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## STEDMAN'S BELLS.

There is a good deal of truth in the remarks made in the letter which appeared in our last issue with regard to the bells at St. Benedict's Church, Cambridge, restored about three years ago by the ringers of this country in memory of Fabian Stedman. It has been disappointing to hear, through visiting ringers, that the bells have already suffered to some degree from neglect and our correspondent is probably correct when he attributes it mainly to the fact that there is no regular band at the church. It is true that a company of beginners started to learn ringing, but the warning of Mr. Denison Taylor, given first at a meeting of the Midland Counties Association and afterwards in the Central Council, ended in the practices being dropped. If beginners ought not to be taught on the bells for fear of damage, the only alternative, if they are to be rung, is to get together a more or less experienced band, but that, in Cambridge, is not apparently an easy matter. We would, however, endorse our correspondent's call to the ringers of Cambridge to make an endeavour to ring these historic bells regularly. It should be counted a privilege to do so, and it should be looked upon as a duty to keep them in proper trim.

The case of St. Benedict's is, of course, not singular. The same kind of trouble arises in other towers where wooden frames and fittings are installed, and no one is made responsible for keeping the many nuts tightened up. In every tower there should be a properly appointed steeplekeeper. If he be a man with a sense of responsibility he could be trusted to look after the bells, and report anything which is beyond his capacity to rectify. If he failed he should be 'sacked.' It is in the tower where there are the most enthusiastic ringers that the bells receive the greatest care and attention, and the best safeguard that the bells will be kept in efficient running order is the maintenance of a keen band. For their own sake, as well as from an appreciation of the importance of the charge entrusted to them, they keep the bells in order. And in the long run it pays a church to encourage their ringers, for bells well rung and cared for go much longer without serious overhaul than bells which hang unring in the tower for long periods. In the case of St. Benedict's we feel sure the best remedy would be the establishment of a local band, and we believe this could be set up without serious risk to the bells if the matter were approached in the right way. Three or four ringers of experience with a similar number of beginners could soon be made into a band competent to ring the bells, and with careful tuition there ought to be no risk to the bells themselves. It is only when beginners are

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### TEN BELL PEALS.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. Treble | HORACE M. DAY ... .. 6       |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2    | JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 7     |
| ERNEST RAYNER ... .. 3          | GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 8     |
| CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. 4      | LESLIE W. G. MORRIS ... .. 9 |
| HARRY GIBSON ... .. 5           | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

Mr. J. Broadley's 50th peal in this tower.

SOLIHULL, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, August 13, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHRGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JAMES GEORGE ... .. Treble | ALBERT WALKER ... .. 6     |
| DANIEL T. MATKIN ... .. 2  | JOHN NEAL ... .. 7         |
| GEORGE E. FEARN ... .. 3   | SAMUEL BRAGG ... .. 8      |
| FRANK E. HAYNES ... .. 4   | WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 9    |
| ROGER W. DANIELS ... .. 5  | JOHN A. BRAGG ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* First peal in the method. Specially rung in honour of the wedding of Edgar C. Shepherd to Francis Joyce Findley, which took place at this church previous to the peal.

HERTFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

|                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6       |
| * JOHN G. NASH ... .. 2         | JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 7            |
| * JOSEPH WAGBORN ... .. 3       | ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 8           |
| * HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4        | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 9        |
| JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 5         | MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Yorkshire Royal on the bells and by the association.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5068 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Treble   | * GEORGE J. BUTCHER ... .. 5    |
| STANLEY J. T. SHELLOCK ... .. 2 | THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6         |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3       | * EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 7       |
| HARRY HOVERD ... .. 4           | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by E. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* Fiftieth peal together.

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## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
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On Monday, August 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20 cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST BRETT ... .. Treble | FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. 5     |
| HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2     | ALFRED J. HOUSE ... .. 6     |
| WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 3  | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7      |
| JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 4    | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.

## BROMLEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 21, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-Part.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *MISS HILDA OAKSBETT ... Treble | WILLIAM GRACE ... .. 5    |
| PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 2         | GEORGE HUXLEY ... .. 6    |
| JOHN LYDDIARD ... .. 3          | WALTER SMITH ... .. 7     |
| *HARRY KNIGHT ... .. 4          | EDMOND MOUNTIER ... Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 7th.

## WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

## A PEAL OF RUNNYMEDE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WILLIAM E. TAYLOR ... .. Treble | GEORGE GILBERT ... .. 5   |
| MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2       | EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 6   |
| LEONARD STILWELL ... .. 3       | WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 7  |
| EDWARD J. BRAGG ... .. 4        | ALAN R. PINK ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

The first peal in the method, of which Mr. E. W. Tipler is the author.

## BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 22, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD AND EVEN BOB THREE-PART, No. 103.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble | JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. 5  |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 2      | J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 6 |
| JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 3         | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7      |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 4        | EPHRAIM W. RANDE ... Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

## SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| MISS K. BURCHNALL ... .. Treble | GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 5      |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... 2      | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6      |
| ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 3     | †LEONARD PIERREPONT ... 7      |
| *FREDERICK PICKARD ... .. 4     | †ERNEST A. MIDWINTER ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. † First peal in the method and first rung for the association in the method. A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th, and elected a member of the association previous to starting.

## SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 23, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| REGINALD JELLEY ... .. Treble | WILLIAM ROOT ... .. 5         |
| SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... .. 2     | DR. F. STEDMAN POOLE ... 6    |
| *J. LESLIE WILLIAMS ... .. 3  | †WALTER ALLEN ... .. 7        |
| DENNIS DALBY ... .. 4         | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major and first attempt.

## GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN ANDERSON ... .. Treble | *STEPHEN THOMPSON ... .. 5     |
| RICHARD A. GORTON ... .. 2  | ADAM DEAS ... .. 6             |
| WILLIAM J. DAVIDSON ... 3   | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 7     |
| *WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 4   | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Slough. W. J. Davidson has now 'circled' the tower.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *WILLIAM E. BOND ... .. Treble | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5    |
| THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2      | JAMES BENNETT ... .. 6       |
| BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE ... .. 3    | EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 7    |
| MOLLIE REDPATH ... .. 4        | †DENNIS C. RUSSELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

\* First attempt for a peal away from the tenor. † First attempt for a peal.

