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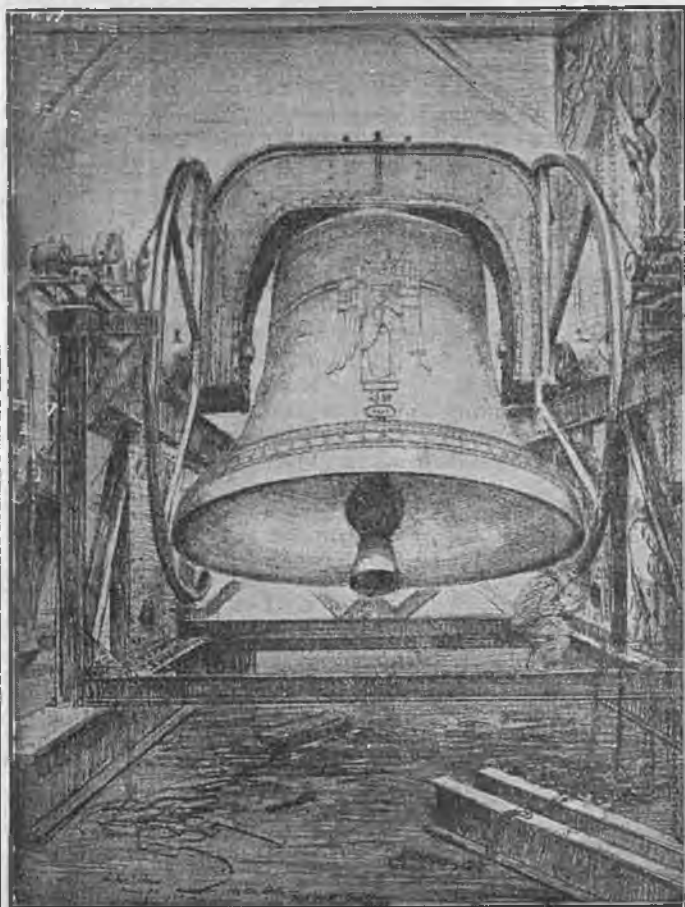
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KEYS TO PROGRESS.

The publication of the revised edition of 'The Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods' once more makes available for five and six-bell ringers a wide field for their activities. It is something like twenty-five years since the first edition of that book was presented to the Exercise, and at that time it was a case of educating ringers up to the standard which the work set before them. That the standard was by degrees raised, is unquestionable, but it is doubtful if all the advance was made that was possible. 'Irregular' methods have, it is true, dropped into disuse, but the number of bands who utilised all the facilities which this book offered, of extending their knowledge and practice beyond a very limited sphere, is comparatively few. Not all the peals of Grandsire Doubles, or in two or three elementary Minor methods, are necessitated by 'first peals' for someone or other, and there has hardly been the general advance in ringing on five and six bells that might reasonably have been hoped for over so long a period. It is possible, of course, to point to some exceptionally enterprising companies, but, taken in the mass, six-bell ringers confine their activities to a very limited field. It may be that only a small proportion of them really trouble to explore the ground which the Central Council's publication gave them; in fact, the scope of the work may not be really known to many of them because it is a quarter of a century since the book made its appearance, and a new generation of ringers has since grown up.

The new edition of the 'Collection' which has now appeared should give a fresh impetus to progress in six-bell ringing. One key to advancement is in the completed work of the Methods Committee; another is in the little volume, 'Method Splicing,' which, based on the methods to be found in the 'Collection,' carries ringers to a further and fascinating stage of ringing. We all admire the men who can ring a peal in twenty or thirty Minor methods; there is no reason why every competent six-bell band should not do so. 'Splicing' makes method ringing more than doubly interesting and adds to it a variety that cannot be obtained in any other way. In combination, the 'Collection' and 'Method Splicing' can lead any band of ringers with the least desire to advance to unexpected interests and new enthusiasm. The long evenings are approaching, when renewed activity will begin in the towers, and there could be no more opportune time than this for every ringer to equip himself with a copy of the two books and begin to lay the foundation of new delights in the pursuit of the art. The books only need to be studied to give ringers a new vision of the possibilities presented by six bells.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
HARRY R. ROPER ... 2	*WILLIAM C. REMSEY ... 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 3	WILLIAM CLOVER ... 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
*GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OLDHAM BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 13, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES.

FRED MELLOR ... Treble	JOHN TRUBLOVE ... 5
OGDEN MOORES ... 2	HERBERT BARLOW ... 6
TOM COCKING ... 3	CHARLES E. PLATT ... 7
VERNON SYKES ... 4	*WALTER E. HOWARTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by WALTER E. HOWARTH.

* First attempt as conductor.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1931, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS MILDRED HIGGINS ... Treble	†JAMES HAYWOOD ... 5
MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 2	ARTHUR PASHLEY ... 6
MISS KATHLEEN BURCHNALL ... 3	LESLIE HAYWOOD ... 7
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 4	FRED WATKINSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILFRED FULLWOOD ... Treble	HENRY GOODMAN ... 5
JOSEPH H. COX ... 2	*ALFRED REYNOLDS ... 6
HARRY GOODMAN ... 3	WALTER FARLEY ... 7
CHARLES WM. COOPER ... 4	JOHN GOODMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

* First peal on a working bell. A birthday peal to Mr. John Goodman.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BASIL AND JAMES,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 10 lb. in F.

JOSEPH ROWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 5
JOHN ANDERSON ... 2	ADAM DEAS ... 6
ROBERT T. ANDERSON ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 4	RICHARD THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

First 5,000 on this beautiful toned peal of bells recently installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Keen and J. Anderson, which fell on the previous day.

WROTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 22, 1931, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 10 lb.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... Treble	LEONARD A. TIDY ... 5
ERNEST J. LADD ... 2	JOHN O. WELLER ... 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 7
*ALAN BROMLEY ... 4	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight bells.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1931, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILFRED HALLIWELL ... Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... 5
*F. FRANKLAND RIGBY ... 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
WILFRED J. MOSS ... 3	WILLIAM HORAN ... 7
JOHN POTTER ... 4	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1931, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 5
CHARLES N. BORDOCK ... 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 6
HENRY HUTTON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

The conductor's 1,000th peal.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 26, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS ... Treble	JOHN BASS ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 6
WILLIAM SHORT ... 3	HAROLD V. COOPER ... 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4	HECTOR G. BIRD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS ... Treble	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD ... 5
ERNEST BRETT ... 2	RICHARD J. STONE ... 6
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	*JACK DAFTERS ... 5
WILLIAM PYE ... 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... 3	ALBERT W. COLLS ... 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER ... 4	JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First Surprise peal.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S ODD AND EVEN BOB FOUR-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2	JACK BAILEY ... 6
GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 7
*JOSEPH BAILEY ... 4	JOHN CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* 75th peal of Stedman. This composition, now rung for the first time, is the first odd and even bob four-part peal of Stedman Triples.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

RALPH BIGGS ... Treble	ROLAND BIGGS ... 5
HUGH J. BALCOMBE ... 2	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 6
GEORGE MARTIN ... 3	FRED BIGGS ... 7
HARRY WINGROVE ... 4	ARTHUR MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. MARTIN.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM SOUTER ... Treble	LAURENCE POULSON ... 5
JAMES ROSE ... 2	SHIRFORD SPARROW ... 6
KRITH W. WHITTELL ... 3	HARRY D. LISTER ... 7
DAVID WHITING ... 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed by the late REV. H. EARL BOLWER.

