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The performance of the veterans, who, at the average age of over 76, rang a peal of Stedman Triples—immediately after an unavailing attempt which reached nearly half way—is one which merits more than passing notice. In the first place it was a wonderful proof of the fitness of the men—physically and mentally. Next it was one more illustration of the healthfulness of bell ringing, and the fact that there is practically no limit to the age at which a man can pursue the craft. We think it likely that if either of these eight men—in view of their performance one hardly dares to call them 'old men'—were asked the reason of his fine physical condition he would immediately attribute it to his almost lifelong participation in ringing. It has often been said, and there seems good justification for the statement, that bell ringing is conducive to longevity. When one looks round and sees the number of ringers well past the prime of life, who still regularly enjoy their spell at the rope end, both for service ringing and for peals, one is compelled to recognise that, whatever the explanation, ringing numbers among its devotees a larger proportion of elderly men than is to be found in active participation in almost any other pastime. It would be interesting to know if there is any other pursuit, requiring an equal amount of physical exertion, in which eight men, of similar age to the heroes of Hart Street, have participated for as long a time unbroken by any kind of rest. We think such a company would be hard to find, and we believe it will only be excelled by a future band of bell ringers.

Apart from the physical aspect of the achievement, the mental capacity of the veterans is something which one must admire. A peal of Stedman Triples is no mean performance for the best of bands. For a company such as this, which included five men over 75 and four of them averaging nearly 81 years each, three hours' concentration on a method of this kind, and no trips worth speaking of, the performance is a wonderful tribute to their alertness of brain as well as to their physical well being. Some day, perhaps, this record will be excelled—it would be possible to make up a band straight away to knock a year, or even two years, off the average—but the performance at Hart Street will always remain a worthy one in the annals of the Exercise.

A hundred and forty years ago, when James Barham rang his one hundredth peal, the total age of the band was 582. It has taken nearly a century and a half to stretch the average age by four years, but with the growing expectancy of life, coupled with the increased efficiency of bell hanging, it may not be anything like as long

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before another four years are added to the record. A peal by a band of the average age of 80 would be a wonderful achievement—we think it would not be impossible even now. But sufficient unto the day is the record thereof, and the Exercise will congratulate the 'Youths' who last Saturday week wrote another page in the fascinating history of the art of ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

FREDERICK J. FLOWERS ... Treble	JOHN G. AMES 7
GEORGE LADD 2	JOSEPH W. FLOWERS ... 8
MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3	HAROLD BARSLEY 9
RUPERT RICHARDSON 4	† C. JAMES SUMMERFIELD ... 10
ALBERT A. BUSLEY 5	JOHN CURRY 11
* JOHN W. CARTER 6	SYDNEY G. FLOWERS ... Tenor

Arranged by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell. First peal on twelve bells by all except the ringers of 3 and 4. First peal of Bob Maximus by all the band and first peal of Maximus as conductor. First peal of Bob Maximus on tower bells by the Guild.

TEN BELL PEAL.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

PHYLLIS E. TILLET ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	FREDERICK J. TILLET 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 9
LESLIE C. BRETT 5	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 18, 1933, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER FARLEY ... Treble	HOWARD YEATES 5
NORMAN COOMES 2	* THOMAS BRICE 6
WILLIAM NIPPER 3	HERBERT W. KNIGHT 7
ALEX. H. PARKER 4	† ERNEST R. NORTON ... Tenor

Conducted by H. W. KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

BIDEFORD, DEVON

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

JOHN W. SANGWIN ... Treble	A. WILLIAM MYERS 5
CHARLES SANGWIN 2	* WILLIAM MARTIN 6
WILLIAM SHEARS 3	THOMAS G. MYERS 7
FREDERICK SANGWIN 4	FREDERICK PROUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by T. G. MYERS.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell. The first peal on the bells. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. Sangwin. The conductor's 60th peal. The band tender their thanks to the Rev. W. W. Manning for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Shunan (verger) for his services.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES BENNETT Treble	THOMAS J. LOCK 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	HARRY KILBY 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	ALFRED J. HOUSE 7
JOHN H. BOTHAM 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 384). Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 24, 1933, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE Treble	HARRY A. HOVERD 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT 2	EDWIN F. PIRE 6
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

OWEN GILES Treble	JACK M. CRIPPS 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	KEITH HART 6
STANLEY H. ARMSTRONG 3	FRED W. CRIPPS 7
NELSON ELLIOTT 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOHN DEARLOVE

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*HAROLD HOLLINGWORTH ... Treble	WILFRED HALLIWELL 5
NORMAN HEAPS 2	RONALD H. DOVE 6
WILFRED J. MOSS 3	JOHN WORTH 7
FRED DUNKERLEY 4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. GUDGEON.

* First peal in the method and is a ringer at Pendleton. The band wish to thank him for standing in at the very last minute. C. Gudgeon has now completed the circle at this tower.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 26, 1933, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

WILLIAM E. TAYLOR Treble	*GEORGE GILBERT 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	EDWARD S. T. FARR 6
RONALD H. BULLEN 3	ALAN R. PINK 7
MISS K. M. BRADFORD 4	LEONARD STILWELL Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDR. Conducted by L. STILWELL.

* 100th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method by all the band, except A. R. Pink, and the first by the Guild.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 26, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY SMALE Treble	LEWIS CORDELL 5
FREDERICK WHITBY 2	ISAAC CAVILL 6
STANLEY CLARK 3	EDWARD ROCHESTER 7
*WILLIAM WEDLOCK 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cavill.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	HARRY HOVERD 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON 7
EDWIN A. BARNETT 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

HARWELL, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation.	Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.
HUGH J. BALCOMBE Treble	JOHN NOBES 5
MARGARET E. KEYNOLDS 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
WALTER V. WEBB 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 4	HARRY BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by HUGH J. BALCOMBE.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb. in G.	
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
*F. CHRISTOPHER L. GIBBS 2	VICTOR G. H. HEMUS 6
*HARRY W. HASLAM 3	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 7
C. HOWARD STANLEY 4	SAMUEL GROVE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal. Rung on the festival of SS. Simon and Jude.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	KENNETH SNELLING 5
OWEN GILES 2	KEITH HART 6
ALBERT W. BOND 3	FRED W. CRIPPS 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	JOHN DEARLOVE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	ROYDON DAVIES 5
*KATHLEEN M. BRADFORD 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER 3	TONY PRICE 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN

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

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

*ERNEST W. TIPLER Treble	†R. FREDERICK ROE 5
†A. HARRISON CARTER 2	JOSEPH S. CARTER 6
*EDWIN LLOYD 3	†WILLIAM I. ROOT 7
†KENNETH A. ROE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ First peal in any method. The first peal of Bristol by all except conductor. Rung on the occasion of the Diocesan Festival, and as a birthday compliment to Jill, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
ROLAND BIGGS 2	JESSE HARRISON 6
WILFRED EDWARDS 3	FRANK CORKE 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

Composed by E. PYE.

Conducted by H. WINGROVE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and first by all the band except ringers of treble and fourth.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*E. BROWN Treble	A. RIGGALL 4
W. DUFFY 2	C. PERKINS 5
H. GIBBARD 3	F. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by F. TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and ringer of the 3rd. First peal as conductor.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 16, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Southwell, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham and Ipswich. Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT MOLTON Treble	JOHN MOULE 4
ALFRED PRIOR 2	GEORGE DAWSON 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the church, which was consecrated by the Bishop of London (Dr. O. J. Bloomfield), in whose district it then was, in October, 1833.

LONGSTONE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(PEAK DISTRICT)

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.).

BERNARD ALLSOP Treble	†HENRY JUPP 4
*JOHN H. MCGREGOR 2	HARRIET E. TAYLOR 5
JOHN C. SAUNDERS 3	GEORGE H. PAULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. H. PAULSON.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. First peal of Minor by all. First peal on the bells. Ringers of 1, 5 and 6 are from Darley Dale, 2 and 3 from Bakewell, 4 from Longstone.

GREAT HORKESLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 21, 1933, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

ROBIN G. LONG Treble	GEORGE A. BUTTON 4
*HARRY E. FINCH 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS 5
URBAN W. WILDNEY 3	*LESLIE P. WILSON Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells for 28 years.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

GEORGE H. BISHOP Treble	*TOM SAUNDERS 4
CHARLES SAUNDERS 2	HARRY BISHOP 5
THOMAS WARNER 3	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Conducted by LUTHER J. HONESS.

* 100th peal. The band were kindly entertained by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Partridge) after the peal.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 120's each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and April Day, and ten 120's each of Grandsire, St. Dunstan's and Stedman.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

JOHN BRASSINGTON Treble	RICHARD T. HOLDING 3
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2	FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4
ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor	

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

First peal of Doubles in six methods by all the band and on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Minor.

GLINTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norfolk, Chester, Northumberland, Beverley, Wells, Durham and Ipswich. Tenor 16 cwt.

LUTHER T. H. BRADLEY Treble	THOMAS A. COOPER 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	ROGER W. DANIELS 5
WILLIAM H. WALDRON 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

WONSTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

RICHARD SMITH Treble	JOHN RODWELL 4
RICHARD PAINE 2	WILFRED ANDREWS 5
*WILLIAM MARKS 3	HERBERT ALEXANDER Tenor

Conducted by HERRERT ALEXANDER.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor. Ringers of treble and 3rd are local men.

CHEDDLETON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich, London, York, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST TWIGG Treble	JOHN E. WHEELDON 4
HENRY CARNWELL 2	THOMAS HURD 5
WILLIAM CARNWELL 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CARNWELL.

First peal as conductor in seven methods. J. E. Wheelton's 100th peal.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's: Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*HARVEY E. BURRELL ... Treble	*CYRIL B. BURRELL ... 4
ARTHUR GROUND ... 2	HARRY NICHOLLS ... 5
*HAROLD BARSLEY ... 3	JOHN G. AMES ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY NICHOLLS.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor in seven methods. Rung as a birthday peal for A. Ground.

MONKS ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

With seven different callings.

HARRY WHYMARK ... Treble	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 4
ARTHUR KEEBLE ... 2	LAWRENCE POULSON ... 5
KEITH WHITTLE ... 3	LEONARD HEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung to celebrate the 72nd birthday of Arthur Keeble. The 3rd ringer hails from Bildeston, 4th from Lavenham and 5th from Little Walsingham. The rest are local men.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twenty-one 240's by Pitman, Morris and Lindoff, each called differently. Tenor $1\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

ARTHUR MILES ... Treble	G. JAMES R. PRICE ... 4
*FREDERICK SMITH ... 2	JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... 5
JAMES P. HYETT ... 3	† FRANK THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. Rung on the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude.

HANDBELL PEALS.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 25, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At 8, Essex Hall Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

GEORGE M. RASHBROOK ... 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5-6
WILLIAM CHALK ... 3-4	WILLIAM DENT ... 7-8

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 28, 1933, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At THE VESTRY HALL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON ... 1-2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3-4	GEORGE GREEN ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

WINDSOR SURPRISE MAJOR.

FIRST PEAL IN ANOTHER METHOD BY ARTHUR CRAVEN.

A peal of Windsor Surprise Major was rung for the first time on Wednesday, October 18th. It is a method by the late Arthur Craven and has only one false course end with tenors together, viz., 24365. The Bob Major lead ends enabled the peal at Old Windsor to be rung to the first half of a peal of Plain Bob by J. Reeves:—

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RUTLAND.

VIEWS ON FORMATION OF PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD BRANCH.

The decision of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild to form a branch to embrace the county of Rutland is to be followed up by a meeting to-morrow week at Empingham, when the district officers will be elected.

The formation of the branch and our comments on it in 'The Ringing World' of October 20th have called forth the following letters to the Editor.

'A DOG IN A MANGER.'

Dear Sir,—Your leading article, headed 'A piece of virgin soil,' is of special interest to me from the fact that a few months ago two or three ringers, including myself, got together and discussed the possibilities of reviving the old association which operated in Rutland up to the outbreak of war.

Noticing how the county was neglected, we decided to communicate with every incumbent on this matter, which we did, and met with favourable results. Rutland has in the past, as your article states, led a lone existence, and I might say would have continued to do so as far as the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was concerned but for one or two of the latter's 'all or nothing' type of members who got to hear of the above proposal.

The P.D.G.'s move has not been done out of any sympathy for Rutland; it is simply another case of 'Old Green Eye.' We have heard the phrase, 'dog in a manger,' a lot of late; to my mind, this P.D.G. and Rutland is a case in point. The P.D.G. has now been formed 10 years, and during that time not one single member has ever bothered his head about Rutland; but the minute they hear of someone about to form an association there, they begin to move and come forward with a claim, saying it is theirs.

If the P.D.G. are so much concerned about Rutland, the wonder is, as you say, why have they not moved before? The very fact that they have waited until they heard of another scheme on foot (and by someone against whom there is a personal grievance) proves my words. IT IS A CASE OF 'A DOG IN A MANGER'!

Whether Rutland comes in the Peterborough Diocese (as I know it will be argued) or not, has little or nothing at all to do with my point. If, rather than see a local association, a link was thought necessary, surely the Midland Counties Association would have been the better one to have connected Rutland with? After all, more has been done for Rutland by that body than any other; and it is easier to get to the county from Leicestershire and the North. From Northants (with the exception of Peterborough), it is practically an impossibility to get there before 3 p.m., there being only a train about every 3½ hours and no buses, and one has to leave for the last train at 6 p.m. Under these conditions, who is there in the Peterborough Diocese who will be able to support its meetings?

One other point. Evidently you have been wrongly informed about the number of towers in Rutland. Altogether there are 49 parishes, and 22 of these have five or more bells, two with eight, six with six, and 14 with five. There is also one other tower (Ketton) with a stationary hung peal of six. All of these I have visited at some time or other either for peals, touches or to ascend the tower and take particulars of the bells. Out of the 22 peals, there are four of the five-bell towers where it is impossible to ring the bells at all. I am now compiling a book on Rutland towers which I hope to put into publication in due course.

In conclusion, I might say if any ringer wishes to abuse me with reference to my remarks, he can save space in 'The Ringing World' by writing to me at my address given below. P. AMOS.

Knox Road, Wellingborough.

A PROTEST.

Dear Sir,—Your article, 'A piece of virgin soil,' has caused something of a protest from at least one tower in Rutland. Upon reading it one is led to believe that little or no ringing is done in the county, also that there are no ringers interested in the art, and until a branch is formed all the towers will remain silent.

One can often hear two or three towers ringing on the same night. These towers have rung now for several years without the assistance of a guild. I think it is about 20 years since the local association fell through for lack of support, and only the most optimistic ringer can see success being attained from this present venture.

One is bound to admit there are a few silent towers where there is work for the spade, but in this county it is going to be a difficult proposition to find men with time to spare to work it.

From the towers that ring regularly many members have peals to their credit. They do not ring these for any Guild or association, and seldom is a report sent even to the local Press. May I quote one case in particular. On January 2nd, 1933, five ringers from three different towers in the county met at Glaston and rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles. This was the first peal on the bells. A fortnight later a peal was rung there by members of the Midland Counties (Continued in next column.)

WEDDING BELLS AT LYTCHETT MATRAVERS.

BUT NO PEAL.

On Saturday, October 21st, a happy band of pilgrims set out from Poole for Lytchett Matravers with the object of ringing a peal of Stedman Doubles as a compliment to Mr. E. Head, the captain of the local band of ringers, who on that day was married to Miss Wareham, who is also a ringer.

Too late to witness the actual ceremony, the visiting ringers alighted from the bus at Lytchett as the guests were returning from St. Mary's Church and about to enter the Schoolroom, where the reception took place. However, when they reached the church, which is about half a mile away, the last guest had departed, and so they commenced.

As they took hold of the ropes, it was decided to change the method to Bob Minor, but after about two leads it was apparent that the ringers were wrong in changing their mind, so they started for Stedman Doubles. After five six-scores, however, they were of the opinion that the bells would not ring Stedman, and so once more back to Bob Minor. Half-way through the first 720 came a 'single,' which to a few meant 'stand.' One more attempt at this method, but this time only for a 720, which, however, produced about 750 changes without coming round or without anybody changing course—really a remarkable achievement.

In view of this it was considered advisable to adjourn for a while in order to visit the scene of the wedding reception, officially just to view the wedding presents, but unofficially to see if there was anything left over from the wedding breakfast. The attendants, however, had anticipated this, and the ringers were given such a cordial welcome that within a very short time they were 'too full for words,' and any suggestion of again attempting a peal that evening was naturally ruled out.

Having made the journey, however, it was thought only fit and proper to do something to justify it, so one more 720 of Bob Minor was attempted and brought round in excellent style. By this time, of course, the happy couple (and their thoughts) were far away from the centre of activities. With plenty of time to spare, about half an hour was filled up with a little 'surprise,' not Cambridge, London or Bristol, but 'Lytchett Surprise,' in other words Grandsire Doubles.

Even now the fun was not all over. The immediate vicinity of the church not being flood-lit, the party groped their way back to the bus by the aid of a cycle lamp through half a mile of pitch darkness. Altogether a very pleasant day. The ringers reached home not exactly disappointed at not having scored a peal. They extend their best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Head. A. G. R.