## HARPENDEN HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble | BEN JARMAN ... .. 5          |
| *HENRY JARMAN ... .. 2          | *JOHN H. BOTHAM ... .. 6     |
| *STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3      | *FREDERICK J. SPICER ... 7   |
| ARTHUR DAY ... .. 4             | GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells and first peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

## FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble | CHARLES W. BURTON ... .. 5   |
| GEORGE PIPER ... .. 2        | JOSEPH C. JENNINGS ... .. 6  |
| HAROLD TOWNSEND ... .. 3     | WALTER SMITH ... .. 7        |
| WILLIAM PIPER ... .. 4       | ERNEST TOWNSEND ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The monthly peal for the division and believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, 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.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... Treble | WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5 |
| †HAROLD G. ATKINS ... 2       | GEORGE E. FEARN ... 6       |
| C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 3       | SAMUEL GROVE ... 7          |
| †JAMES L. BOYLIN ... 4        | KENNETH J. DAVIS ... Tenor  |

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' The conductor has now rung and called a peal from each bell in this tower.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Miss KITTY WILLERS ... Treble | ROBERT SMITH ... 5       |
| MRS. C. IBBETT ... 2          | ARTHUR J. GINN ... 6     |
| *HARRY PARKER ... 3           | FRANK WARRINGTON ... 7   |
| *FRANK W. LACK ... 4          | HERBERT FIELDS ... Tenor |

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First attempt for Treble Bob Major. Rung to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, rung on August 31st, 1924.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| SAMUEL WARNE ... Treble  | FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 5 |
| FRANK CLAYDON ... 2      | WALTER ARNOLD ... 6      |
| MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 3 | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7    |
| ALBERT L. DIXEY ... 4    | ALBERT WIFFEN ... Tenor  |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Wiffen, mother of the 7th and tenor ringers, on attaining her 78th birthday.

DODDERHILL, DROITWICH.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in E.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ARTHUR J. MARTIN ... Treble | *JOHN COLLEY ... 5        |
| ROBERT LEWIS ... 2          | REGINALD WOODYATT ... 6   |
| *THOMAS YOUNG ... 3         | HAROLD F. MARTIN ... 7    |
| *ARTHUR MOSELEY ... 4       | FREDERICK YATES ... Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD F. MARTIN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung in commemoration of the second anniversary of the rededication of these bells.

TIVERTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).

Tenor 26 cwt.

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| WILLIAM E. WISEMAN ... Treble | FRED NEWCOMBE ... 5    |
| JOHN W. JONES ... 2           | FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 6 |
| WILLIAM COCKRAM ... 3         | ERNEST STITCH ... 7    |
| ALFRED W. HEATH ... 4         | FRANK VINEY ... Tenor  |

Conducted by E. STITCH.

Arranged for Masters Wiseman (Biddisham), Jones (Newport), Heath (Cardiff) and Stitch (Port Talbot), Mr. Chamberlain being on holiday in Devon.

THEALE, BERKS.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles at Holy Trinity on Sunday, August 26th, for evensong: L. Caswell 1, T. W. Palmer 2, Robert Abery 3, S. Carter 4, Richard Abery (conductor) 5, F. Allen 6. First quarter-peal by the local band.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| REGINALD ROWE ... Treble | GEORGE E. LARGE ... 5  |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2  | THOMAS W. LEWIS ... 6  |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3     | WILLIAM LEWIS ... 7    |
| WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4    | CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| *WILLIAM CLEATOR ... Treble | JAMES MARTIN ... 4       |
| DAVID PARRY ... 2           | JOHN BROWN ... 5         |
| LESLIE CORTEEN ... 3        | ERNEST BENNETT ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN BROWN.

\* First peal. Rung to commemorate the wedding of John McKee, one of the local band, who was married on August 11th, on which date the above ringers rang a quarter-peal. All the above are members of this tower.

UPLYME, DEVON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, 14 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| *FRANK D. HISCOCK ... Treble | †STEPHEN LONG ... 4    |
| †JOHN E. PHILBRICK ... 2     | WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... 5 |
| †CUTHBERT W. H. POWELL ... 3 | FRANK PRICE ... Tenor  |

Conducted by WILLIAM C. SHUTE.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal in more than one method. First peal of Doubles on the bells. The treble ringer, who is 14 years of age, is a member of the Lyme Regis band, and is believed to be the youngest resident ringer in Dorset to ring a peal. The ringer of the 4th hails from Hollingbourne, Kent. After the peal the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Philbrick, and they wish to thank them for their hospitality.

STANDISH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| WILLIAM STAITHE ... Treble | ARTHUR STOPFORD ... 4  |
| BASIL LATEAM ... 2         | JOHN BALLINGER ... 5   |
| THOMAS PRICE ... 3         | LESLIE BARRY ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

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

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| HARRY PARKER ... Treble  | GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 4 |
| ALBERT H. BOOTH ... 2    | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 5    |
| RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3 | DAVID SMITH ... Tenor   |

Conducted by H. PARKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer and to Mrs. H. Howard, the wife of Mr. Harry Howard, a popular member of this tower.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

In 21 methods, viz.: (1) Disley; (2) Morning Star; (3) Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury; (4) Marple; (5) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV. and Old Oxford; (6) Wragby, Neasden, St. Albans, Braintree and Charlwood; (7) Capel, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *WILLIAM ATKINSON ... .. Treble | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4     |
| ERNEST BENNETT ... .. 2         | JOHN WORTH ... .. 5          |
| STANLEY ARDEN ... .. 3          | JAMES A. MILNER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

\* First peal and has been a ringer at Disley for 45 years. Arranged as a 21st birthday peal to Mr. Arden. It was also his first peal in 21 methods away from the treble.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ERNEST E. WOODAGE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM J. WHITING ... .. 4 |
| ALBERT RELFE ... .. 2           | ARTHUR H. SMITH ... .. 5    |
| JAMES WAGHORN ... .. 3          | JAMES BASSETT ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by ARTHUR H. SMITH.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. J. S. Wise and Miss K. W. Smith, sister of the conductor, which took place at the above church earlier in the day. The ringers of 4 and 5 are from Leatherhead.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Divine,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| NORMAN BROWN ... .. Treble | GEORGE MILLS ... .. 4      |
| THOMAS SMITH ... .. 2      | WILLIAM O. FARRIMOND ... 5 |
| *THOMAS HORRIDGE ... .. 3  | *ALBERT WANE ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by NORMAN BROWN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Doubles on the bells. The ringers of the treble, 4th and 5th hail from Wigan, 3rd from Liverpool, 2nd from Westhoughton; tenor ringer is local.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 19, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At 11, HOLYDYKE.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 18 in G.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *JAMES W. GODDARD ... .. 1-2 | *WALTER GODDARD ... .. 5-6    |
| WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4       | ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... .. 7-8 |

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Umpire—Joseph Atkinson.

\* First peal 'in hand' on eight and first attempt.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 24, 1934, in Two Hours and Three Minutes.

At 42, WESTFIELD ROAD,

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

Seven extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *JAMES W. GODDARD ... .. 1-2 | WALTER GODDARD ... .. 3-4 |
| WALTER AYRE ... .. 5-6       |                           |

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Minor 'in hand' and first attempt. The conductor's 150th peal for the Guild.

LEWISHAM. —At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, August 26th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): H. James 1, W. Hewett 2, J. Bennett (conductor) 3, J. Dafters 4, J. E. Davis 5, H. Warnett, jun. (first quarter in the method) 6, J. Marks 7, C. W. Roberts 8.

**A DEVON GUILD TOUR.**

The following peals were rung for the Devonshire Guild during a week's tour in the county.

DAWLISH, DEVON.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Gregory,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5      |
| ALFRED PYE ... .. 2              | GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 6    |
| STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 3    | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7     |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4           | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal on the bells.

