. All welcome. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. A. Holmes, of Edenham, Bourne, Lincs, by Wednesday, May 20th?—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec., The Lodge, Folkingham, Lincs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The spring meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, at Eynsham. Service 3 p.m. Meeting afterwards. All members wishing to be present kindly let me know by Thursday, 21st, by first post.—W. Evetts, jun., Hill Court, Tackley, Oxford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Thursday, May 19th?—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at the two five-bell towers of Little Staughton and Keysoe on Saturday, May 23rd. Little Staughton bells from 2.45 to 4.45. Tea at Keysoe 5.15. Ringing after tea. Visitors welcome. Please try and come.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wisbech on Saturday, May 23rd. The bells of Newton are open for ringing at 2 p.m. Leverington at 3 p.m. Service at Wisbech Parish Church at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. Barker, Branch Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 52nd annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 25th. 11.30 a.m.: Service at the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. Canon F. W. Galpin, M.A., F.L.S., Rector of Faulkbourne. 12.30 p.m.: Lunch (members 2s.) to be followed by the annual meeting at the County Hotel, Rainsford End. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the hon. secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 19th, in order that proper provision for lunch can be made.—Chas. H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A general meeting will be held at Halesworth on Whit Monday, May 25th. Bells available from 11 a.m.: Halesworth (8, rehung), Chediston (6), Wissett (6), Wenhamston (6). Tea, at the White Swan, 1s. each, at 4.30. Meeting follows. Tea only provided for those sending a card by May 22nd to F. C. Lambert, 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Plymouth on Whit Monday, May 25th. Service in St. Andrew's Church at 12.30. Dinner and meeting in Goodbody's Restaurant, Bedford Street, 1.15 p.m. Tickets (2s. 6d. each to non-members) obtainable up to May 18th. Towers open: St. Andrew's (10), Charles (10), Emmanuel (8) and Stoke (6).—T. Laver, Gen. Sec., 21, Cross Park, Heavitree, Exeter.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Hope (6), near Caergwle, on Whit Monday, May 25th. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know on or before the 21st inst.? A good attendance requested.—W. Cathrall, Hon. Sec., 19, Cunliffe Walk, Garden Village, Wrexham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, May 25th. The Central Committee meet in St. Peter's Schools at 11 a.m. prompt. Service at St. Peter's Church at 12 noon, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. V. Martin). Luncheon at the Plough Hotel, Bridge Street, at 1 p.m., followed by the business meeting. Bells available: St. Giles' (10), St. Sepulchre's (8), and St. Peter's (8) all day, and St. Edmund's (8) and Kingsthorpe (6) after the meeting. Application for luncheon tickets (with remittance 2s. 6d. each) must be made before Tuesday, May 19th, to Mr. T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, or to Robt. G. Black, Gen. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, May 25th. Bells available all day. (Tenor 17 cwt.) Committee meeting at 12 noon. Service at 12.30, address by the Rev. H. G. Metcalfe, Vicar of Felixkirk. Dinner will be provided at the Golden Lion at 1 p.m. Members 2s. 6d. Non-members 3s. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the secretary not later than Thursday, May 21st. — T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Next meeting of the Forest Branch will be held at Westbury-on-Severn on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) open at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers who require tea must let the branch secretary know by Wednesday, May 27th. — Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 44, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

**LADIES' GUILD.** — Southern District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on May 30th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Hut. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify Mrs. Whittington, Glendoone, The Common, Cranleigh, by Wednesday, May 27th? — H. F. Mills, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.** — Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Leigh, near Reigate, on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea must let me know by Wednesday, May 27th. — A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, May 30th. 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 Beddington on Saturday, May 30th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at the White Post Tea Rooms at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. C. H. Kippin, 18, Guy Road, Beddington, not later than Wednesday, May 27th. All ringers are heartily welcome. — D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

**OPEN CONTEST** (6 bells) at Shelley, advertised for Whit Monday, is postponed to June 6th. Entries close Tuesday, May 26th, on which date tower closes for practice, and all entries, names of ringers, entrance fee (7s. 6d. per company) and number of teas to be in the hands of the secretary by the said date. Draw in school at 2.30 p.m. — Albert Goldthorpe, Hon. Sec., Red Hill, Shelley, near Huddersfield.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — Next monthly meeting will take place at Bolsover (bells 8) on Saturday, June 6th. The Cup Contest will also take place at this meeting. Entries for Cup Contest should reach me not later than Thursday, June 4th. For tea notify without fail Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover. — M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

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**DRAYTON, BERKS.** — On Sunday, May 3rd, before evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Honey 1, W. H. J. Holdfield 2, R. G. Rice 3, F. Barrett 4, J. Nobes 5, A. E. Lock 6, H. J. Balcombe (conductor) 7, G. Caudwell 8.

**LOWER HEYFORD, OXON.** — On Sunday, May 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles in 40 mins.: R. Cuss (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Scarlett 2, W. Baggett 3, R. Brock 4, F. W. Pritchett (conductor) 5, A. Grantham 6.

**LONDON.** — At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, on Sunday, April 26th, in 46 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. Troke (first quarter) 1, R. E. Geare (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. Howkins 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, E. A. Hull 5, H. Ellis 6, A. W. Coles 7, H. A. Francis 8.

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