FORMER BRIDGEND RINGER MARRIED.

On Saturday, October 7th, the wedding took place at the Church of St. John the Divine, Balham, of Mr. David Winston James and Miss Gertrude Lillian Townsend. The bridegroom is the only son of Mr. D. R. James, a much respected member of St. Iltyd's band, Bridgend. He was also one the Bridgend ringers before going to London.

In honour of the event, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on Sunday evening at St. Iltyd's Church by the following: J. Phillips 1, N. H. Evans 2, E. T. Bailey 3, B. J. Toby 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, E. M. Smith 8. The band wish the bride and bridegroom much happiness in their future life.

RINGER BECOMES MISSIONARY.

On Saturday afternoon, October 7th, the ringers of St. Giles' Parish Church, Newcastle, Staffs, rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples as a farewell to one of their colleagues, Mr. A. Griffiths, who was departing for Nigeria, where he is to take up duties as a missionary: A. Moore 1, H. Houson 2, A. Barker 3, A. Vaughan 4, A. Thompson 5, J. Steele 6, C. Page (conductor) 7, J. Weatherhill 8.

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Association and published in 'The Ringing World' as the first peal on the bells.

At one of the towers of eight a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples is often rung, and the ringers hope to get their first quarter of Stedman Triples in the near future. Both methods they have learnt unaided. They have had to put something into it and hope to get something out of it, as your article concludes.

'DOUBTFUL.'

PETERBOROUGH GUILD NOT WANTED.

Sir,—The action of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild in entering Rutland and forming a branch is unwarranted, whether each branch is eligible to conduct its own business, as is laid down in their rules, or not. We prefer independence and claim full freedom rather than being apportioned part of another guild and having to agree to every rule and decision that they think fit to impose upon us. I am not airing these views simply for myself.

We have already both seen and heard something of the peal and meeting 'cliques' that go about Northamptonshire trying to rule everything and everybody. If these people succeed in having their own way there, they won't get it here. We in Rutland are quite capable of looking after ourselves, and, if we desire an association, to form one of our own. 'RUTLAND RINGER.'

NEW ALBION TREBLE BOB.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was not aware that Mr. Baker had published these figures already. In publishing them I made no claim to authorship, but only wanted to bring them to the notice of the Exercise, as I thought that this slight variation might bring a method into favour which is well worthy of notice.

E. BANKES JAMES.

UNVEILING OF PEAL TABLETS.**CEREMONY AT FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.**

A quarterly meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Southern Branch) was held at Folkingham on Saturday, October 21st, ringers being present from London, Grantham, Bourne, Bolsover, Surfleet, Market Deeping, Morton, Hough-on-the-Hill and the local band. Through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. F. V. Heath), the good going peal of six were available during the afternoon and evening, and a good variety of methods, including Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise, were successfully brought round.

Before the service a short ceremony took place in the belfry, to unveil and dedicate three peal tablets, to record three interesting peals rung in this tower. The unveiling was performed by Mr. Rupert Richardson (Master of the Guild) and the dedication by the Rev. G. H. Clark, Vicar of Surfleet, and president of the Elloe Deanery Branch. The service was continued in the church, the lesson being read by the Rev. F. V. Heath and a helpful address given by the Rev. G. H. Clark.

The first tablet records the first peal ever rung in which a mother and daughter had taken part. The second was rung half-muffled in memory of the late Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild from 1899-1932. The third records the first Surprise peal on the bells, which was in seven methods. The tablets are of slate with silver lettering designed and executed by Mr. C. M. Webb, of Croft, near Leicester, to whom great credit is due for the way in which he has carried out the work.

An excellent tea was served at the Greyhound Hotel, after which the business meeting followed, at which the Rev. G. H. Clark presided.

Mr. Rupert Richardson was unanimously elected a vice-president of the Southern Branch.

Grantham was selected as the place for the annual meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and the service, and particularly to the Rev. G. H. Clark and Mr. R. Richardson for their services. The tower was again visited and further ringing continued until 9 p.m.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
IN THE WELSH HILLS.**

A splendidly attended meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association took place at Bedwellty on Saturday week. The church, standing on top of one of the Welsh hills, one thousand feet above sea level, commands a magnificent view for miles. The bells, a beautiful ring of eight by Taylor, were made good use of during the afternoon and until later in the evening, a variety of methods being rung. The Rector (the Rev. James Davies) officiated at the service, and in his address gave a cordial welcome to the association to his parish, expressing the wish that it would not be long before another visit was paid.

Following the service, a sumptuous tea was served, which had been most generously provided.

At the business meeting the usual routine affairs were dealt with, including instructors' reports, together with proposed augmentations and restorations, election of new members and the usual votes of thanks to all concerned who had made all the arrangements.

The local ringers, although not very advanced in method ringing, did all that was possible for the visitors, and those who did not attend missed a real treat. The meeting was one of the best the association has ever held.

The next meeting, which is the annual, will be held at St. Woolos', Newport, on Boxing Day.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**EASTERN DIVISION MEETING AT ST. LEONARDS.**

A meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association was held at Christ Church, St. Leonards, on Saturday, October 14th, when about 20 members attended from Eastbourne (St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Battle and Rye, with Mr. Piper (Eastbourne), Mr. Haigh, of Etchingham, and members of the local band.

At the business meeting, which followed tea, the Rector (the Rev. G. R. Vernon) occupied the chair, and the following new members were elected: Messrs. A. Deeprose and C. Holland, of Battle, and Mr. C. Pugh, Christ Church, St. Leonards.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for presiding at the tea.

The church being under repair, the service was held in the chapel, when the Rector gave a most interesting address.

The ringers then returned to the tower, and kept the bells going until 7.45. Owing to illness, the bells of All Saints', Hastings, were not available.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal at Lutterworth last Saturday is worthy of note. Six of the ringers are members of the band at All Saints' Church, Wigston Magna, who during the last 13 months have jumped to the Surprise ringing class. At this church a visiting ringer can get, either for service or practice, a touch in at least five Surprise Major methods. The peal of Bristol last Saturday was the first in any method for two of the company, and the first in the method for all the band except the conductor. Bravo, Wigston!

Three veterans at St. James' Church, Whitfield, Glossop, are still 'doing their bit,' after 47 years' service. They are Mr. Eli Garside, Mr. Joseph Marsden and Mr. Tom Jackson. They joined the band in 1886, two years after the bells were first installed.

Whitfield Church was one of the towers which formed the Glossop Ringers' Association, which, we learn, is still in existence, and there is a desire to infuse new life into it.

October 23rd was the 49th anniversary of the ringing of Holt's Original non-conducted at St. Giles-in-the-Field, London, to commemorate the ringing of the same peal at the same church in 1791, when it was called by J. Bartlett—for the first time in London without the aid of manuscript.

Mr. W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley, who met with an accident last August, is, we are glad to say, improving very well. On Wednesday evening last week he took part in ringing practice at Thorington. He wishes through 'The Ringing World' to thank all ringing friends for their good wishes for his speedy recovery. Many called personally on the Essex veteran and others wrote.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon, of Stoke-on-Trent, rang his 100th peal on Saturday at Cheddleton, Staffs, and received the hearty congratulations of the rest of the band. His peals include Minor, Triples, Major and Royal.

Mr. R. T. Holding, of Crewe, is now one of the ringers who have rung peals from Doubles to Maximus. He rang in a peal in six methods of Doubles on Saturday at Wistaston. It was also J. Brassington's and A. Crawley's 50th peal together.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cavill have just celebrated their golden wedding, and a peal in their honour was rung at Harlow Common on Thursday of last week. Mr. Cavill is a very old member of the Essex Association, and has been ringing regularly for over 60 years.

The peal of Double Norwich rung at Chatham on September 30th should be credited to the Kent County Association.

Miss Phyllis Tillet, of Ipswich, who is not yet 15 years of age, rang the treble to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Stonham Aspal on Saturday, and thus completed three peals—on eight, twelve and ten bells—on successive Saturdays.

NEW BELLS FOR MOULTON CHURCH.

MEMORIAL TO PIONEER OF MISSIONS.

The centenary of the death (June 9th, 1834) of William Carey, the pioneer of modern missions, who thought out his great schemes of world evangelisation while living in the village of Moulton, Northants, is to be commemorated by the addition of two bells to make a ring of eight at the Parish Church.

One bell is being provided by Dr. Sydney Madge (London), an old Moulton boy, and the cost of the other is being raised locally. A further sum of £27 10s. is needed, and subscriptions will be thankfully received by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Maurice Turner).