KINGSTEIGNTON, DEVON.

On Saturday, August 18, 1934, in Three Hours and One-and-a-Half Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JESSE POPLETT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 5        |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2 | GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6      |
| FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3      | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7        |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4      | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells.

EAST TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.

On Monday, August 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt.

|                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. Treble | GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2        | *GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 6   |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3          | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7     |
| FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4             | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method on the bells and in the county.

PLYMPTON ST. MARY, DEVON.

On Tuesday, August 21, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble | GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5    |
| STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 2    | REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3           | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7      |
| FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4           | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BOVEY TRACY, DEVON.

On Wednesday, August 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5      |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2       | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 6 |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3    | GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 7    |
| ALFRED PYE ... .. 4          | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.

On Wednesday, August 22, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble | GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5       |
| STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 2    | REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 6 |
| *WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 3         | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 7   |
| FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4           | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* 400th peal. First peal of Major on the bells. A complimentary peal to Mr. S. Taylor, of Oxford, who was married at Yarnston, Oxon, the same day.

## PAIGNTON, DEVON.

On Thursday, August 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF TEURSTANS'.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FRANK BENNETT ... .. Treble | GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 5       |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2 | REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 6   |
| ALFRED PYE ... .. 3         | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7        |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4   | JAMES H. SHEPPARD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## MARYCHURCH, DEVON.

On Thursday, August 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5       |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2     | REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3          | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7      |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4       | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## BRIXHAM, DEVON.

On Friday, August 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble | ALFRED PYE ... .. 5         |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2     | GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6      |
| STANLEY E. ARMSTRONG ... .. 3   | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. 7     |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4       | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

\* 200th peal. First peal of Major on the bells.

## MORETON HAMPSTEAD, DEVON.

On Saturday, August 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble | REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 5 |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2          | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6       |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3     | HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 7      |
| ALFRED PYE ... .. 4             | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor  |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## MR. JOHN G. NASH'S 100 PEALS.

By ringing a peal of Stedman Caters, Mr. John G. Nash rang his first century of peals, made up as follows:—

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Grandsire Doubles ... ..                               | 4  |
| Minor in three methods ... ..                          | 1  |
| Bob Minor ... ..                                       | 2  |
| Cambridge Surprise Minor ... ..                        | 1  |
| Grandsire Triples ... ..                               | 2  |
| Stedman Triples ... ..                                 | 6  |
| Bob Major ... ..                                       | 1  |
| Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..                           | 2  |
| London Surprise Major ... ..                           | 23 |
| Bristol Major ... ..                                   | 15 |
| Superlative Major ... ..                               | 6  |
| Cambridge Major ... ..                                 | 9  |
| Rutland Major ... ..                                   | 1  |
| 'Spliced' Surprise Major in four methods ... ..        | 6  |
| Grandsire Caters ... ..                                | 1  |
| Stedman Caters ... ..                                  | 7  |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal ... ..                        | 10 |
| 'Spliced' Yorkshire, Pudsey and Cambridge Royal ... .. | 1  |
| Stedman Cinques ... ..                                 | 1  |
| Cambridge Surprise Maximus ... ..                      | 1  |

Total ... .. 100

Rung in 62 different towers for eight associations.

## SERVICES AT RINGING MEETINGS.

## PROS AND CONS DISCUSSED BY MANCHESTER DISTRICT RINGERS.

A quarterly meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Mary's, Prestwich, on Saturday, August 18th. Though not overflowing in numbers, the ringers present represented most of the towers in the branch, and also included visitors from West Houghton, Warrington and the Bolton Branch.

A service was conducted by the Rector (Canon F. W. Cooper, M.A.), who also gave an address. Tea was afterwards taken in a nearby cafe.

The business of the meeting was held in the tower, with the branch president, Mr. C. Ollier, presiding.

At the request of the chairman, the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Sam Greenhalgh, Pendleton.

The following places were chosen for forthcoming meetings: September 15th, practice meeting at Miles Plating; November 17th, quarterly meeting at Reddish. The October meeting is left out on account of the annual dinner of the association, which is being held in Manchester on October 27th.

Mr. Christopher Gudgeon, Worsley, was elected branch president for the next two years, the retiring president (the chairman) being given a vote of thanks for his services during his term of office.

A rather interesting discussion followed on the question of services at ringing meetings other than annual meetings. It was said that some ringers might prefer to spend more time ringing instead of attending a service which was much shortened and often without music, and that the majority of ringers had opportunity to attend service at their own particular church on the recognised days. It was pointed out, too, that it might be at great inconvenience to himself that a clergyman consented to conduct a service on a Saturday afternoon when he might be taking advantage of a few hours' rest before the start of a day upon which he might have to attend two or three services. To find only a very small congregation at such a service, for which he might also have gone to the trouble of preparing an address, must be very discouraging indeed to any cleric. This point of view was agreed and disagreed with.

At the close of the meeting votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector and the local ringers.

## JOHN BUNYAN AND BELLRINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Dr. Brown may not have known why Bunyan gave up ringing, but surely Mr. Daniell is wrong when he says that Bunyan did not know himself. He knew very well. It was because such secular things as dancing and ringing did not accord with the ideals of the religious life held by the stricter sort of the Puritans. Such ideals are not popular nor understood nowadays. We do not agree with them; but they are neither unintelligible nor unreasonable; and they were held by thousands of people for many years. I, myself, who came of an East Anglian Puritan family, was quite familiar with them as a child.

Bunyan says that his conscience told him that bellringing was wrong. He tried to compromise. He 'forced himself' to leave it; yet his mind hankored. Though he dare not ring, yet he would go and look on. His conscience still told him he was doing wrong; but he defied his conscience and 'forced himself' still to go to the belfry. Until at last the fear of God's anger finally drove him out of the Exercise.

Here are quotations from two books written by prominent Puritans, one just before Bunyan's time, the other in the middle of the 19th century:—

'Not long since in Bedfordshire whilst two were in the belfry tolling of a bell there was suddenly heard a clap of thunder and a flash of lightning was seen by some of them that sat in the church porch coming through a dark lane and flashing in their faces which much terrified them and passing through the porch into the belfry it tripped up his heels that was tolling the bell and struck him stark dead.' That is given as an example of God's anger against Sunday bellringing.

The other author is writing of Bunyan. He says: 'A new source of uneasiness now presented itself in his practice of bellringing an occupation requiring severe labour usually performed on the Lord's Day; and judging from the general character of bellringers it has a most injurious effect both as regards morals and religion. We are not to conclude from the example of a man who in after years proved so great and excellent a character that under all circumstances bellringing and dancing are immoral. In those days such sports and pastimes usually took place on the Lord's Day and however the Church of England might sanction it yet it is now universally admitted that it was commanding a desecration of the Sabbath and letting loose a flood of vice and profaneness. In themselves on proper days for recreation such sports may be innocent, but if they engender an unholy thought or occupy time needed for self examination and devotion they ought to be avoided as sinful hindrances to a spiritual life.'