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

First peal of Major as conductor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

HARRY SEAR ... Treble	ERNEST T. LAMBERT ... 5
FREDERICK CASE ... 2	ALBERT J. GREEN ... 6
CHARLES W. SMITH ... 3	EDWARD READER ... 7
*HARRY RIDGWAY ... 4	ERNEST SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged for Mr. Reader, of Loughborough, and was also rung in honour of the Rev. F. W. Bennett's 25 years as Rector of Bletchley.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY ... Treble	*GODFREY WALPOLE ... 5
WILLIAM E. RASON ... 2	ARTHUR G. BASON ... 6
EDWIN R. GOATE ... 3	JAMES SPALDING ... 7
STANLEY COPLING ... 4	CHARLES F. SAYERS ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal on eight. Arranged and rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Evan Morgan, who is leaving Lowestoft owing to ill-health, and is taking up the living of Sea View, Isle of Wight. It was also a birthday peal for the ringer of the treble, who attained his 72nd birthday on that date, and the ringer of the 6th, whose birthday was the previous day.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DIGBY Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK 6
JOHN T. KENTISH 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
JAMES E. DAVIS 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Abbey Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 5
RICHARD A. POST 2	WILLIAM HUTTON 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	JOHN NOBES 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

† First peal in the method.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cybi,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR W. LUFF Treble	ARTHUR HAWKINS 5
WILLIAM HEATH 2	GEORGE POPNELL 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	GEORGE HAWKINS 7
EDWARD H. STRADLING 4	DONALD G. CLIFT Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by DONALD G. CLIFT

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

STAFFORD H. GREEN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM BIDNELL 2	KENNETH PATTENDEN 6
THOMAS E. SONE 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4	*FREDERICK WHITE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* 150th peal. First peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	ERNEST BRETT 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT 3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS

First peal in the method on the bells, also by the ringer of the 2nd.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HORAN Treble	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON 5
JAMES W. GROUNDS 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT 6
ROBERT WALLWORK 3	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS 7
THOMAS WALLWORK 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

NORMAN PATTERSON Treble	HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	DAVID VINCENT 6
FRANK AINSLEY 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
THOMAS STEPHENSON 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by D. VINCENT.

First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. All the band are service ringers at this church.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

GEORGE WIFFEN Treble	ALBERT WIFFEN 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL 3	*LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ARNOLD.

* 400th peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

BENSON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 30, 1931, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	WILLIAM HUTTON 5
ALBERT E. LOCK 2	GORDON CAUDWELL 6
GEORGE ORCHARD 3	RICHARD A. POST 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	CHARLES SPICER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

DIBDEN, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 30, 1931, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*NORMAN V. ANDREWS Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 5
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD 2	*CHARLES F. ANDREWS 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 3	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 7
*EDWARD G. COWARD 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOURNE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 28, 1931, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;Being 720 each of Northumberland, Carlisle, Norfolk, Primrose, Ipswich, Cambridge, and 720 of London, Cuneastre and Wells Spliced.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 4lb.

JAMES OSBORN Treble	FREDERICK W. FRENCH 4
JOHN W. LAKE 2	ALBERT S. ALLEN 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Lawrence's Church on Monday, August 24th, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes) in 45 mins.: H. H. Fearn 1, Wm. B. Cartwright (conductor) 2, J. Withers, jun., 3, A. Chambers 4, C. H. Stanley 5, George E. Fearn 6, Charles Webb 7, J. Withers, sen., 8. First quarter of London by ringers of the 1st and 6th, and first on the bells.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES S. TOTHILL Treble	FRANK V. GRANT 4
EDWARD C. COOKE 2	GEORGE A. COOKE 5
GORDON L. DYE 3	ROBERT W. COOKE Tenor

Conducted by R. COOKE.

TREETON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, August 28, 1931, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 Plain Bob and three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JAMES HAYWOOD Treble	*REGINALD PAYNE 4
L. NOEL CAWTHORNE 2	FREDERICK CARDWELL 5
LESLIE HAYWOOD 3	ARTHUR PASHLEY Tenor

Conducted by A. PASHLEY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Great credit is due to the local company for overhauling the bells and making them into a ringable peal.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores, with ten callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
THOMAS W. LEWIS 2	*CYRIL TANSSELL 5
DENNIS R. MORRIS 3	†FREDERICK MERRICK Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

WEST CLANDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising three 720's Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

DANIEL COOPER Treble	*EDWARD G. TALBOT 4
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 2	*FRANK JENNINGS 5
*ROYDON DAVIES 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. R. Melville, George Jennings and the conductor.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*FREDERICK LINNEY Treble	REGINALD J. SCOTT 4
*RONALD COOK 2	GEORGE W. HELEY 5
*JAMES G. NEWMAN 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal and first attempt, and, with the ringer of the 4th, are local men.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents, Plain Bob and Single Oxford, rung alternately, all called differently. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*FRANK TICKLE Treble	SMITH WOOD 4
†LILIAN CHAPMAN 2	JAMES F. SMITH 5
WALTER J. BATTLE 3	G. RONALD EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by G. R. EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor and first 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1931, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge, 1,440 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and 720 each of Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

CHARLES BORTON Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 4
JOHN MASON 2	JOSEPH ELLIOTT 5
REGINALD W. PYE 3	WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthdays of Mrs. W. T. Elliott (August 18th) and Mr. W. T. Elliott (August 30th). Also to celebrate Mr. Elliott's 50 years' service as a ringer at the Parish Church.

The following peals were rung during a visit to Burton Stather, Lines:—

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BERNARD GILLATT, SEN. Treble	JACK BRAY 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 5
GEORGE W. CREASEY 3	*WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells, which were given to the church in 1905-6 by Mr. R. C. Bacon, M.A., and cast by John Taylor and Co.

BURTON STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 21, 1931, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	FRANK LORD 7-8
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 3-4	JACK BRAY 9-10
*WALTER AYRE 5-6	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 11-12

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witnesses—MRS. BRAY, SEN., MRS. W. AYRE, MRS. C. MCGUINNESS

* First peal of Maximus 'in hand' and as conductor. W. Ayre has now rung Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Rupert Richardson.

BURTON STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 23, 1931, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED PLAIN BOB AND LITTLE BOB ROYAL,
5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. J. BRAY 1-2	JACK BRAY 5-6
FRANK LORD 3-4	*WALTER AYRE 7-8
	BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 9-10

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witness—MRS. W. AYRE.