The bells have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The inscription on the treble bell was inspired by Dr. Madge reading the Rev. Pearce Carey's 'Life of William Carey.' It is composed by the Latin librarian of the British Museum. The translation is as follows:—

'To the greater glory of God and in memory of the illustrious William Carey, whose soul was often stirred by the sweet sound of the old bells of Moulton, this bell has been given by S. J. Madge, 1933.'

Carey's motto:—

'Expect great things from God,
Attempt great things for God.'

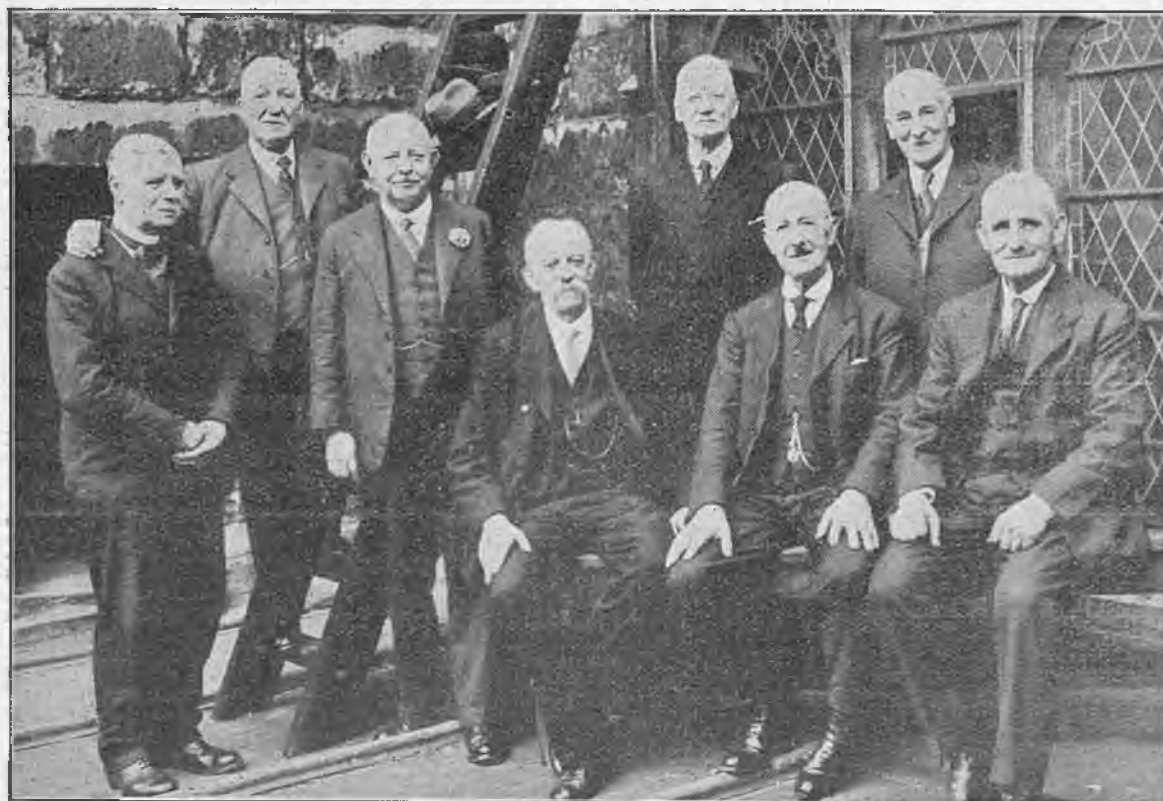
is inscribed on the second bell.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Sutton-on-Trent, Notts, on October 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss G. Burchall 1, J. F. Milner (conductor) 2, A. J. Chamberlain 3, N. Moxon (first) 4, Miss K. Burchall 5, G. E. Foster 6, L. Pierrepont (first 'inside') 7, E. Midwinter (first) 8.

Rung, after an attempt for a peal, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the memory of the Rev. G. P. Proctor, Vicar of Long Eaton, and formerly of Sutton-on-Trent (1912-18). Also to the memory of Mr. L. N. Hodgson Wilson, of The Limes, Farnfield. Deceased was thrown from his horse. He served as a lieutenant in the Royal Artillery during the war. He was a representative for Carlton-on-Trent on the Southwell Rural District Council, a member of the Parochial Church Council and a sidesman at the Parish Church.

THE VETERANS' PEAL.



W. T. PATES. W. PRIME. R. BRUNDLE.
C. F. WINNEY. E. BISHOP. F. E. DAWE. J. GEORGE. H. W. SMITH.

This photograph of the band of veterans who established a new record 'peal age' at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, London, is reproduced by the courtesy of Mr. F. E. Dawe.

The total age of the band was 612 years, exceeding by 16 years the previous highest aggregate of 594 years of a band—including four of the above—who rang a peal at the same church last December. Those who were in the previous peal were Messrs. Winney, Dawe, George and Prime.

All the ringers have long been well known in the Exercise. Their connection with it forms a link with bygone generations of ringers in

many parts of England, links with men who knew Thurstons and Shipway and other giants of the past. Now they have united among themselves to create a record which is a monument to their pluck, their stamina and their skill.

In 1793 at Leeds, Kent, a peal of Bob Major was rung in which the united age of the band was 582 years, and, more wonderful still, the ringer of the tenor, James Freeland, was 86 years old.

A band who were all over 70 years of age—and they included Mr. Robert Brundle—rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Pulham Market in October, 1922. Their ages totalled approximately 580 years.

HALESOWEN RINGER'S DEATH.

LOSS TO WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Worcestershire Association has lost a valued member by the death, at the age of 49 years, of Mr. Alfred Hackett, of Halesowen, after an illness of several months duration. A son of the late Mr. Matthew Hackett, who was a ringer at the Parish Church, Halesowen, for over 50 years, Mr. Alfred Hackett had served in a similar capacity for 32 years, being well known and highly respected among Worcestershire ringers. Deceased leaves a widow, but no children.

There were many manifestations of sympathy at the funeral, which took place at the Parish Church. Before the service half-muffled touches of Stedman Triples and London Surprise were rung, and all the ringers present met the cortege at the entrance to the churchyard. The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon H. O. A. Colville), assisted by the curate (the Rev. P. J. Martin). Twelve members of the local band acted as bearers, six bearing the coffin into church and six to the graveside. These were Messrs. W. H. Webb (Ringing Master), W. Coloy, W. Brown, E. Forrest, A. Harris, T. Greenhall, J. Cox, W. Lloyd, R. Matthews, W. Cooper, J. Bass and H. Bird. At the close of the service at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by four members of the Worcestershire Association—Messrs. R. Matthews, J. Bass, W. Short and H. Bird. All the ringers then went into the tower, and ringing was continued.

The mourners were Mrs. Hackett (widow), Mrs. Tildesley (sister), Mrs. James (sister), Messrs. W. Brettle, W. Smith and W. Tildesley (brothers-in-law), Mrs. Smith and Mary Roberts (sisters-in-law). Deceased's employers and Halesowen Conservative Club were represented.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church on October 1st for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. H. Hollier 1, A. Cutmore 2, F. Skivington 3, H. Cook 4, W. E. Judd 5, A. Harding 6, E. R. Mackrill 8. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving.

PUTNEY.—For evening service on September 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Cassell, jun., 1, E. Cassell, sen., 2, C. Collis 3, F. A. Leeson 4, C. Moody 5, A. C. Williams 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, C. Gorham 8. Arranged especially for the ringers of the 4th and tenor, who hail from Maidstone.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, September 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Vesey 1, R. Fenn 2, W. Beard 3, Churchwarden H. E. Parker (conductor) 4, C. Fenn 5, S. J. Holgate 6, E. G. Moore 7, E. H. Lucas 8.

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while Mr. F. L. Rose attended on behalf of the churchwardens, and Messrs. A. Homfray and W. D. Abbiss represented the Church Council. The ringers present were Messrs. R. Matthews (Stourbridge), J. Bass (Wollaston), W. Short (Clent), J. Smith and K. Salter (Kidderminster), W. G. Carter (Clent), H. Cooper (Stourbridge), J. Lloyd and C. Skidmore (Brierley Hill), S. Grove (Selly Oak), A. Chance (Wordsley), W. Cartwright (Birmingham), and Nicholls and Bushell (Stourbridge).

On Saturday week a half-muffled peal of London Surprise Major was rung at Halesowen, and on the following morning the Rector held a ringers' memorial service, before and after which special ringing was done.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY'S JUBILEE. CELEBRATION TO-MORROW.

On June 2nd, 1883, the Society of Church Bellringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was launched, and to-morrow the society will celebrate its jubilee by a dinner to be held at Wolverhampton.