That was the general Puritan attitude towards bellringing, and it was so strong that even men like Ellaconbe, who was not a Puritan, wrote and spoke against Sunday bellringing.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION AT RAYLEIGH.**

A fine afternoon favoured the gathering at Rayleigh on Saturday, and this no doubt brought many from distant parts, who on arrival were cordially greeted by the Rector, this being the first meeting since his induction to the living. The bells were soon going, various touches being rung till 4.30, when the service, conducted by the Rector, was held, after which a move was made to the Church Hall for tea.

The Rector presided at the business meeting. Four new members were elected, and Wanstead was chosen as the place for the next meeting, the district annual, the tentative date being November 17th. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. C. Sowter for allowing the use of the tower and bells, conducting the service and presiding at the tea and meeting; to Mrs. Sowter for kindly, at a moment's notice, accompanying the hymns, etc., at the service; and to Mr. Stewart, hon. secretary of the local band, for making all arrangements, etc. The Rector and Mr. Stewart responded.

The tower was again visited and opportunity given to all present to have a pull in their favourite method, of which full advantage was taken. The hon. secretary announced that the annual joint meeting of the Essex, Hertford and Middlesex Associations with the Ladies' Guild would be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, September 29th, and extended a hearty welcome to all to attend.

During the afternoon and evening upwards of 40 members were present from Prittlewell, Broomfield, Rayleigh, Great Baddow, Woodford, Bentley, Corringham, Fobbing, Springfield, Hornchurch, Leytonstone, Romford, Danbury, Wanstead, South Weald and Leigh-on-Sea, and touches in various methods, ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise, were rung.

**BURBAGE RINGERS VISIT DUKERIES.**

The St. Catherine's ringers and friends had their first outing on Saturday to the Dukeries. Starting at 1.30 p.m., a very pleasant journey was made by bus through Leicester, Loughborough and Nottingham, and then on to Mansfield Woodhouse, where the ringers rang on the peal of six. Tea was served at the Institute.

Afterwards the journey was resumed with a delightful run through Sherwood Forest and the Dukeries, where the famous Lime Tree Avenue and other places of interest were greatly admired. The return journey was via Six Hills and Leicester, home being reached about 11.30 p.m. after a most happy and delightful outing.

**TWO SATURDAYS IN KENT.**

A 'TOWER-GRABBER' IS CONVERTED TO A NEW METHOD.

'The Garden of England' was at its best on Saturdays, July 28th and August 25th, when six youthful members of the N.U.T.S. paid visits to six towers on these respective dates. The first run was to Cowden, Haver and Chiddingstone. Leaving Bromley Common at 2.45 p.m., Cowden was reached at 3.45 p.m. The church is pretty, but the bells might go a bit better for their weight (tenor 8½ cwt.). A 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung in 25 minutes by \*F. C. Shorter 1, R. H. Vigor 2, H. Blackett 3, E. Barrett 4, \*J. G. A. Prior 5, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 6. \* First 720 of Oxford. Tea was taken, but first an exciting game of clock golf was played by the London County secretary and the Forest Hillite, the former winning by one stroke! A move was then made to Haver, and another 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung by A. P. Cannon 1, H. Blackett 2, F. C. Shorter 3, R. H. Vigor (conductor) 4, E. Barrett 5, J. G. A. Prior 6. Afterwards a course of Cambridge Surprise. The last tower for the day was Chiddingstone, and the lovely old-world village was much enjoyed, as also were the touches on the fine peal of eight (tenor 19½ cwt.). Mr. E. H. Everest and his son, Mr. L. Everest, kindly met the visitors and rang Stedman and Kent Major. Mr. Cooke, who had kindly come from Haver, also took part. A little refreshment and then home to bed (but only for four). The golfers spent the night in Epping Forest prior to a trip into Suffolk on the following Sunday.

The next trip was to West Malling, Snodland and Birling. The same band, excepting Messrs. A. W. Durham and J. Roberts, of Lamberhurst, came instead of Mr. F. C. Shorter. West Malling was reached at 4 o'clock, and the party were kindly met by Messrs. Slowman and Tucker. Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob were rung.

After tea came the 'tit-bit' of the day. Snodland are a splendid peal of six, with tenor 12 cwt., and a capital 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung: \*H. Blackett 1, A. W. Durham 2, J. G. A. Prior 3, \*R. H. Vigor 4, \*E. Barrett (conductor) 5, \*A. P. Cannon 6. \* First 720 of Surprise. It was also the first 720 of Surprise on the bells. This was a great pleasure to all concerned, especially the tenor-man, who now thinks Surprise 'great stuff'! The average age of the band was 19 years and all were under 22. They would be interested to know if they are the youngest band to ring a 720 Surprise in Kent.

The last tower was Birling, and on a left-handed peal of eight (tenor 12½ cwt.) call changes and Oxford and Kent Minor were rung, but the ropes were rather on the thick side. The tenor rope would do credit to Southwark tenor (50 cwt.). And so to bed, with happy thoughts for past and future trips.

# John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ten peals were rung on the Devon tour, which concluded last week. There were only three failures. At West Teignmouth the fifth rope slipped wheel five times in a quarter of an hour; at Ipplepen the tenor was quite unpealable; at Ugborough the 7th clapper broke after 35 minutes.

After being a ringer at Disley, Cheshire, for 45 years, Mr. William Atkinson scored his first peal last Saturday at the age of 61. He rang the treble to seven 720's of Treble Bob Minor, in which 21 methods were spliced. In contrast, the peal celebrated the 21st birthday of another of the ringers, Mr. Stanley Arden.

Believed to be the youngest resident Dorset ringer to score a peal, Frank Hiscock, of Lyme Regis, took part in a peal of Doubles at Uplyme last week at the age of 14.

Archdeacon Howson, who has been such a good friend to the Lancashire Association, is leaving Liverpool, and a 'farewell' meeting is to be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on September 8th, when the Archdeacon hopes to meet as many members as possible.

With reference to the remarks respecting 'quick' peals at South Wigston in this column last week, 'E. M.' writes: 'As the ringer of the treble in the 2 hours 44 minutes' peal (which is commemorated by a tablet), I can only say it was 'perfect' and ably conducted by H. Broughton. Further, I am assured by the conductor of the 2 hours 43 minutes' peal recorded last week that that also was a good peal . . . nuff said!'

One hundred and fourteen years ago on Sept. 2nd next, the first peal was rung upon the bells of St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford. It was a peal of Grandsire Caters, 5,039 changes, by the Junior Society of College Youths, and conducted by Henry Symondson, sen. It is recorded on a tablet in the belfry.

## MR. J. T. DYKE'S MOTORING ACCIDENT.

### POLICE WITHDRAW MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

The charge of manslaughter which was brought against Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Chilcompton, the hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, as the result of a motoring accident in which he was involved in Northampton, when a motor-cyclist was fatally injured, was reduced to one of driving without due care and attention and passing traffic lights at red, when the case came on for hearing at Northampton Borough Police Court on Wednesday week.

The police withdrew the more serious charge, the prosecuting solicitor stating that no evidence could be produced to show that Mr. Dyke deliberately and wantonly passed the traffic signals at red.