* First 'Spliced' peal. Every course was rung Plain, Little, Plain. First 'Spliced' peal of Royal by the band and the Guild.

BURTON STATHER, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 23, 1931, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BRAY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor Size 14 in D.

*BERNARD GILLATT, JUN. 1-2	WALTER AYRE 3-4
*FRANK LORD 5-6	

Conducted by FRANK LORD.

Witnesses—MRS. J. BRAY and MRS. W. AYRE.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' They have now rung peals of Plain Bob from Minor to Maximus.

A THOUSAND PEALS.

MR. A. H. PULLING'S ACHIEVEMENT.

With 'This is all' at the end of a peal of Stedman Triples at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church, Guildford, last Wednesday week, Mr. Alfred H. Pulling completed his one thousandth peal. It is a remarkable record and Mr. Pulling is only the ninth ringer to reach this gigantic total. The others who had previously got into four figures were the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. William Pye, the late Mr. Ernest Pye, the late Mr. I. G. Shade, Messrs. G. Williams, G. R. Pye, F. Bennett and J. George.

Having rung his 999th peal on the previous Sunday, Mr. Pulling hastily arranged for the eventful attempt, and selected Stedman Triples, because it is one of the methods that gives him the greatest pleasure. And he gladly admits that he *did* get a great deal of delight out of this particular performance, for, coupled with the fact that it was rung on one of the best rings of eight in the South of England, it was one of those peals which are as near perfection in striking as human agency can make them. At its conclusion he received the hearty congratulations of all the company. It was his 128th peal in the tower, 115 of which he has conducted. Of the 1,000 peals rung, Mr. Pulling has conducted no fewer than 907, a larger proportion than either of those who had previously reached this total. His



MR. A. H. PULLING.

(Photo by courtesy of 'The Surrey Advertiser'.)

handbell peals, too, are greater in number than any other ringer's, and it is a singular fact that, until he visited Belgium at the beginning of last month, he had called every handbell peal of Stedman Caters he had rung. A member of 20 associations, his 565 tower bell peals have been rung in 142 towers in 22 counties, while he has now added Belgium and France to the countries in which he has rung a peal.

Among his best performances Mr. Pulling counts the first 'local' peal of London Surprise, at Holy Trinity, Guildford; his first peal in seven Surprise Minor methods at West Clandon, Surrey, and his first handbell peal of Stedman Triples. All these needed great perseverance on the part of the bands concerned. It was Mr. Pulling's great ambition, when they made him conductor, to see his band score a peal of London Surprise. There is not much difficulty in getting mixed hands to ring a peal of London, but to raise a local company to that standard requires a lot of work. 'It is all right after you have broken the ice,' Mr. Pulling says, 'but the ice takes a lot of breaking at times.'

Mr. Pulling, who was born at Petworth, Sussex, where his grandfather was a ringer for over 60 years, was taken quite early in life to Guildford, and at 13 years of age began ringing at Holy Trinity Church, where only call-changes were at that time practised. When the bells were relung in 1899, change ringing was taken up under the instructorship of Mr. Charles Willshire (now residing in Canada), and Mr. Pulling was an apt pupil. He rang his first peal in October of that year at Hawley, Hants, and in December took part in the

first peal by a local society at Guildford. In that peal Mr. Henry Hutton, who took part last week in the 1,000th peal, also rang. Progress was rapid and Mr. Pulling's first peal of Grandsire as conductor was Holt's Original in 1902, while Thurstan's one-part in 1904 was the first peal of Stedman he called. Thus, quite early in his career, he gave evidence of the talent which has since marked his performances. In 1905 he was elected conductor of Holy Trinity Society, a position he has ever since retained, and under his direction the society has occupied a foremost position among local companies. Surprise peals in many methods have been rung, but more important still has been the standard of striking which Mr. Pulling has successfully striven to obtain among those under his direction.

Mr. Pulling is a brilliant conductor of any method, but if there is one department more than another in which his genius for ringing excels it is in conducting Stedman on handbells. It will be seen from the appended list what a large number of his peals have been made up of Stedman 'in hand,' and they have included a great variety of compositions, including Carter's Odd-Bob peal. In the years just before the war Mr. Pulling had a number of handbell ringers round him who could ring Stedman Caters like 'shelling peas.' One week they rang six peals of Stedman Caters on six successive evenings, and in 1912, after ringing a peal of 14,031, Mr. Pulling conducted the still existing handbell record of 19,738 Stedman Caters in 9 hours 32 minutes. Apart from more than four years' peal ringing lost through the war, Mr. Pulling in 1927 had a serious motoring accident which kept him out of ringing for over a year, and out of peals for nearly a further year. His recovery, indeed, was almost a miracle, but he has 'come back' with all his old vigour and enthusiasm and little, if any, impairment of those wonderful talents which have raised him to so distinguished a place in the Exercise.

The list of his peals is as follows:—

	Tower bells		Handbells	
	Rung Conducted		Rung Conducted	
Minor	16	15		
7 Treble Bob Minor	1	1		
7 Surprise Minor	1	1		
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1		
Court Bob Triples	1	1		
College Single Major	2	2		
Canterbury Pleasure Major	2	2		
Bob Major	35	30	47	42
Bob Royal	4	3	15	14
Bob Maximus			1	1
Grandsire Triples	40	33	137	136
Grandsire Caters	5	3	24	23
Grandsire Cinques			2	2
Stedman Triples	154	129	99	96
Stedman Caters	46	36c	109	107a
Stedman Cinques	4		1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	20d	19		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	10	8		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1			
Double Norwich Major	48b	38		
Little St. Lawrence Major	1	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	45	40		
Cambridge Surprise Major	24	22		
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1			
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1			
St. Blaise Surprise Major	1	1		
Norfolk Surprise Major	6	6		
Guildford Surprise Major	7	7		
Dublin Surprise Major	3	3		
Reverse Dublin Surprise Major	1	1		
Double Dublin Surprise Major	3	3c		
Surrey Surprise Major	1	1		
Bristol Surprise Major	22	21		
London Surprise Major	57	56		
4 Spliced Surprise Major	1	1		
	565	485	435	422

Totals: Rung 1,000; conducted 907.

A includes 7,023, 7,777, 14,031 and 19,738. B includes 7,392. C includes 10,025. D includes two 6,048. E includes 9,600.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL WEDNESDAY MEETING.

A mid-week meeting of the North-Western Division was held at St. Mary's Church, Hatfield Broad Oak, on Wednesday, August 26th. Summer weather prevailed and a large number attended, the towers represented being Harlow Common, Sawbridgworth, Bishops Stortford, Fulbourne, Walthamstow, Dunmow, Eriki, Chadwell Heath and Crawley. Some very good ringing was indulged in.

At these mid-week meetings no business is transacted, but a general discussion is usually indulged in after tea. It is proposed to hold another meeting at Hunsdon some time in October. The date will be published later, and it is hoped there will be a record gathering. The primary idea of these meetings is to give facilities to shop assistants and others who are unable to attend the Saturday meetings.