The inaugural meeting was held at Lichfield, in the belfry of the Cathedral, the Ven. Archdeacon Iles presiding. There were representatives present from the Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Michael's, Lichfield; Brierley Hill, Wombourne, Wolverhampton, Darlaston, West Bromwich Parish Church and Christ Church, Walsall, Willenhall, Tamworth, Burton-on-Trent and Stafford.

The Rev. J. R. Keble, chaplain to the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, was appointed hon. secretary and Mr. A. Wood hon. treasurer.

In the first year 65 members joined and one life member.

Mr. Wood (now Mayor of Lichfield) afterwards became the first lay secretary—the society has both a clerical and a lay secretary—and held office until 1885, when he was succeeded by that well-known ringer Mr. Samuel Reeves, of West Bromwich, who put in 23 years' service. He was followed by Mr. Herbert Knight, of Wolverhampton, who has carried on the good work from 1908 to the present time—half the lifetime of the society! The present clerical secretary is the Rev. C. H. Barker.

There were 280 ringing members in the society last year, with 210 life members and seven hon. members.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS. ROCHESTER AND LEWISHAM DISTRICTS' MUTUAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was held on Saturday, October 28th, at Rochester Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock and continued until 4 p.m., when evensong was attended by all present, then numbering approximately sixty.

At the close of the service, a truly representative company, comprising district members from Tunstall, Queenborough, Upchurch, Rainham, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester, Frindsbury, Milton-next-Gravesend, Northfleet, Gravesend and Halstow, together with visitors from Canterbury, Maidstone, Crayford and Erith, altogether about 70 in number, assembled at the City Cafe, and were entertained to tea by the association.

The business meeting, preceded by a splendidly struck course of Grandsire Cinques on handbells, was presided over by the Dean (Dr. Underhill), supported by the Vicar of Frindsbury, the general secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell), the district representatives and hon. secretary, the Lewisham district secretary (Mr. A. G. Hill) and the auditor (Mr. G. H. Cross). Dr. Underhill said how pleased he was to see such a large company and how he would like to tell them of a recent experience, when at Frindsbury he had such a lovely view of the city and heard the sound of the bells coming across the water. He extended to all a very earnest welcome to Rochester and thanked them for their work.

One new member, Mr. Leslie Finch, of Northfleet, was elected, and the retiring district representatives (Messrs. Spice and Belsey) and the district secretary (Mr. S. J. T. Shellock) were re-elected.

Rainham, Gravesend and Frindsbury were each proposed as the venue for the next meeting, the voting ultimately choosing Gravesend.

A motion was carried, on the proposition of the general secretary, that the district secretary should write to the late Dean, Dr. Talbot, expressing the ringers' sympathy with him in his continued ill-health and hopes for his recovery.

The secretary, in the opening remarks of his report (prepared several days before), dwelt on the same subject as the Editor's article in the current issue of 'The Ringing World.'

The balance sheet, which showed a sum of over £15 to be handed over to the General Fund, was adopted.

Mr. Hill, who was invited to say a few words with regard to the mutual arrangement of dates of his and the Rochester district meetings, said how pleased he was to bring this matter to a successful termination and so save the clashing of dates.

Mr. Hill also expressed his delight in seeing Rochester district in such a flourishing condition, and incidentally remarked that in Rochester they did not appear to be suffering from such a 'disease' as they in Lewisham district, where, if one particular group attended a meeting, another group absented themselves.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean for permission to use the bells and for presiding, and the meeting terminated with more handbell ringing, which included a course of Double Norwich Major.

The Cathedral tower and St. Margaret's were available till 9 p.m., many of the ringers taking advantage of the opportunity to have their first ring on ten bells.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's Church on Wednesday evening, October 4th, for the Four Choirs Festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, this being the conductor's first successful attempt at calling: M. Stephens 1, Mrs. Evans 2, W. Hayward 3, Dr. Joyce 4, J. Swain 5, J. Taylor (conductor) 6, E. Humphrey 7, H. Smith 8. First quarter-peal by treble and third ringers.

THE LATE MR. H. W. WILDE.

MEMORIAL DEDICATED AT ECCLESTON CHURCH.

The memory of Henry W. Wilde was perpetuated when a memorial tablet was dedicated in the presence of a large congregation of ringers and parishioners at Eccleston Church on Saturday. It is just a year since the unexpected news of his passing was received with such profound regret by his fellow-members of the Exercise and his many other friends in the Chester district.

The tablet is placed on the south wall of the baptistry, near the door to the belfry which 'Harry' served so faithfully for a quarter of a century.

Previous to the service at four o'clock the fine toned eight were rung with clappers half-muffled in touches of Stedman, Cambridge and Bob Major, and then lowered in peal.

The officiating clergy at the service, which was fully choral, were the Rev. F. J. Okell, Rector of Eccleston, and the Rev. W. R. Ingham, Rector of Middlewich, and hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, while Mr. A. H. Robinson, Mus.Bac., F.R.C.O., organist to the Duke of Westminster, was at the organ. The prayers were said and the responses intoned by the Rev. W. R. Ingham. The psalm was 150th, and the Rev. F. J. Okell read the lesson from St. Matthew 25, v. 14-29—the parable of the talents.



THE LATE MR. H. W. WILDE.

During the singing of the first hymn, 'Swing them gently in our towers,' the clergy and choir, together with Mrs. Wilde, Mr. Walter Wilde, Mr. Francis Wilde, Mr. A. H. Heywood, the Memorial Committee and Mr. S. Jones (towerkeeper), proceeded to the baptistry for the dedication. The Rector read aloud the inscription and offered the dedicatory prayer. The remaining verses of the hymn were sung as the procession returned.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. F. J. Okell, who took as his text a verso of the lesson previously read, 'His lord said unto him, well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.' He had, he said, without hesitation thought of the parable of the talents as the most suitable lesson for this service. There was one word among those of his text which stood out prominently—the word FAITHFUL, and this word came to one's mind instantly when thinking of Henry Walter Wilde. He had without doubt set a fine example of faithfulness. He had been faithful to his church, his employment and his ringing art. He had served his church not only as a ringer, for when he came from the belfry it was only to exchange one act of service for another, and to put to use yet another gift. He had served in the choir as well as the belfry. The Rector also spoke of his service to the Exercise, of his ability as a ringer and composer, and of his devotion to the Chester Guild. Truly it could be said, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'

The service was concluded with Hymn 221, 'Let saints on earth,' followed by the Blessing.

The memorial tablet, which was designed by Mr. J. W. Clarke, the hon. secretary of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, is of bell metal, and was cast at the Loughborough Foundry. It is simple in character, the only ornament with the raised lettering being a small bell and headstock in relief as a heading, and the whole surrounded by a plain moulding. The inscription reads:—

1869 A 1932

In memoriam

HENRY WALTER WILDE,

who conducted the ringing in this tower from the opening of the bells in 1907 until he was called to rest on October 25th, 1932. This tablet is erected by his fellow ringers and friends in remembrance of his work for his church and his ringing craft.

R.I.P.

After the service a laurel wreath was placed on the grave in the churchyard.

Some fifty ringers from Chester and North Wales sat down to tea in the Institute, and afterwards the tower was again visited and the bells were rung in various methods with open clappers during the evening.

COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.—At All Saints' Parish Church on Tuesday, September 19th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. Rowe 1, George B. Lucas 2, Alfred Pye 3, W. A. Pye, jun., 4, Tyson Hogarth 5, John Casson 6, Fred Tickle 7, Wm. T. Holmes (conductor) 8. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th hail from London, 5th from Keswick, the rest local.

SOMETHING NEW IN DOUBLES.

A FRESH METHOD FOR FIVE-BELL RINGERS.
BY QUICK SIX.

Here is something which may interest those who ring Doubles. It is not strictly orthodox, but (with the exception of the two necessary singles) the whole extent can be got by pure Doubles, and an added interest is given by the introduction of 'splicing.'