The evidence was that on a night of drizzling rain, Mr. Dyke approached the traffic signals, which turned to red just one or two seconds before he reached them. He collided with the motor-cyclist on the other side of the cross-roads. On behalf of Mr. Dyke, it was stated that he did not see the traffic lights at all. The drizzling rain obscured his windscreen and he was undoubtedly confused by the street lamps. He was horrified when he found he had passed the red light and hit a motor-cycle.

The magistrates, while agreeing that the police had done the right thing in not proceeding with the case of manslaughter, imposed the maximum penalty of £20 and costs.

## REWARDS FOR BEGINNERS.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I quite agree with 'Reflex.' There is, very often, no incentive to beginners to continue ringing after they have mastered 'rounds.' If certificates were issued for the first plain course, with spaces for the foreman to sign when the pupil has rung some other method or methods, this would lead up to a medal for the first peal and bars for each successive peal in other methods. I am sure this would put more heart into a learner and encourage him to continue ringing. The Central Council could issue the certificates to the foreman and charge a small sum for them—say 1d. for certificates and 6d. for medals.

Byways, Hurst.

I. H. ROE.

## DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting was held at South Shields on Saturday, August 18th, when there was a fair attendance, members being present from Newcastle, Whickham, Chester-le-Street, Gateshead, Sunderland, Kirkby Stephen and West Hartlepool. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Grandsire and Shedman Triples, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

Tea was held in the Institute, and after enjoying the good things provided, the Rev. Hudson Barker heartily welcomed the ringers to South Shields. He said it was always a pleasure to him to be at ringers' gatherings. He was shortly moving to another living near Berwick, but he hoped always to be able to attend the association's annual meetings, as he had done for many years.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Gateshead on Saturday, November 3rd.

Votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the ladies for providing tea concluded the meeting, after which the ringers made their way back to the belfry.

## THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

### UNIQUE GIFTS FOR AUSTRALIAN RINGERS.

When the band of English ringers who are to tour Australia leave these shores in a fortnight's time they will take with them among other things gift albums for Melbourne and Hobart. The albums contain photographs of Cathedrals and notable churches which, we feel sure, will be greatly appreciated by the ringers in the Commonwealth. The gifts have been organised by 'The Ringing World,' and will be taken out to Australia as a token of goodwill from the ringers of this country. Practically every ringing organisation has joined the scheme, so that it is completely representative, and the collection of pictures is not only valuable, but vividly illustrates all that is typical in English ecclesiastical architecture and historically important in the story of ringing in these islands, as far as photographs are available. The albums, indeed, are unique.

The ringing guilds and associations throughout the British Isles readily co-operated with the Editor of 'The Ringing World' in making up this very fine collection of pictures, and to those secretaries who have given their willing assistance and often gone to much trouble he expresses his sincere thanks.

### FAMOUS CATHEDRALS AND CHURCHES.

The collection has been made up in duplicate. One copy will be presented to the Melbourne Cathedral Society, at whose invitation the trip is being made, and the other to the Hobart Society in Tasmania. All the pictures are of whole plate size (about 8 inches by 6 inches), and they are mounted in loose leaf albums. They include all the famous cathedrals with rings of bells, from ancient Canterbury, York and Durham, to modern Truro, from St. Paul's Cathedral in London to St. Patrick's in Dublin, from St. Mary's in Edinburgh to Winchester in Hampshire. The beautiful spires of Lichfield, the mellow richness of Exeter, the massiveness of Hereford and Wells, and all the other glorious possessions which we own in our Cathedrals are mirrored in these albums. St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, where the first peal was rung in England; Christ Church, Waterford, where the first peal was rung in Ireland; St. Bene't's in Cambridge, where Fabian Stedman rang; St. Bride's in London which knew Annable; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where Shipway was a ringer; Ilkley in Yorkshire, where Jasper Snowdon rests; Appleton, Painswick, Ashton-under-Lyne, Southwark, Loughborough, and St. Martin's, Birmingham, where many historic records have been made; these and others from 38 English counties, and from Wales, Scotland and Ireland form the collection of pictures—about 125 in each—which will be taken to our ringing brethren in Australia with the fraternal greetings of the whole of the Exercise in these islands.

In each of the albums will be a title page and a specially written introduction. The pictures have been arranged with the London Cathedrals and churches first, followed by those of the counties in alphabetical order, with the Cathedral (where there is one) coming first and the churches in alphabetical order of their place names. The albums are of the loose leaf variety, and the black and white prints are on black mounts, which show up the photographs to splendid advantage, while the captions are printed in white ink.

The following list of the organisations which have contributed to the albums shows how representative is the gift to our ringing brethren in Melbourne and Tasmania.

Ancient Society of College Youths.  
Barnsley and District Society.  
Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.  
Bedfordshire Association.  
Bristol United Guilds.  
Chester Diocesan Guild.  
Cumberland Association.  
Devonshire Guild.  
Doncaster and District Society.  
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.  
Ely Diocesan Association.  
Essex Association.  
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.  
Guildford Diocesan Guild.  
Halifax and District Association.  
Hereford Diocesan Guild.  
Hertford County Association.  
Irish Association.  
Kent County Association.  
Ladies' Guild.  
Lancashire Association.  
Leeds and District Society.  
Lincoln Diocesan Guild.  
Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.  
London County Association.  
Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.  
Midland Counties Association.  
National Police Guild.  
Norwich Diocesan Association.  
North Notts Association.  
North Wales Association.  
Oxford Diocesan Guild.  
Oxford Society.  
Oxford University Society.  
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.  
Rannmoor Society, Sheffield.  
Romney Marsh and District Guild.  
St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham.  
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.  
Scottish Association.  
Sheffield District Society.  
Shropshire Association.  
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.  
Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.  
Society of Sherwood Youths (Nottingham).  
Suffolk Guild.  
Surrey Association.  
Sussex County Association.  
Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.  
Truro Diocesan Guild.  
Warwickshire Guild.  
Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.  
Worcestershire Association.  
Yorkshire Association.

### THE PRESS TAKES NOTICE.

The coming tour is receiving notice far outside ringing circles, and the Press is devoting attention to it, both in this country and the Commonwealth.

Last Saturday the 'Times' had an article upon the subject, in which was quoted many of the facts about Australian bells which have appeared in 'The Ringing World.'

The Press Bureau of the Church of England, in the weekly issue of 'Church Notes' to the Press, has included a paragraph which is prefaced with the remark that 'No visitors from the Motherland to Melbourne, Victoria, where the centenary of that city is being celebrated this year, are likely to have a warmer welcome than the party of English bellringers which leaves the Thames on Friday, September 14th.'

### A 720 IN NEW ZEALAND.

On Thursday, July 19th, at the Cathedral, Christchurch, New Zealand, 720 Bob Minor was rung on the front six bells by G. N. Sloan 1, G. A. Lighthurn 2, S. H. Barnett 3, G. H. Claydon 4, C. Wright 5, F. H. Crawley (conductor) 6. Specially arranged for Mr. F. H. Crawley, of Crewe, who was visiting New Zealand.