A TOUR IN ESSEX.

INTERESTING FEATURES OF A LONG DAY'S TRIP.

Fine weather favoured the Loughton and Woodford ringers on Saturday, August 22nd, when a party of nearly fifty toured the north-eastern and eastern parts of Essex. A ring-up by 'Teddie' was sounded at 8 o'clock, and a few minutes later the 'Carey' coaches were plying their way up Alderton's Hill en route for Harwich. Chigwell Lane, Rolls Park, Abridge and Ongar were soon left behind, and Chelmsford reached in good time.

The first halt was made at St. Mary's, Kelvedon, where the party was welcomed by Mr. William Elliott, an old ringing enthusiast, and his son, Mr. J. Elliott. No time was lost in getting the bells going to Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles on a well-sounding peal of six (tenor 21 cwt.), hung in a battlemented tower built chiefly of large pebbles and flints. Early English workmanship is in evidence in the nave and aisles, while interesting historical demi-figures are fixed to the nave roof.

By ten-thirty the party was away, passing through the mile-long street towards Colchester, viewing with delight the many acres of flowers that are grown for seed in the vicinity of Marks Tey. Colchester was soon left behind, and the usual route taken to Harwich, via Ardleigh, Mistley, Bradfield, Ramsey and Dovercourt.

Mr. C. Ellis and Mr. G. Thompson extended a hearty welcome to the party, and soon the bells of St. Nicholas' (tenor 14 cwt.) were pealing forth touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. The present edifice, rebuilt by the Duke of Norfolk in 1821 on the site of a previous building, has still spacious galleries in use. A very fine oil painting behind the altar depicts the carrying of the Ten Commandments.

A special word of praise is due to Mr. C. Ellis and his colleagues for the excellent decorative state of the belfry and the easy running of the bells. Dinner was served at the 'Milton Hall,' Dovercourt. A stroll along the front was followed by a visit to the Harwich-Zeebrugge Ferry Boat quay, where a boat was preparing for the outward journey. It was obvious that the railway companies concerned had made a success of this service.

Then followed a long ride through to Burnham-on-Crouch, via Great Oakley, Thorpe-le-Soken, Weeley, Colchester, Abberton Peldon, Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Maldon and Althorne, much of the journey being along winding roads not designed for super coaches. A typical Burnham tea was well served at the Railway Hotel, the fresh shrimps claiming the renewed attention of all.

At the conclusion of the meal a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. Chalk (Wanstead) and carried with acclamation, to Mr. J. Rann (Loughton) and Mr. C. Morss (Woodford), organisers of the

outing, and to Sergt. Thorpe (Loughton), who had so energetically guided the party over the long route, and who had deputised for Mr. Morss, who, unfortunately, was unable to accompany the party. In reply, Mr. J. Rann expressed his great delight in the work he had undertaken, and his willingness to assist on future occasions.

Mr. T. C. Ringrose then led the way to the Parish Church of St. Mary, situated on the outskirts of the parish. A real treat was in store, the 'gc' of the bells being perfect, thanks to the engineering genius of Mr. Ringrose. Mr. A. Rutland, of Sunbury, and Mr. W. Gridley, of the local band, joined in the touches, which included Plain Bob, Grandsire Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor. An interesting history is associated with the church, built in the time of Edward III. The upper part of the tower was demolished by the great storm of November 23rd, 1703, and the tower was not restored to its original height. The catastrophe was followed by another one in the early part of last century, when the roof of the nave was destroyed by fire, and the pillars forced from the perpendicular. Some interesting armorials are on the south porch, built by Sir John Harvey, Vicar, at the end of the fifteenth century. Also fame is attached to the inscription of Alexander John Scott, D.D., on an iron chest in the vestry. He was a former curate of Burnham and became chaplain to Lord Nelson, and was near the Admiral when he received his mortal wound.

Very reluctantly did one and all leave such a fine-going peal of six, but the sun had set, and a good run was in store. Wickford, Billericay and Hutton were left in darkness, and by ten-fifteen the Woodford members were home again, bidding adieu to those of Loughton with the parting echo of 'Many returns of the day!'

All offer their sincere thanks to the incumbents of the parishes for the use of the bells, and to the ringers who greeted the party.

5,376 BOB MAJOR.

BY FREDERICK DENCH, SAFFRON WALDEN.

23456	W.	M.	H.
42635	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—
42536	—	S	—
65234	—	—	—
36254	—	—	—
56234	S	—	—
35264	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—

Five times repeated. S at H halfway and end. The peal is reduced to 5,152 by calling S at W a course earlier in one part. This peal has 5-6 coursing nearly throughout the peal.

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

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

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

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

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

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The composition of the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung at Ipswich on Saturday was taken from John Carter's broadsheet, and the peal is claimed as the first of Treble Bob Royal ever rung containing only seven courses. The conductor (Mr. G. E. Symonds) has now called peals of Treble Bob Royal consisting of 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 courses.

Mr. W. T. Elliott, of Kelvedon, has just completed 50 years of service as a ringer at St. Mary's Parish Church. This event and the birthdays of his wife and himself were fittingly celebrated by a peal of Minor last Saturday, after which Mr. and Mrs. Elliott entertained the ringers to tea.

Members of the Cambridge University Guild are having their annual ringing tour this week in the Hereford district.

Mr. F. White, of Cranbrook, has just rung his 150th peal. The peals, which include the 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major, have been rung in 68 towers in 14 counties and with 283 ringers.

Will Mr. J. Lord, of Mablethorpe, kindly communicate with Mr. F. Lord, of 195, Mary Street, Scunthorpe, Lincs.

Six-bell companies are reminded that parcels of ten copies of the 'Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods' can be obtained for 27s. 6d. post free. This is a saving of 5d. per copy.

A LOST PEAL.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE 'WEE SMA' 'OURS.'

During the morning of August 24th a certain lady, who was hoping to have a peaceful day before losing her company, suddenly discovered she wanted one more peal to make 50. As her husband was working the 2 to 10 shift, it was suggested that she 'rested' in the afternoon while the visitors and 'extras' went for a walk, then an attempt should be made round about 11 p.m. for the coveted peal.

At the appointed time (which had then reached 11.40 p.m.) four mentally unbalanced individuals set off for Bob Major, the other lady of the party 'witnessing' (?) the same between the sheets.

Course after course rolled along in perfect time until suddenly the 'luggage specialist' felt uneasy about the composition, but, being assured with 'All right,' he carried on apparently satisfied. At 2.10 a.m. came—'Single,' 'That's all'; with congratulations from the conductor to his wife.

The uneasy individual, however, disappeared for pencil and paper, then—after a moment's mental energy—calmly announced the peal was 'false.'

The shock prevented the expected flow of words! The 7-8 man crept silently away (he had to be at work five miles away at 7.30 a.m.). Explanations and investigations revealed the fact that 'hubby' had called the Singles two courses too late in each half!!!!