For the sake of a better name I call the foundation of the method 'Whole-turn Doubles,' from the similarity of the main work, both in front and behind, to the work of a Stedman whole-turn. It is produced in two ways:—

A	B
1 2 3 4 5	4 5 2 3 1
2 1 4 3 5	5 4 3 2 1
2 4 1 5 3	5 3 4 1 2
4 2 1 3 5	3 5 1 4 2
2 4 3 1 5	5 3 1 2 4
2 3 4 5 1	5 1 3 4 2

The work, it will be seen, covers five rows, one the reverse of the other. The extent of each course is 25 changes, which, if both forward and reverse courses are used, leaves ten changes still to be introduced to complete the whole of the 60 in-course rows. The missing rows, it is interesting to observe, are got by plain hunting, and the following is one way in which they can be employed to link up the two courses of the Whole-turn Doubles, the link being formed in each case by a bob, which is 3rd's place instead of 5th's in the first change:—

A		
1 2 3 4 5		4 5 3 1 2
2 1 4 3 5		
2 4 1 5 3	C	5 4 3 2 1 Bob
4 2 1 3 5		5 3 4 1 2
2 4 3 1 5		3 5 1 4 2
2 3 4 5 1		5 5 1 2 4
		5 1 3 4 2
A 3 4 5 1 2	B	1 2 4 5 3
A 4 5 1 2 3	B	2 3 5 1 4
H 5 4 1 3 2 Bob	B	3 4 1 2 5
5 1 4 2 3		
1 5 2 4 3	B	4 5 2 3 1
1 2 5 3 4		
2 1 3 5 4	D	5 4 2 1 3 Bob
		5 2 4 3 1
2 3 1 4 5		2 5 4 1 3
3 2 4 1 5		5 2 1 4 3
3 4 2 5 1		5 1 2 3 4
4 3 5 2 1		
4 5 3 1 2	A	1 2 3 4 5

A is produced by the forward work as shown in the first five changes; B is produced by the reverse work; H is the hunting section; C is the beginning of the reverse 'Whole-turn Doubles,' with the bob link, and D is the return to the forward Doubles by means of the bob link.

It may seem at first to be rather complicated, but it is in reality quite simple and should prove an interesting change for Doubles ringers. Just try it!

The singles, to complete the extent, can be made anywhere, as long as they are made in the same way and are 60 changes apart.

The hunting section can be introduced after either of the first four sections of the forward course, as long as it is followed by the whole of the reverse course before completing the forward course.

There are other variations of the plan which ringers may like to work out for themselves.

If you choose, you can ring the whole of either A or B or C first, but in that case you must begin with a bob, thus:—

12345

Bob 21354

You can ring the complete courses in the order B, A, C, or A, C, B, or C, B, A, each course being linked to the preceding one by a bob.

It will be noticed that C always follows A in what we may term the circuit.

If the single is made half-way and end, the arrangement of the courses need not be the same in the second half as in the first. Similarly, if the singles are called elsewhere, the arrangement of the portion between the singles need not be the same as the arrangement outside the singles. Thus 42 different six-scores can be obtained.

ARLECDON.—At St. Michael's Church on Wednesday, September 13th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes) in 44 mins.: S. Huddart 1, J. S. Huddart 2, P. Bragg 3, C. Bragg 4, J. E. Brown 5, S. Richardson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6. Longest length by ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung as a farewell touch to the conductor.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday last Leeds and District Society visited Birstall, which is very near the home of Charlotte Bronte, the great English novelist of bygone days. In making this visit to Birstall, members were reminded of the great snowstorm of last February, which lasted for four days, and made travelling well nigh impossible. On that occasion Birstall accommodated the society, which was unable to visit the listed tower of Liversedge, where the February meeting was to have been held.

The bells were rung up at 3.15 p.m., and members were present from Armley, Batley, Bramley, Burley, Drighlington, Headingley (St. Chad's), Holbeck, Liversedge, Earlsheaton, Ossett, Pudsey, Sowerby Bridge and the local company.

The business meeting was held in the tower, the president being in the chair.

One new member (Mr. W. Walker, of Ossett) was elected.

Mr. C. E. Lawson, with well-chosen words, proposed that the best thanks of the society be accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens and also to the local company.—This was seconded by Mr. R. C. Squires, and Mr. H. Peel replied in characteristic Yorkshire manner on behalf of the local company.

AMONG THE LAKES.

THREE WEEKS' HOLIDAY TOUR.

During September a party of four (Mr. G. H. Lucas, Mr. A. Pye, Mr. W. A. Pye and Miss S. Pye) left Essex by car for the Lake District. The first night they stopped at Doncaster, where Mr. E. Cooper had kindly arranged a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, which was accomplished with the help of five of the local band. Next day a halt was made at Ambleside, where there is a grand peal of eight (tenor 35½ cwt.). They rang there for service on Sunday morning, and in the evening rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples for service at Sedburgh, Yorks, which Mr. E. Jennings had kindly arranged with the local band. On the evening of the 13th a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Ambleside with the help of the local band, after which a pleasant evening was spent.

After visiting Lakes Windermere, Coniston, Ulswater, Thirlmere and Grasmere, also Dove Cottage, the home of Wordsworth, and the memorial of him in the church at Grasmere, the party moved on to Keswick on the 14th. Having seen an advertisement in 'The Ringing World,' they called upon Mr. Tyson Hogarth, and were very fortunate in finding there admirable apartments. After the tour in the day, Mr. Tyson Hogarth, who is teaching a young band of ringers, saw that the visitors had plenty of ringing in the evenings, and they spent a very happy time. Mr. Hogarth also accompanied Mr. W. A. Pye in mountain climbing for the day on three occasions, on one of which they tackled Great Gable. The other poor mortals had to be content with climbing the smaller ones. On September 17th the visitors rang for morning service at Cockermouth, and on the 19th, with the help of Mr. Tyson Hogarth and the local band, they rang a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. They also rang at Crosthwaite on several occasions with the local band. The party were able to visit all the lakes and passes, including Lakes Derwentwater, Bassenthwaite, Buttermere, Loweswater, Wastwater, where some grand views are obtained, and Haweswater, which Manchester Corporation are going to turn into a reservoir to supply Manchester City with water. When this takes place, the entire village, including a small church, will be submerged.

After visiting Seascale, St. Bees, Whitehaven, Mary Port and Silloth, they made a raid into Scotland as far as Dumfries, where a statue of Robert Burns is erected. Passing en route through Gretna Green, they called at the Smithy, and were given a demonstration of how the marriage ceremony is performed, to the amusement of all the visitors.

On the 27th the homeward journey was begun. A stop was made at Sutton-on-Trent for the night, and here (through the courtesy of Mr. W. Stockdale) they spent a very pleasant evening with the All Saints' band. Touches of Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, etc., were rung. The tour was completed on the 28th after a very happy time. The party wish to thank their numerous ringing friends for the kind welcome given to them.

A. P.

SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

5,056 ILKESTON VARIATION, BY E. F. GOBEY.

23456 M W H

56342		
26435		2
46325	2	2
36245	2	2
36452	1	2
64523	1	1
54263	2	2
32465	2	
43265	2	2
24365	2	2

Oxford is rung at 3, when the tenor is going in slow. First rung at Ilkeston on Thursday, September 14th, 1933.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

VISIT TO SOLIHULL.

Members of the Warwickshire Guild who journeyed to Solihull on Saturday, October 21st, had a very enjoyable time. The bells, since their return from the foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Co., have been hung on ball bearings, and the visitors were loud in their praises of the improvement both of the tone and 'go' of the bells. Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung during the afternoon.

Then at 5 o'clock the ringers wended their way to a local cafe, where Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Martineau welcomed each ringer in turn as he or she entered the tea room. Mr. Martineau has for many years past been an enthusiastic member of the Solihull band, and he it was who was instrumental in getting the bells included in the £20,000 restoration scheme of the church. Illness prevents him from ascending the belfry, where improvements have already taken place, but he takes a lively interest in all that goes on there.

After tea, Mr. Martineau was voted to the chair for the business meeting. He expressed his delight at being able to be amongst the ringers.

Apologies were read from Mr. J. H. W. White (Master of the Guild), Mr. F. W. Perrens, Mr. L. J. Hinde and Mr. A. J. Hinde.

Wolvey was decided upon for the November meeting, which is to be a joint one with the Hinckley District of the M.C.A. if they were agreeable. The December meeting was again dispensed with owing to its proximity to Christmas. The January quarterly meeting was fixed for Chilvers Coton.

One former member of the Guild was re-elected, Mr. G. H. Williams, a member of the Coleshill band, who has recently scored a peal after a lapse of 38 years.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar, which Mr. Martineau said he would convey, and to Mr. R. Bragg, of the local band, who had made all the arrangements for the tea and the meeting.

A return being made to the belfry, ringing was continued until about 8.30. The methods rung during the afternoon were repeated, together with Cambridge Major and Royal. Percy Stone, aged 12, of the Chilvers Coton band, rang his first course of Grandsire Caters very creditably.