Christchurch Cathedral has a peal of ten by Taylor and Co., opened in 1881. The tenor is 32 cwt. and the 'go' is fair, considering the length of time the bells have been in.

### CHURCH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATED.

At St. Thomas' Parish Church, Newport, Isle of Wight, on August 24th, on the 80th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of this church by the Prince Consort, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Walter Scott 1, Edward Drake 2, William Chambers 3, Arthur Drake 4, Walter Scott, jun., 5, Frank Taylor 6, William Upton (conductor) 7, William G. Scott 8.

## THE FIRST PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES GARTHON'S EARLY COMPOSITION.

The 'Belfry Gossip' note last week recording the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Norwich in 1718 is worth amplifying, for it is probable that few ringers of to-day have any real knowledge of that performance. It was the first peal of Grandsire Triples ever rung; indeed, as far as is known, only one true peal of any kind had been rung before it and that was the peal of Bob Triples at Norwich in 1715.

The production of a true peal of Grandsire Triples had long eluded all the best brains among the early composers. The peal board at St. Peter Mancroft belfry itself records that 'that Harmonious Peal called Grandsire Triples have been ye study of ye most ingenious men of this Age, who delight in ye art of Variations, but all their projections have proved errors until it was undertook by JOHN GARTHON, who with long Study and Practice have perfectly discovered those Intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all ringers in England.'

Whatever John Garthon's composition was, it was long lost sight of, and after a time its authenticity was doubted. Shipway in his 'Art of Ringing' (1816) remarked that the honour of having produced the first true peal was claimed by London and Norwich, and quotes the record produced above, but throws doubt upon it by the comment:—

'Without pretending to decide, I shall briefly remark that if the peal had been rung in Norwich in 1718, it appears unaccountably strange that information on so important a discovery had not reached London in 1751 and that the composition of the same peal should then have been considered original and generally attributed to Mr. Holt. It is also further remarkable that of the three peals, viz., Bob Triples in 1715, Grandsire Triples in 1718 and Stedman Triples in 1731, said to have been rung at St. Peter's Mancroft, not one can be found to ascertain the truth, whereas Mr. Holt's peals are universally rung and indisputably correct.'

At that time it was generally accepted in London that the first true peal of Grandsire Triples was Holt's Original, called from manuscript by the author himself, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in 1751.

'Clavis Campanalogia,' published in 1788, in which Holt's peals were printed, said:—

'Ever since Grandsire Triples hath been discovered or practised, 5,040 changes manifestly appeared to view; but to reach the lofty summit of this great climax was a difficulty many had encountered, though none succeeded, and those great names, viz., Hardham, Condell, Anable, etc., who are now recorded on the ancient rolls of fame, had each exhausted their skill and patience in this grand pursuit to no other purpose than that of being convinced that either the task itself was an utter impossibility or (otherwise) that all their united efforts were unequal to it; and it is possible that had it not been for the author of whom we are now about to speak (Holt), this valuable piece of treasure would at this day be fast locked up in the barren womb of sterile obscurity.'

Incidentally it may be mentioned that the probable reason why Annable had not produced a peal of Grandsire Triples was because he declined to accept the use of singles in the method. He had applied himself to obtaining a peal by bobs and plain leads only, and it was nearly a hundred and fifty years later that this was proved to be an impossibility. Had Annable chosen to use singles it is not unlikely he would have been as successful as Holt, for his general knowledge of the science appears to have been much more extensive than Holt's.

But to return to Garthon. His composition, as we have said, was completely lost sight of, but in the middle of last century came to light from two different sources, which give it an authenticity which can hardly be disputed.

Henry Hubbard, at one time a member of the Norwich Scholars, and author of a work on Change Ring-

ing, went to live at Leeds about the year 1845, and the then conductor of the Leeds society showed him a copy of a peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by Garthon, of Norwich, which peal was said to be false. The figures had come into the hands of the Leeds ringer through William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham solicitor and celebrated leader of the Sherwood Youths, who had it from his ancestors, who were said to be in some way related to Garthon. Hubbard carefully went through the peal, but failed to find it false. This information was published in the sporting paper 'Bell's Life,' which, in the days before 'Church Bells' made its appearance, was the only medium of general ringing information.

But confirmation of the facts came to light very soon after when, in an examination of the Bowtell Collection of Manuscripts in Downing College Library, three volumes on bellringing were found among them. They were the work of Dr. Charles Mason, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, and Woodwardian Professor of Fossils, who died on December 18th, 1770, at the age of 72 years. The name book of the College Youths shows that he was admitted a member of that society in 1727. He was also a member of the Cambridge Youths and rang at least one peal at Great St. Mary's. Among the mass of ringing material in Dr. Mason's MS. are the figures of Garthon's peal, and here they are:—

### THE ORIGINAL PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

BY JOHN GARTHON.

| 234567 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 435267 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|--------|---|---|---|--------|---|---|---|
| 247563 | — | * | — | 357462 | — | — | — |
| 273564 | — | * | — | 372465 | — | * | — |
| 734265 | — | — | — | 725364 | — | — | — |
| 345762 | — | — | — | 254763 | — | — | — |
| 452367 | — | — | — | 543267 | — | — | — |
| 427365 | — | * | — | 537264 | — | * | — |
| 275463 | — | — | — | 574263 | — | * | — |
| 753264 | — | — | — | 743562 | — | — | — |
| 534762 | — | — | — | 432765 | — | — | — |
| 342567 | — | — | — | 325467 | — | — | — |

The above twice repeated would come round at the quarter-peal, but by the substitution of a fifth place bob for the common one at the 30th course-end, the course-end 1435267 is produced.

The mark \* represents a fifth place bob.

The above ten courses twice repeated, with the substitution of a bob-single at the 60th course-end, produces 1432567, the end of the first half-peal. Both halves are called alike.

The bob single is made thus:—  
3145267  
1345276  
1432567

It will be seen that the peal was on the three-lead course plan and it may be that the reason why it was ignored in certain quarters was that it contained calls not recognised in the Grandsire method. When the composition reappeared in the '70's of last century considerable controversy raged round it, and there were many who held that, while the Norwich peal was the first true peal of 'Triples,' to Holt must go the credit of the first true peal of Grandsire Triples.

### CENTENARIAN'S DEATH.

At St. Margaret's Church, Horsmonden, on Sunday, August 26th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Minor was rung with muffled clappers as a token of respect to Mrs. Briscoe, aged 102 years, who died recently in Ireland. She was the elder daughter of the Rev. Sir William Smith Marriott, a former Rector, and aunt of the present Rector of Horsmonden. The ringers were Thomas Hoadley 1, Ernest C. Lambert (conductor) 2, Robert T. Lambert 3, Fredk. J. Lambert 4, Edwin Bromley 5. A. W. Durham 6.