His wife now asserts she will insist on him 'knowing' the peal, even if she has to put his nose in the book.

A disappointing, though humorous, ending to a very enjoyable and successful 'rest cure.'

THE STEDMAN TERCENTENARY.**RESTORATION WORK TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK.**

The disappointment of the committee in the compulsory postponement of the reopening of St. Bene't's bells is shared by a large number of ringers, who had been looking forward to and planning a great day at Cambridge at the end of this month. Despite all the efforts that were made and the assistance given by the Vicar of St. Bene't's, the diocesan office refused to be hurried, and not until the faculty itself issues can anything be done in the tower. It is hoped, however, that the work of dismantling the bells may be begun next Monday.

The date of the reopening will be fixed as soon as it is safe to do so, and we hope to be able to make a definite announcement next week.

To have to push the event out of the summer season is, of course, a distinct drawback, but ringers are not easily deterred where the pursuit of anything appertaining to their art is concerned, and we feel confident that they will be just as keen to share in the unique celebration whenever it takes place as they would have been in September.

Contributions to the fund should be sent to—

The Editor,

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DEATH OF AN OLD PRESTON RINGER.**FIFTY YEARS AT THE PARISH CHURCH.**

The Preston Branch has recently suffered the loss of an old member through the death of Mr. William Heald, of Preston. Mr. Heald, who was the captain of the Preston Parish Church band, had been in indifferent health for some time, but his passing away on August 24th was rather unexpected. Mr. Heald had just completed 50 years' service as a ringer at the Parish Church, and, although not a great peal ringer, could always be relied on for service and national occasions.

Mr. Heald was one of the few remaining old ringers who were members of the now defunct Lancashire Six Bell Ringers' Association in its early days, and which was ultimately absorbed by the present association.

Amongst those present at the funeral service held in the Parish Church were ringers from Brindle, Chorley, St. James', Leyland, as well as present and past members of the local band, the last named including Mr. T. H. Brewer, of Ottawa, Canada, who is on a visit to England, and who claims to have helped Mr. Heald to learn to ring 50 years ago.

Members of the Preston Branch acted as bearers at the church and cemetery, and a wreath was sent from his brother ringers. Muffled touches were rung on Preston bells before and after the funeral service, whilst an attempt for a peal of Treble Bob the next day was brought round after two hours and ten minutes' ringing, owing to the bad going of the bells.

Mr. Heald, or 'Bill,' as he was known to his intimates, will be sadly missed, especially by those who knew him best.

SOUTH DEVON TOWERS VISITED.

St. Sidwell's (Exeter) ringers visited South Devon towers for their annual outing, and were accompanied by the Rector (the Rev. Lanyon Owen). After stopping at Ashburton to pick up an old friend (Mr. A. L. Bennett), they proceeded to Ugborough, where there is a splendid church, with a beautifully built and lofty granite tower. Here they were met by Messrs. E. and A. Truman, of Kenu. The ring of eight bells is something of the weight of St. Sidwell's. Good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Ermington, with a spire three feet out of upright and a ring of six, was next visited, and the bells were well rung by juniors and seniors, and a very old peal of handbells belonging to the tower were put in use. Tea followed at Ivybridge, where the Erme was an attraction. At Plympton St. Maurice, which has a nice ring of eight, capital touches of Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The homeward journey was via Totnes, Teignmouth and Dawlish, with a stop at a wayside hostelry to take supper as the guests of Mr. W. Drake (hon. treasurer of the society), after which the song, 'Glorious Devon,' was sung by the Rector. Exeter was reached at 10.30—all well pleased with the day's outing. Thanks are due to Mr. Edwin Shepherd (the Ringing Master) for making the arrangements.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.**

A most enjoyable meeting of the South and West District was held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday. The Ringing Master (Mr. Goodfellow) was in charge of the ringing and the methods practised before service were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and London Surprise Major. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. W. H. Flecker (Vicar), the office from the 'Ringers' Manual' being used. The singing was led by the organist (Mr. David Willard), who has been organist of St. Peter's for 36 years, having commenced his duties there 16 months after the church was dedicated.

After service the company adjourned to the Church Hall for tea, ably served by Miss Riggs. The Vicar presided, supported by Mrs. Flecker and the Ringing Master. The vice-president unfortunately took the wrong train, and instead of landing at Staines found himself at Slough. Dashing back, he arrived breathless, but just in time for a cup of refreshing tea and to preside at the business meeting.

Mr. Willard was elected an honorary and Master Jolley a ringing member. Both belong to St. Peter's, Staines. The usual vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. and Mrs. Flecker, to the hostess (Miss Riggs), who has attended to the wants of the ringers at the meetings at Staines for the last ten years, and to her assistants, to the organist, to Messrs. G. Walmsley (who kindly arranged the meeting), W. E. Parker and E. Goater of the local band.

Handbell ringing was indulged in by Messrs. J. A. Trollope, F. W. Goodfellow, J. Herbert, E. Goater, F. Baldwin and R. Lathbury, the last named, with Miss V. Shorter, being on a visit from Cambridge. Other well-known ringers present were W. Welling, J. R. Mackman, F. Corke, G. and W. Gutteridge and Misses K. E. Fletcher, of Beaconsfield, and K. M. Bradford, of Twickenham, etc.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Mary (Rev. James) for the use of St. Mary's bells, and Mr. Butler, the steeplekeeper, brought a pleasant afternoon to a close, everyone present having had an opportunity of ample ringing.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Arundel on Saturday. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock and the bells were kept going in various methods until 5 o'clock, when the members, their wives and friends, to the number of 41, partook of tea at Owen's Tea Rooms, after which a short business meeting was held, with Mr. W. Charman presiding. The following new members were elected through the instrumentality of Mr. Percy Doick: Messrs. W. G. Settatre, R. Settatre, J. Puttick, F. Willard, sen., P. Willard, jun., C. Whittington, A. Goatcher and J. Goatcher, all of Washington.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Arundel for the use of the bells and to Mr. Charman for presiding.

Subsequently further ringing was enjoyed, the methods including Stedman, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise. Members were present from Arundel, Billingshurst, Chichester, Heene, Lymington, Brighton, Shoreham, Crawley, Pulborough, Slinfold, Uckfield, Warham and Itchingfield, and Messrs. Pasmore (London) and J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere), a most enjoyable afternoon being spent.

WESTON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

All Saints', Weston, Bath, bellringers held their seventh annual outing on August 22nd last, when, accompanied by the Vicar and several churchworkers, they visited Puckle Church, Stone, Berkeley and Dursley, and at each tower the bells were raised in peal and rung to various methods.

Tea was served at the White Hart Hotel, Berkeley, in company with the Fairford ringers, who had already been ringing at the tower. Some rounds were rung for the younger members, who thus had their first ring on ten bells, and a touch of Triples. At Dursley they again joined forces with the Fairford men in ringing various methods. Thanks are extended (through 'The Ringing World') to the incumbents and tower masters who met the visitors at the churches, also to Mr. A. Lewis, Mr. H. W. Jussell and Mr. J. Hope for their kindness in helping to make the outing a success.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE RINGERS' OUTING.