The following towers were represented: Castle Bromwich, Chilvers Coton, Coleshill, Erdington, Lillington, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke, Warwick and Wolvey, together with the local band. D. E. B.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The autumn quarterly meeting of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, was held at the Parish Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham. The church is situated in the 'upper ten' residential quarter of the city, and contains many valuable and interesting memorials. A rather curious one relates to a former Mayor of Birmingham, Sir John Ratcliffe, Kt. After extolling his many virtues for which he received his knighthood, it ends with the text, 'And there shall be no night there.' The local wag inserts a K before the word night, and asserts that evidently Sir John must have gone below.

The Guild's special form of service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon Stuart Blofeld, who also gave an interesting and helpful address, pointing out how careful all churchworkers ought to be in their daily lives and so by their example help forward the work of Christ.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., presided. He expressed the sympathy of the Guild with Mr. J. Johnson, whose wife was seriously ill in hospital, and hoped she would have a speedy recovery and be restored to her husband again.

Mr. A. Walker proposed, Mr. A. Morris seconded and it was unanimously agreed to hold the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner as usual on March 3rd, 1934, and that the arrangements be left to the officers of the Guild.

The following new members were duly elected: Mr. J. C. Bailey (Birmingham), Mr. G. Talbot (Yardley), Mr. F. L. C. Gibbs (Selly Park, Birmingham), Mr. H. G. Atkins (Selly Oak, Birmingham).

The following tower elections were also ratified: Mr. A. H. Beamish and Mrs. D. E. Beamish, of Nuneaton, and Mr. H. Boswell, of Wolverhampton.

The next meeting being the annual meeting, it was decided to hold it at headquarters as usual.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address in church, to the churchwardens and Church Council for generously providing an excellent tea, and to those who served it, was proposed by Mr. Paddon Smith, seconded by Mr. Albert Walker and carried with acclamation.

Before returning to the tower, some excellent ringing on handbells was much appreciated.

THE PEAL AT DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS.

The ringers in the peal in twelve methods at Deeping St. Nicholas on October 14th stood in the following order, and not in the order printed in the last issue of 'The Ringing World': James H. Musson treble, John E. Allan 2, Wm. H. Waldron 3, Thomas A. Cooper 4, Outhbert T. H. Bradley 5, Horace M. Day tenor.

ROTHERHAM BELLS.

IRENAUS' REPLY TO MR. BRIGGS.

On page 667 of 'The Ringing World' will be found further vapourings of Mr. Sid Briggs. I commend them to the 'Exercise.' 'Point blank,' I have been 'asked'! not to talk or write of noble peals until I've heard York Minster twelve. Well, reader, it's very obvious that at long last! Mr. Briggs has heard a peal of twelve! The only comment I make on them is to say I have heard the twelve, with a 'monarchical bass' accompaniment!

Mr. Briggs—I would have my reader note—has not 'wax-ed' very eulogistic! on the 'Minster bells.' Obviously there's 'none due' to them, from Mr. Briggs, who ridicules the idea of doing the very first thing a person with brains would do—namely, call in a competent founder, to do a bell restoration! We can picture what Rotherham bells would have been like had Mr. Briggs gone about the job.

I have had his letter re-read by those who have mentalities and educational attainments on a far higher plane than those of the second standard, and I am fully convinced that Mr. Briggs did ask me! and everybody else! to picture the old bells 'cleaned'! If he did not 'ask' us to visualise the old bells cleaned, what on earth was he writing about?

Mr. Briggs fails to grasp this significant fact: When he, I, or anyone else! puts a pen (or pencil) to paper, he, I, or anyone else draws a pen picture of thought! mentality! and personality! Shakespeare wrote four words: 'Bell, book and candle'—incidentally Mr. Briggs writes on the former, without either of the latter. Shakespeare did not 'ask' us to visualise a bell, a book and a candle, did he? No! he left it to us—who had the intelligence—to visualise the last dread anathema of Rome!

Longfellow didn't 'ask us' to visualise the village blacksmith going on Sunday to the church to blow his daughter's nose! with a hard rough hand. Not likely! Longfellow gave us a pen picture of the thoughts of the 'Village Blacksmith' by the wiping away of a tear.

Further, Mr. Briggs, who is suffering from 'Redistributionitis,' fails miserably in 'literary cricket!' He asks questions, and gets them answered, with brevity, in 'plain English'! Alas! of too high a standard for a 'nursery rhyme' to understand. He turned to an association report for church 'history!' He turned with presumption to a 'medicinal well,' and he pictured a municipal ward, bath or lavatory! and coupled with one or the other a possible source of origin of the dedication of his—very own—Parish Church.

Ho presumed that the old ten were maidens, but his presumption has bust! He championed (?) Mr. Dawe at the onset of this discussion, but he could not agree with Mr. Dawe's mode of expression. No, Mr. Dawe could have improved what he said—before the 'C.C.'—by using the idioms of a limited vocabulary!

Who could agree with Mr. Briggs? I don't know, nor do I think anyone else knows, or who could bring to a logical and successful end any discussion with such a debater as Mr. Briggs? who, in his former letter, said a thing was black, and when I agreed with him in my rejoinder he immediately turns round and says that which he had dubbed 'black' was white!

What he wrote about 'barking' is here verbatim: 'Certainly we get now a more musical "three blind mice," and not the bark that used to obtain in the ringing chamber.' Neither I or anyone else can couple that 'barking' with a 'chapter'—or even a 'dean!'—of a north country minster! Another thing I would remind Mr. Briggs of, and that is, much as he detests 'the noble ten,' I can visualise him—he didn't ask me, or any of our lady ringers to do so—jumping out of bed on a recent Sunday morning in what might be termed ecstatic rapture to catch more and more ethereal music by flinging wider and wider still the window! Who knows how the ladies of the 'Exercise' pictured the scene? One might picture the expression on the face of Mr. Briggs as he stands at the open window listening to the rhythmic beat of that majestic tenor booming out, adding to and 'mellowing' every sound of the remaining 'nine'! which got into a beat to suit the requirements of the speed of the remaining one! which governs and sets the speed!

Or, on the other hand, one of our 'fair' enthusiasts of the 'art and science' may have visualised the humorous side of the pen picture Mr. Briggs drew of himself jumping out of bed in a frenzy, attired in a little short shirt, throwing wide the window, and popping back into bed. 'Tamed!'

Or again another might have seen the indolent side of the picture, and, in her rage, fling for a bucketful of cold water to 'excito lentos' to a sense of duty!

Aye, and turning from that picture to another, my dear reader, I've had 'C. F. J.'s' second paragraph re-read, solemnly, mournfully, slowly and carefully, and I should assume Mr. Briggs wishes to draw my attention to the sentence, 'There is a mellowness about a ring of good old bells that one seldom hears in a new one.'

Yes, Mr. Briggs, I understand; there is. Chesterfield ten are a typical example. There's a mellowness about them! but the mellowness 'about' them is found in the edifice wherein the good old bells hang!

(Continued in next column.)

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TRING.—On Sunday evening, October 8th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Badrick 1, F. O. Reeve 2, H. Brackley 3, H. Bishop 4, W. F. Leach 5, H. Bull 6, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. The ringer of the 5th from Berkhamsted, the rest are of the local band.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—For evensong on Sunday, October 8th (harvest thanksgiving), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Smerdon 1, H. Good 2, F. Randall 3, G. Rayner 4, G. Chiverton 5, W. C. Smith 6, K. G. Woodiss (conductor) 7, R. Foreman 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, October 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. W. Webb 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, F. J. Cattermoul 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. C. Chandler 5, A. Jones 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, D. F. May 8. First quarter-peal away from tenor by treble ringer, and first quarter by tenor ringer.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Jones 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, F. J. Cattermoul 3, H. C. Chandler 4, W. Lewis 5, E. R. Gladman 6, C. S. Bird (conductor) 7, W. W. Webb 8. Rung for the first civic visit of the Mayor and Corporation of Heston-Isleworth to Heston Parish Church, the ancient tower being flood-lit for the occasion.

EXETER.—At St. Thomas' Church for morning service on October 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Hosgood 1, R. Rundle (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. Hosgood 3, F. Wills 4, E. Hill 5, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 6, W. Wills 7, A. H. Goad 8.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—On Sunday, October 1st, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples by the local band, an achievement not previously known at this church. The ringers before matins were L. Osborn 1, L. S. Lampard 2, S. J. Sanders 3, S. Mansell 4, H. Mansell 5, W. Young 6, H. J. Wilkinson (conductor) 7, G. Allen 8. Before evensong: L. Osborn 1, H. Mansell 2, S. J. Sanders 3, S. Mansell 4, L. S. Lampard (conductor) 5, W. Young 6, H. J. Wilkinson 7, G. Allen 8.