## A TRIP IN SOMERSET.

EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF G. W. F.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3rd.—Leaving London at about 3 o'clock, and travelling by road with S. H. G., my wife and I reached Wrington (after a few stops) at about 8.30. At the Golden Lion we found Canon Coleridge, Bert and his pipe, J. H. B., now of Haslemere, and the ever-smiling Joe. These had just returned from Chew Magna, where a peal of Bob Major had been rung, the band being Bert, J. H. B. and a Bristol friend, assisted by Stephen, Wilfred, Chris and Brian (bright young people, late of Cambridge) and a doctor by the name of Poole, who after many years has seen the error of his ways and has now returned to the ringing fold.

We also found out from a member of the peal band that some cider is brewed and some just made. The 'just made' variety did not seem to suit all tastes.

Of the party, Stephen, Wilfred, Chris and Brian and the worthy Doctor are staying at Cold Ashton; under the watchful eye of the Rector, Canon Wood, and, we understand, some of them are camping on the lawn (presumably to give the worms and mosquitoes a treat).



WRINGTON'S SPLENDID TOWER,  
WHICH CONTAINS A GLORIOUS RING OF TEN BELLS.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th.—Was awakened by a mighty splashing and took my place in the queue. Judging from the various shapes and sizes of people, cannot understand how the water companies arrived at a depth of 5in. of water as being sufficient for a bath. Was greeted at breakfast by J. H. B., who had taken Canon Coleridge to Bristol, and S. H. G., who had taken the morning air (he complained of being disturbed by the heavy traffic).

To Chewton Mendip, where we awaited the arrival of the camping party, who were long delayed. Started for Stedman Triples, but these musical bells were not attuned to this method. Shame on me for not doing as my better half told me. Attempted a course of Stedman Caters in hand—minus handbells—to the great amusement of the party. In the afternoon to Ditchat, where, after a false alarm as to sickness hard by the church, the good Vicar gave us permission to start, and we rang a good peal of Cambridge with Wilfred in charge. After tea we enjoyed a most excellent tour of Shepton Mallet, Wells, Cheddar Gorge and Burrington Combe—a stately procession of four cars for the most part, although one took the wrong turning, whilst another, the second in order, stopped on the steepest part of Cheddar to the amusement(?) of those following. Stopped in Wells to let the engines cool down, and arrived back at Wrington to find the Canon back from his parish, where he had been to conduct a funeral. The camping party stayed to supper and the conversation was for the most part on ringing. Strange!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5th.—All to church, where the Canon celebrated at 8 o'clock. After breakfast rang for morning service, the first touch sounding very fine, and being at the Canon's request two courses of Bob Minor on the back six, with Joe on the tenor giving a fine exhibition of how a bell of 37 cwt. should be turned in. J. H. B. set off to pay a sick visit some 40 miles away, and S. H. G. went much the same distance to visit the land of his youth. The Canon went to church to hear somebody else preach for a change.

Only four to lunch, after which three slept whilst awaiting the return of the pilgrim, who was to convey us all to Cold Ashton. On reaching this rightly named place, were entertained by Canon and Mrs. Wood, to whom many thanks, inspected the small son and heir of our worthy Stephen, the Doctor settling the question as to whether he should be awakened. Rang handbells in honour of the occasion. After, to St. Mary Redcliffe in great haste and rain to ring for evensong. Attended service, but could not hear the sermon, being too far away. Rumour has it that some of the party slept. Afterwards rang Cambridge Royal. Were very grateful to our Bristol friends for making arrangements, and also meeting us. Back to Wrington by a different route in very wet conditions (raining), with some discussion as to whether we were going the right way.

After supper and talk (again mostly on ringing) to bed, when it was found that somebody had been busy plying needle and thread sewing up holes in legs and arms of sleeping garments. Some branches of a nearby monkey tree had also found their way into our beds (points for ringers). One member received scratches—commotion, hot water and iodine. Flour covered our pillows, whilst one of our number had no sleeping garments at all. Our good hostess came to the rescue in this case with a silk nightie, but the unfortunate one, although managing to get it mostly on, required the assistance of J. H. B. to get it off again. (A shoe horn is being taken on the next trip.)

MONDAY, AUGUST 6th.—Early astir and in the belfry at 9.30, where we rang an excellent peal of Stedman Caters with my better half conducting. Lunch, after which left for Trowbridge in S. H. G.'s car, with the strangest trailer ever. Terrific excitement caused in Wrington. Trailer detached and carried inside for the rest of the journey—very useful, and would form a useful addition to any household. Arrived at Trowbridge about 4 o'clock. A very pleasing twelve, but something must be done to control the sound. Service with address by Canon Coleridge. Tea with Salvation Army in charge. Overs at 4d. per lb. Trowbridge a place for all to imitate, all creeds and people help each other. Warned to stand in broadcasting touch—very nervous about it. Met lots of people. Met Sam for the first time. Hope listeners were not too critical. We were only a scratch band, as the Trowbridge men were 'starring' on the air. A wonderful afternoon. Chris and Brian very sportingly took us back to Wrington and afterwards returned to Cold Ashton (worms had a late supper). Party now one short, as S. H. G. has gone home.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7th.—To Wraxall, and again Stedman Triples was apparently unknown to many of us. Am giving my wife instruction in this method on my return home. The listeners were mystified. In and out of course—'nuf sed. Joe converts Stephen's three-cylinder car into one of four cylinders—brakes inspected. Bert's gone and Miss Williams has joined us. Lunch at Battleaxes. The Canon's gone—oh these partings! To Barrow Gurney. Bells neglected. All hands on deck (or bell frame). Spanners, oil, splicing, etc. (bell-founders' inquiries invited). Tenor rope very short. Search for suitable box to perch Joe on. This very weak, but hassocks inside prevented collapse. Only a single rope end for Joe, a petrol wash and a good peal of Double Norwich. Tea for the ladies. More good-byes. Nearly the end of the trip. Back to Wrington.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8th.—J. H. B. left this morning and we are the remnants.

We are all grateful for the many kindnesses of clergy and local ringers, who gave us such pleasure, and we must not forget Stephen, who planned the trip. We are looking forward to another visit to 'Ciderland' next year.

## SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT MORETON CORBET.

The most successful meeting of recent years was held on Saturday, August 11th, when over 70 ringers turned up at the six-bell tower of Moreton Corbet. Only half had notified the secretary, but the Rev. E. C. Pigot and his staff were equal to the occasion, and two relays enjoyed a most satisfactory tea.

While some were enjoying the pleasures of the Vicarage garden and bowling green, others were ringing on the delightful peal.

At the business meeting the Rev. T. Ealand, Coalbrookdale, presided. Very hearty thanks were accorded the Rev. E. C. Pigot for his hospitality, which made the meeting so very pleasant.

A letter from the Rev. F. Tennison thanking the society for the cheque received was read. The proposed visit of the Central Council to Shrewsbury next year was discussed.

Methods rung during the day included Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor. The next meeting is to be held at Market Drayton on October 6th.

### THE BATTLE OF HASTINGS—1934.

#### 'CONQUERORS' FROM KENT.

Thanks to the untiring energy and enthusiasm of Dick Jenkins, the Dartford secretary, a party of ringers and friends from Dartford and district repeated ancient history by making a successful attack upon Hastings on Saturday, August 25th.