Fairford (Glos) ringers had their annual outing on August 22nd in glorious weather. They first visited Bristol, where they rang at St. Peter's Church and later at St. Stephen's. Sight seeing and lunch occupied some part of their stay in the city, after which they went on to Thornbury, where they found new ropes made the bells difficult to handle. They rang next on the ten at Berkeley, where they were joined by the Bath ringers, and the two companies had tea together. Going on to Dursley, the Fairford company enjoyed three-quarters of an hour's ringing with the local men on a peal of bells just suited to them, and were then joined once more by the Bath ringers, with whom a very pleasant time was spent. During the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were rung. After supper at Dursley the journey home was commenced and completed about 11.30 after a very enjoyable day.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS, 1750-1788.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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XII. THE VISIT TO NORWICH.

About 1785 the old society paid their famous visit to Norwich. The tradition, as Ellacombe gives it, was that 'on this occasion the Norwich ringers performed a touch of Stedman Cinques, a method which the College Youths had not heard before; being very desirous of acquiring the method, they made arrangements for leaving one of their number, Mr. Blakemore, at Norwich in order that he might, at the expense of the society, qualify himself for teaching it to his fellow College Youths. Blakemore remained for six months at Norwich and acquired the method, which was afterwards successfully rung by the College Youths in London' (Note 18). During his stay, Blakemore lodged with Christopher Lindsay, who was writing a book on ringing. He secretly copied his host's papers, and on his return to London these formed the basis of the 'Clavis.'

Jasper Snowdon calls this an absurd legend, and certainly it does not sound correct. Christopher Wells, John Reeves and Thomas Blakemore were acquainted with Stedman Doubles, and men of their stamp would not need six months to find out how to practice the method on nine and eleven bells. Six minutes would have been enough. And a book like the 'Clavis' is not written by stealing another man's notes. But, almost always, these traditions have a body of truth, and in this case it needs only a little rearranging of known facts to say what did happen.

William Jones was collecting material for his book, and there was no place in England where there was better ringing or more methods practised than Norwich. Clearly, if his book was to be complete he must go down there and pick up as much information as he could. Besides, the new ring of twelve had just been put up at St. Peter Mancroft (1775), and glowing accounts of their grandeur had reached London. The Norwich Scholars were in close touch with the London ringers. In 1777 some of the Cumberlands went down to Norwich and rang a peal at St. Michael's Coslany, and later in the year, apparently, the Norwich company returned the visit, though there is no record of what ringing they did. So that there was a good opportunity for William Jones and his band to have a pleasant outing, hear and ring on the Mancroft twelve, and, incidentally, pick up what they could for the new book. Accordingly to Norwich they went.

But they were not received very cordially. From some statement or other that Christopher Wells had incautiously let drop the Norwich ringers suspected that the College Youths intended to try and beat their 6,240 of Treble Bob Maximus. It was the time of the long peal duel between the College Youths and the Cumberlands. The Norwich men were all Cumberlands and keen partisans. In fact, their 6,000 had given the latter society the twelve-bell record. Of course, it was the junior company of College Youths, not Jones' band, which had fought that fight; but the Norwich men took no account of such distinctions, and to them they were all College Youths. So when the visitors arrived they were met with a demand for an explanation and apology. It was given, and the two bands associated with apparent harmony and friendship.

Notwithstanding this, so men said afterwards, the College Youths did intend to try and beat the record; but after ringing about a thousand changes the attempt failed. No cause is given for the failure. Perhaps they started with the tenor single handed, and neither then nor for many years after was one man able to ring her to a peal. When we are comparing heavy bell peals of old times, either with each other or with modern performances, we must remember that the go of the big bells varied to an extraordinary degree. The modern bell hanger's scientific methods were then unknown, and it seems to have been sheer luck whether a bell could be turned in single handed to a seven thousand, like St. Saviour's, or took two and sometimes three men to ring behind to a five thousand, like St. Mary-le-Bow. Mancroft tenor was never an easy bell, and only once, till recent times, was she rung single handed to a peal.

When the London men stopped, the local men came up into the tower, and to show their skill rang some Stedman Cinques. This was a new thing to the visitors, and they straightway determined to practise the method.

Meanwhile Jones had been making his enquiries. Probably, as at Birmingham in the next year, he was not himself one of the peal band. No doubt he heard a lot about the peals the Norwich Scholars had rung, but he did not find it easy to get the figures he wanted. Lindsay and Barton were thinking of writing a book themselves, and they were not likely to give away their material to anyone who chose to ask for it, least of all to a rival. Jones had, therefore, either to give up any hopes of getting the Norwich figures, or to leave someone behind to find out things as opportunity might arise. Thomas Blakemore was the obvious man. Besides being one of Jones' two collaborators he was friendly with the Norwich men. He was one of the band who rang the peal of Bob Major at St. Giles' in 1777, and had belonged to the Cumberland Society when the Norwich men paid their return visit. He stayed for a time (perhaps a good deal shorter than six months) with Lindsay and did the job he stayed for. William Jones, probably, and not the society, paid his expenses.

Of course, some reason had to be given for his remaining behind when the others returned home. The truth could not be told so the excuse was made that he wanted to learn Stedman Cinques. It was quite as good an excuse as any other. It flattered the vanity of the Norwich Scholars, and it diverted attention from his real object.

He certainly took some things back with him besides Stedman Cinques, for there are things in the 'Clavis' which must have come from Norwich and nowhere else. Imperial the Third is one, and Norwich Court Bob another. Osborn, quoting some Norwich informant, says that Superlative was a Norwich method; but there, I think, he is wrong. There is no evidence that Superlative was known to the Mancroft men, and the authors of the 'Clavis' distinctly say that it is 'our own.' There is not the least reason to think they were either liars or thieves. But in Norwich Blakemore's activities were strongly resented. 'The College Youths were never noticed by the Norwich Company with anything like confidence or respect afterwards. No Norwich man subscribed to the "Clavis," and the book was totally ignored in the city' (Note 19).

NOTE 18.—Ellacombe—'Bells of the Church,' 1872, page 47.

NOTE 19.—An unnamed Norwich correspondent, quoted by Osborn.

MORE PICTURES OF THE PILGRIMAGE.

SOME OF THE LIGHTER INCIDENTS OF THE TOUR.



Top left: A course of Grandsire Triples on the frontier, with 1-2 and 3-4 in France, and 5-6 and 7-8 in Belgium.

Top right: The famous band kiosk at Ostende, round which a crowd collected late on the last evening of the tour, when some of the daring spirits gave a 'public performance' of change ringing. In the picture are some of the 'Pilgrims.'

Bottom left: Well dug in, on the sands. Messrs. Harris, Pulling, Jacques, Poole and Willson surrounded by an interested crowd while entertaining themselves with handbells.