BRADDEN, NORTHANTS.—At St. Michael's Church on Sunday, October 1st, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Doubles in four methods, 360 Antelope, 360 Grandsire, 240 St. Simon's and 300 Bob Doubles: S. Bates 1, V. Matthews 2, Miss Grant-Ives 3, H. Richardson 4, A. Garlick (conductor) 5.

TILGHURST, BERKS.—On Sunday, October 1st, at St. Michael's Church for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hunt 1, H. Goodger 2, J. H. Barnes 3, E. Chapman 4, A. Haines 5, R. N. Runham (conductor) 6, R. Chapman 7, A. Barnes 8.

HASTINGS.—At All Saints' Church for evensong on Sunday, September 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: G. Piper 1, W. Franks 2, J. D. White 3, J. Downing 4, A. Levett 5, F. E. Collins 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. Clift 8. Ringers of 1, 3, 5 and tenor are local ringers, No. 2 from Battle, No. 4 Blacklands, No. 6 South Croydon and No. 7 Deptford.

NORTH SHIELDS.—On Sunday, September 17th, 1,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal for evening service at Christ Church: J. E. Scott 1, A. Tully 2, T. Burn 3, G. Dix 4, E. A. Hern (conductor) 5, J. Scott, jun., 6, R. M. Gray 7, W. Robson 8, M. Livesly 9, E. Gosden 10. All the above are local ringers except W. Robson, who comes from South Shields. This was the first touch in this method for the ringers of 3, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

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The mellowing tone shade of the bad old ten—which formerly permeated All Saints' steeple, Rotherham—has been 'fused and frozen' into mellowness! While the good old ten at Chesterfield remain, as they ever were, in a beauty of mellowing putrid mellowness! (Awfully sorry, Arthur, one can't help telling the truth!)

Mr. Briggs tells us all about his large heart, without our 'asking.' But one begs of him to 'open his heart' and tell us in a manly fashion who could have done the job (at Rotherham) better? and who could have given greater satisfaction? And why? I would ask Mr. Briggs to play the game, answer those questions and remember that on the side of this 'noble ten' there is the full weight of public opinion!—a 'public opinion' with a sense of proportion!

In conclusion, Mr. Briggs tells us that 'experience does teach one.' I agree, but it is useless and futile for 'experience' to try to teach 'one' if 'one' is 'inexperienced' and won't learn!

There was no necessity for Mr. Briggs to confess that he was a 'little bit artistic'; we are aware of the fact. And we realise when we picture our friend's aesthetics that he would place the base of the Nelson Column on our 'Darling Herd's' head, for a 'cocked hat'!

'O wad some power the giftie gie us,
To see ourselves as ithers see us'!

(The correspondence on this subject is now closed.—Ed., 'R.W.')

NOTICE.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—November meetings at St. Clement Danes', W.C.: Sunday morning, Nov. 5th, 10 a.m. Service ringing, Mondays, 13th and 27th. Practices at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Chas. O. Moore, Hon. General Sec., 7, Station Road, S.E.5.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 296th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 11th, at 6.30 p.m. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30: St. Andrew's, Holborn, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street, St. Michael's, Cornhill, 2.30 to 3.30; Bow, Cheapside 3.30 to 4.30. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, W. Prime, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on November 16th and 30th, St. Andrew's on the 9th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 14th (Election night), Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 28th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The jubilee dinner will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese will take the chair at 6 o'clock prompt. Bells: St. Peter's (12) and St. Luke's (8), Wolverhampton, Penn (8) and Tettenhall (8) available from 3 p.m.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—North-east District.—Meeting at Hitchin on November 4th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Short service and dedication of 'Local' peal board. Good train service (main L.N.E.R.) and bus service from all parts. Please make an effort to attend, and a card if you require tea would be much appreciated.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moormeade Close, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting of the Lancaster Branch will be held at Melling on Saturday, November 4th. Bells at 2 p.m.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BIRSTWITH, YORKS.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Knaresborough will dedicate the restored bells (recast and augmented to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough) on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. per head. All ringers welcome. Bells open for ringing after 6 p.m.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough (6 bells), on Saturday, November 4th. For tea please notify Mr. R. Reece, Park Street, Barlborough, without fail. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—A joint meeting is to be held at **ALDERSHOT** on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (1s.) and business meetings in Parish Hall 5 p.m. — H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec., Ladies' Guild; C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., Farnham District, 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sleaford Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Ruskington on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6), recently restored, available from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. S. Hinkins.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m., followed by usual business meeting.—J. Phillips, Hon. Sec., Butterwick, nr. Boston, Lincs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moorside on Saturday, November 4th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Meeting in the Tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Terrington St. John on Sat., Nov. 4th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. Barker, Branch Sec., Shouldham, King's Lynn.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Lois Weedon on Saturday, November 4th. Service 3 p.m. Send number for tea to Rev. R. Howes, Cold Higham Rectory, Towcester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—The next meeting will be held at Longstone on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m.—A. G. Wallace, Dis. Sec., Monyash Road, Bakewell.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tarrington on Saturday, November 4th. Bells (6) available. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Next meeting at Dunholme (6 bells), Saturday, Nov. 4th. Names for tea to Harold Marcon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 269, Wragby Road, Lincoln.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above Branch will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, November 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. For tea, at a small charge, please notify Mr. J. E. Sherrett, 3, Moss Road, Orrell, near Wigan. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good company is requested.—Wm. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome. — F. Hindle, Hon. Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Crewkerne on Saturday, November 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. As this tower has been a stronghold of 'Churchyard Bob' for many years, it is extremely desirable to have good ringing at this meeting, with a view to impressing the new local ringers and residents, and getting the tower affiliated to the association.—D. G. Taylor, Ilminster.

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Huntingdon Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Ives on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Tea 5 o'clock. Short evensong at 7 p.m. Ringing may continue after service. — H. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, Nov. 4th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.40. Tea 5.15. Meeting to follow. All ringing friends welcome.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—The first meeting and election of officers will be held at Empingham (6 bells) on Saturday, November 11th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Will all those who require tea please notify Rev. Canon Law, H.C.F., Empingham Rectory, Oakham, by Wednesday, Nov. 8th? Give the new branch a hearty send off! —R. G. Black, Gen. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea (6d.) and meeting to follow. For tea please notify Mr. E. L. Humphries, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre, Liverpool. It will be worth making an effort to attend.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Dunmow, on Saturday, November 11th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided for those sending in their names to H. W. Smith, 11, Causeway, Dunmow, not later than Wednesday, November 8th, or to me.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—The postponed meeting will be held at St. Peter at Gowts on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea immediately after. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Nov. 8th. Cathedral bells from 7.30 to 9 p.m. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. R. Richardson, Hon. Sec., Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Horbury on Saturday, Nov. 11th. Bells ready at 2.30. Tea 1s. each. Please notify Mr. H. Pickles, 8, Manor Road, Horbury, near Wakefield, before Nov. 9th. All are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Higher Walton, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available 2.30

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EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—A ringing meeting will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea may be obtained at Mr. Hutchinson's Café, Market Place.—J. W. England, Hon. Sec.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Old Woking on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Nominations for district officers, 1934, must be made at this meeting. The district officers hope that this meeting will be more representative than recent meetings have been. Please send numbers for tea to me by November 13th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Condo- ver on Saturday, November 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30. All requiring tea should notify me by November 9th.—R. R. Pole, Asst. Hon. Sec., 88, North Street, Castlefields, Shrewsbury.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Earlswood, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Kindly notify for tea, Tuesday, Nov. 14th, to G. F. Hoad, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Warren Road, Reigate.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Shaw bells (6) available after tea. Intending visitors please reply by Wednesday, Nov. 15th, to H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (8) 3.30 to 5 and 7 to 8.30 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, in Parish Hall, Rectory Road, at the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. P. Gough). If you require tea please inform me by Nov. 14th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at March, Cambs, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room, 1s. each. Please inform Mr. H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Cambs, numbers. This is the last meeting for 1933. Please attend and make the meeting a success.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Over, Cambs.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.45, to those who advise me by Nov. 15th. Outstanding subscriptions should be paid at this meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.—Mr. H. E. Audsley's address is now 90, High Street, Crayford, Kent.—Mr. P. Laffin, hon. librarian of the Chester Diocesan Guild, has removed to 25, Hallam Street, Stockport.

HATHERN, near Loughborough. — The Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the peal, restored and augmented to six bells by John Taylor and Co., on Saturday, Nov. 18th, at 3 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, at 4.30, to those who notify the Rev. D. Hoole, Hathern Rectory, Loughborough, by Wednesday, Nov. 15th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Giles, Ashted, on Saturday, Nov. 25th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., at the Brewery Inn. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. Cook, Lavender Cottage, Crampshaw Lane, Ashted, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 22nd. All ringers heartily welcome.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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