Middle: The band that rang the first peal of Caters in France, photographed, with the umpire, at the foot of the Jean Bart Memorial, Dunkirk. Standing, Messrs. Elkington and Pulling; seated, Messrs. Poole, Willson and Harris; at the back, Mr. Jacques, the umpire.

Right: Tune ringing on the promenade. The production of the handbells quickly collected a crowd of wondering spectators.

The photographs were sent by Mr. A. J. Rodger and Mr. A. H. Pulling.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD AT ARLEY.

Members from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Fillongley, Lillington, Manchester, Nuncaton and Warwick attended the meeting held at Arley on Saturday, August 22nd. Arley Parish Church is dedicated to St. Wilfrid and tradition has it that from St. Wilfrid's time (i.e., 1,200 years ago) there has been a church on this site. First built of wood, in 1280 the present building of local sandstone was erected. Richard de Covintre was the first Rector in 1287 and the list includes 44 others up to the present day. There are six bells in the tower, three old and three new, with the following inscriptions:—

Treble: 'Given by George Hazel, A.D. 1929, Church Warden from 1903.'

2nd: 'To the Glory of God and in remembrance of J. and S. Stain, from their sons, 1929.'

3rd: 'To the Praise of God, from the Parishioners, 1929.'

4th: 'Robert Newcome' (date about 1590).

5th: 'Ihs Nazareus Rex Judeorum Fili Dei Misere Mi, 1625.'

Tenor: 'Edward Arnold, Leicester, Fecit, 1760.'

These interesting bells were rung in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise on Saturday, and the local ringers were assisted by the more proficient to ring Grandsire Doubles, some showing great promise.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGERS' FINE PERFORMANCE.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

Five peals in as many different Surprise methods, viz., Cambridge, London, Bristol, Superlative and Irchester (the first in the method), rung between April, 1930, and February, 1931, at Irthingborough, and all conducted by Mr. A. Y. Tyler, have been recorded on a handsome tablet in the belfry of St. Peter's Church. The unveiling of the board took place at a special meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild on Saturday week. At the Guild service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. Lidster), there were representatives present from 18 Guilds. In his address the Rector welcomed the members of the Guild and said they were present to dedicate a peal board to commemorate a stupendous feat by the local band of ringers. They had successfully rung five peals in one year. Their art required faith—faith in their own powers, faith in their direction, faith in the universality of their art, for campanology was revered all over the world, and, finally, faith in God. To the ordinary lay person bellringing was an exceedingly difficult and puzzling art. When he watched ringing he was struck with the ease with which they rang. When a man was an easy ringer then he had perfect control of himself. They should apply their art to themselves, to their souls. They were about to dedicate a visible sign of triumph of the bellringers' art, and he thanked all for their attendance. Finally, the reverend gentleman asked them to remember Irthingborough when holding their quarterly meeting.

At the close of the address the congregation moved to the belfry, and Mr. A. Y. Tyler, captain of the local band of ringers, unveiled, and the Rev. P. Lidster dedicated the tablet, 'To the glory of God, and in memory of the triumph of consecrated faith.'

At the close of the service the ringers adjourned for tea, served by the local ringers' wives and the wives of members of the Church Council.

After tea the branch secretary (Mr. F. Barber) said he was sure that those present would wish him to offer to all those who had taken part in the ringing of those peals, recorded on the beautiful peal board just unveiled, and dedicated by the Rector of Irthingborough, the heartiest congratulations. It was indeed a memorable performance and one of which they could all be justly proud. But it was not only in peal ringing that these men excelled. He was thankful to say that they were always to be found at their post for the Sunday service ringing, and he complimented the Rector and the good people of Irthingborough on having such a fine band of ringers. He also said he was sure they were all delighted to have with them that afternoon Mr. Ernest Tippler, of Luttreth, the composer of the peal of Irchester Surprise recorded on the board, and offered him a most hearty welcome amongst them.

Mr. R. G. Black (the general secretary of the Guild) and Mrs. Black being present, good wishes for their future happiness were expressed, and Mr. Black, in replying, thanked the members of the branch for the beautiful clock they had given him. He assured them he should treasure it very much. He also said that great credit was due to all who had taken part in those peals, and it was an honour to the Guild.

PEALS OF PLAIN BOB.

BY JOHN W. MOORHOUSE, OF LEEDS.

5,280 MAXIMUM.	5,040 ROYAL.
23456 W. M. R.	23456 W. M. R.

42356 — — —	42356 — — —
34256 — — —	34256 — — —
62345 — — —	62345 — — —
36245 — — —	36245 — — —
24365 — — —	24365 — — —
3 times repeated, S for B at R in 2nd course of 2nd and 4th parts.	32465 — — —
5,040 ROYAL.	43265 — — —
23456 W. M. R.	25436 — S —
64235 — — —	42536 — — —
36245 — — —	54236 — — —
43265 — — —	23546 — — —
26435 — — —	52346 — — —
32465 — — —	35246 — — —
46325 — — —	24356 — — —
24365 — — —	Repeated.
3 times repeated, S half-way and end.	Ring on June 24th, 1931, on handbells.
Ring non-conducted on July 15th, 1931.	

CHARLBURY.—For evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor: A. Shaylor 1, C. Pratley 2, V. R. Hitchman 3, H. Pratley 4, B. Phillips 5, J. Keyte (conductor) 6. First 720 by 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th ringers. First 720 as conductor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MORRISTON, SWANSEA.—On Sunday, August 30th, at St. John's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. C. C. Williams 1, Wallace Dobbins 2, J. T. Williams (conductor) 3, L. Pelzer 4, G. Lewis 5, G. N. Williams 6. Rang as a welcome to the Rev. H. L. Jones, B.A., who on this day commenced duties at the above church.

HENSINGHAM, CUMBERLAND.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, August 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): F. Moore 1, A. Durham 2, E. Scrambler 3, S. Richardson 4, J. E. Brown (conductor) 5, W. Paterson 6. First quarter-peal of Grandsire by the local band. Rang as a birthday compliment to A. Durham.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 30th, at the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, for evensong, 1,248 London Surprise Major: E. F. Pike 1, W. R. Madgwick 2, F. Dench 3, F. Digby 4, W. H. Hewett 5, J. W. Ward 6, J. E. Davis 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8. The ringers of the 3rd and 6th are from Safron Walden.

BATH.—At St. Michael's Church, on August 30th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major for morning service: A. V. Dent (Bournemouth) 1, T. F. King 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, R. J. Cousins 4, William J. Prescott 5, William C. Slute 6, William H. Crocker 7, Gilbert H. Harding (conductor) 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 6th, it being his first quarter in the method.

TWICKENHAM.—On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service and as a birthday compliment to Miss Joan Stapleton (vice-captain of the local band), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: Miss E. Rabbitts 1, Miss J. Stapleton 2, W. H. Hollier 3, Miss K. Bradford 4, W. Daniell 5, E. A. Morris (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, R. G. Strutt 8. First quarter-peal by treble and tenor ringers.

MARHAM, NORFOLK.—For evening service on Sunday, August 2nd, 720 Bob Minor in 26 mins.: H. Bird 1, A. E. Bacon 2, F. Matthews 3, P. Shepherd (Melton Mowbray) 4, J. Buckenham 5, W. Buckenham (conductor) 6.

LATE NOTICE.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD. — September meetings: Sunday 6th, St. Clement Danes, 10 a.m.; Monday 7th and 21st, St. Clement Danes, 7.30 p.m.; Tuesday 29th, St. Mary's, Lambeth, 8 p.m.—C. O. Moore, Hon. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 8th; St. Magnus' on the 10th and 24th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 22nd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Market Rasen (8), Saturday, September 5th. Tower open 2 p.m. Notification for tea to Harold Marcon, Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Hartfield on Saturday, September 5th. Tower opened at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The Crawford Silver Cup Contest will be held at East Markham on Saturday, September 5th. The draw for order of ringing will take place at 2.45 p.m., contest commencing at 3 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing at 6.30 p.m. for visitors. A good attendance is requested. Good bus service to and from the village. Tea will be provided for those who notify Robt. W. Stockdale, Hon. Sec., c/o W. J. Bowman, East Markham, Newark.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea provided free at 5 p.m. by special invitation from Mr. C. D. Potter. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec., 67, Avenue Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A meeting will be held at Little Houghton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—T. Tebbutt, West Street, Moulton, Northampton.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be held at Treeton (6 bells) on Saturday, September 5th. For tea, please notify Mr. J. Haywood, 68, Wood Lane, Treeton, near Rotherham. A hearty welcome to all.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield.

ESSEX, HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting will be held at Walthamstow St. Mary's, on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (10) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. The following towers will also be available during the afternoon and evening: Leyton (8), Woodford (8), from 3 to 4 p.m., Walthamstow St. Saviour's (8) from 6 to 8 p.m.—E. J. Butler, Essex Association; W. H. Lawrence, Hertford Association; C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Brightwalton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. First meeting at this tower since the bells were put in order, their going being now perfect. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 5th. Bells (10) available at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, 4.30 p.m. Meeting 5.15 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Ashford District will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, September 5th, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh Guild. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 5 o'clock. A good meeting is anticipated.—A. C. Kay, 6, Sturges Road, Ashford; A. J. Battin, Heronden Hall Gardens, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday September 5th, at Harlow Town. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) ready 3.30.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 145, Paget Street, Loughborough.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Cricket match, Sept. 5th. Married v Single. Meet at St. Ambrose's Church 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. per head. Please support, wet or fine. St. Ambrose bells (8) available. The match will take place on the Bristol Education Committee's ground, Gordon Road, 8 p.m. prompt. Roll up in hundreds. Every ringer and friend welcomed.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., tea to follow. Will all those intending to be present please advise me by Tuesday, Sept. 8th, without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 1s. each, and meeting to follow. Notify me for tea by Wednesday, September 9th. A good muster is especially requested at this meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec., Caerleon, Dunbabin Road, Wavertree.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Payhembury on Saturday, September 12th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m., also Ottery St. Mary (8), etc. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Bramley, Leeds, on Saturday, September 12th. Fuller particulars later.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Emberton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, please send along in good time. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec. 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winwick Parish Church on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) will be available from 3 o'clock. Also the bells at Newton-le-Willows are available after 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open for ringing at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weedon (6) on Saturday, September 12th. Usual arrangements. Members please note alteration of date. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, September 8th?—W. C. Moore, Fircroft, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clevedon on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by September 9th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Weston, Bath.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cowbridge on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available. Service at 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Barrack Road, Newport, Mon.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District meeting at Pirbright, arranged for September 12th, is postponed until October 17th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—A meeting will be held at Evershot on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Notification for tea to E. F. Brooks, Beaminster.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Limpsfield Chart on Saturday, September 12th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea and business to follow. Those requiring tea to let me know by Wednesday, September 9th. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Bull, Hon. Sec., Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern and Eastern Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea, 1/6 per head, in the Co-operative Café, Newborough. Notification to be sent to Mr. J. R. Barton, 71, Caledonia Street, Scarborough, not later than Tuesday, September 8th. A good meeting is desired, all ringers being cordially welcome.—J. W. Addison, Northern District, A. B. Cook, Eastern District.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Quainton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—E. F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pleasley on Saturday, September 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5, price 1s. each. Please notify Mr. C. Rogers, Taylor's Hill, Pleasley Hill, Mansfield, by Thursday, September 10th.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. if possible. Tea at 5. All welcome.—Percy C. Bonnett, Dis. Sec., Rose Cottage, Stagsden, Beds.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The third quarterly meeting at Ickleton on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Kingham (8 bells) on Saturday, September 12th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome, but please notify me at least three days in advance.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will take place at Apsley on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. There will be a service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—J. Puplett, Hon. Sec., Aylesbury Road, Tring.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the district will be held at Heanor on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea can be arranged for.—E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Great Glen on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting at local cafe. Those requiring tea please advise me by Thursday, September 12th last post. All members and friends welcome.—E. M. Bagworth, Dis. Sec., 36, Turner Road, Leicester.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley, Leeds, on Saturday, September 12th. Bells (8) available early. Service 4 p.m. Tea 1s. per head. For tea, kindly notify Miss C. M. Wade, 16, St. Peter's Mount, Bramley, Leeds, before September 9th. Gentlemen cordially invited.—L. N. Cawthorne, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly Meeting will be held at Abbott's Ann on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 in Village Hall. Bells available at 2.30. All requiring tea please notify Mrs. Steedman, Abbott's Ann Rectory.—F. S. H. Marie, District Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Foxearth on Saturday, September 19th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, the 16th?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Memorial tablet and silver chalice subscribed for by members to the memory of the late Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., will be dedicated at Littleover Church, near Derby, on Saturday, September 19th, at 3.30. It is hoped that all members possible will attend to revere the memory of a noble President and a fine English gentleman. Meat tea (2s.) at 5.45 p.m., King's Cafe, Derby, to those who notify Mr. G. Freebrey, 81, Roe Street, Derby, not later than Sept. 17th. Bells of St. Andrew's (10) open for ringing 7 to 9 p.m.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Goole on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) at liberty from noon. Tea 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same should reach Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, not later than first post Tuesday, September 15th. Further details on circulars. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid without delay to the respective district secretaries.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Haddenham on September 19th for the unveiling of peal board. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise D. Chapman, Church Square, Haddenham, Thame, Oxon?

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, September 19th. Bells ready 6 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 19th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Star Inn (1/3 per head). Business meeting to follow. Half rail fare to members (maximum 1/6).—G. W. Stokes, Hon. Divisional Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Manchester on Saturday, September 26th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 5. Meeting at 6. Further particulars later.—W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—Owing to the absence on holiday of the Rector of Dyrham the monthly meeting of the above branch, which should have been held at Dyrham, has unfortunately had to be cancelled.—Harry Bennett, Branch Sec.

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