An early start was made, and after collecting the would-be 'conquerors' at various points between Erith and Gravesend, the war chariot sped on its way. The first call was made at Brenchley, where the good old peal of eight were soon set going. Touches were brought round in various methods, but Cambridge came to grief after some quite good striking. The next stage of the journey carried the party to Horsmonden, and during the run an unusual kind of tobacco was brought into action, and rumour has it that a bit of the tail end of the massive tenor rope at Brenchley had found its way into a certain person's tobacco pouch.

At Horsmonden some of the inexperienced ringers found the slow time of the heavy six rather strange, and consequently the ringing was not too good. Once more the 'conquerors' came to grief at Cambridge Minor, but Stedman and Grandsire provided some good ringing. Saleshurst was the next stop, and here an amusing incident occurred. The bell ropes were lowered from the ceiling, and, after carefully trying one or two, it was found that the bells had been raised, so it was decided to get going to Grandsire. As the treble struck up, the 'big shot' on the tenor jokingly remarked that all the bells might not be up, and sure enough the front seven went off into perfect rounds, leaving the aforementioned 'big shot' frantically lugging at the tenor in hopes of getting it off, when it was actually 'down.' After some good ringing and another failure at Cambridge, another 'Eight Bells' were visited, where courses of meat pies were run through, and, as far as can be ascertained, there were no break-downs. The handbells were set going to finish off the ringing there.

The next stage brought the company's advance right on to the battlefield, where they dismissed for the afternoon. Some of the more venturesome, assisted by a certain bathing belle, decided to try the bathing pool, while others tried a trip on the briny.

After tea the massive tower of All Saints was visited and a fine ring of eight found there. Here, among touches in various methods, the elusive course of Cambridge was finally rung. The only stop on the homeward journey was made at Battle, where the ringing of the day was concluded on the peal of eight. The last touch rung was a fine one of Double Norwich, in which the heavy bells were heard to advantage. The rest of the journey home was by no means a dull affair, as 'well-oiled' throats, ably led by an 'old salt,' gave vent to some of the old favourites. Home was reached at about midnight, after what all voted had been yet another grand outing.

Thanks are due to all who had the bells ready at the various towers and to all who helped to make the day a wonderful success.

### ON THE BANKS OF THE THAMES.

#### SONNING DEANERY RINGERS VISIT THREE TOWERS.

Some 15 members of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild participated in an afternoon outing on Saturday, three towers being visited. South Stoke was reached at 3 p.m., when the party was welcomed by the veteran, Mr. J. Carter, and some of the local band. Various methods, including Cambridge Minor, were rung, after which the Vicar, who, by the way, is 89 years of age, and his son-in-law served the party with light refreshments, which kindness was much appreciated.

At Whitchurch the party was welcomed by an old friend, Canon Long, late of Wokingham. A bountiful tea was partaken of as guests of the Rector, who was heartily thanked by the branch secretary. Good use was made of the easy-going ring of six in its peculiar wooden tower.

The next tower visited was Goring-on-Thames, where three old friends were waiting to receive the party, viz., Messrs. J. Bower, A. Wiggins and E. Langley. After a photograph of the party, an hour and a half was spent in touches in the standard methods on this delightful ring of eight recently restored and augmented by Mears and Stainbank.

On the way home a call was made at the residence of Mr. Langley, in a bell-less parish, who kindly provided refreshments. A chat over old times and experiences was greatly enjoyed. The outing was a memorable one; kindness and a cordial welcome was received from all concerned. As one ringer expressed it, 'A lot of pleasure in a short space of time.'

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Washington on Saturday, August 18th, when 26 members were present, including two lady ringers, one from Capel, Surrey, and one from Wansstead, Essex. The following towers were represented: Arundel, Billingshurst, Hoene, Lindfield, Shoreham, Warnham, West Grinstead and Rudgwick. A very good practice was had, ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise Minor. An excellent tea was partaken of at Mr. Settatree's tea rooms, and Mr. Walter Charman presided at the subsequent business meeting.

After votes of thanks to the chairman and the Rev. Patrick for the use of the bells, another visit was paid to the belfry for further ringing.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**HESTON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday evening, August 26th, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Bob Major: W. W. Webb (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, C. S. Bird 3, W. H. Stevens 4, H. C. Chandler 5, A. Jones 6, F. C. Shorter 7, A. P. Cannon (conductor) 8. Kindly arranged, at very short notice, for the 7th ringer and the conductor.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows' Church on Sunday, August 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. H. King 1, H. Ellis 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, C. W. Smith 4, E. H. King 5, M. Fonsom 6, J. G. Nash 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8. A birthday quarter for the ringers of 1 and 8.

**CAMBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, August 19th, for 11 a.m. service at the R.C. Church of St. Mary and the English Martyrs, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Miss V. Shorter 1, T. R. Dennis 2, J. W. Ward 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. Corney (London) 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6, J. W. Quinney 7, E. G. Hibbins 8. Arranged for Mr. Corney, of London.

**TRURO, CORNWALL.**—For evensong on Sunday, August 19th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, on the front six, 720 Bob Minor: H. Williams 1, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 2, A. W. Brighton (London) (conductor) 3, W. H. Sleeman 4, C. E. Lanxon 5, A. S. Roberts 6. The first 720 of Minor rung on the bells.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, August 19th, for evensong at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. F. Turner 1, F. F. Mortlock 2, A. Symonds 3, D. A. S. Symonds 4, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 5, M. T. Symonds 6, L. Pryke 7, T. E. Slater (Glensford) 8.

### A RINGER'S WEDDING AT THAMES DITTON.

#### ARCHWAY OF HANDBELLS FOR BRIDAL COUPLE.

Members of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild residing in the immediate neighbourhood rallied in force at the Church of St. Nicholas, Thames Ditton, Surrey, on Saturday afternoon, August 25th, for the wedding of Mr. Frank E. Hawthorne to Miss H. A. Clarke. The bride was given away by Mr. M. Halsey, and was attended by her sister, Miss M. R. Clarke. The bridegroom's brother (Mr. H. W. Hawthorne) acted as best man.

The bridegroom, as assistant secretary of the London County Association and secretary of the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, is an ardent ringer.

As the happy couple left the church under an archway of handbells, a touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the tower bells followed by a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor: G. Higgs 1, J. Howes (conductor) 2, C. J. Tricker 3, W. Massey 4, W. F. Ellingham 5, T. W. Taffender 6. This was followed by Stedman Doubles and more Grandsire Doubles. The Vicar looked in the belfry and thanked the ringers for sending their 'brother-string' on his way in proper bellringers' style.

The reception was held at the bridegroom's home in Queen's Road, and after the ringers had partaken of refreshment, Messrs. F. G. Goddard, J. Milner, Tricker and Ellingham settled down to entertain the guests for about an hour with tune playing on handbells in the garden, interspersed with courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples, Messrs. Hawthorne and Taffender taking part in the change ringing. One of the courses of Triples would certainly have won the F. E. Dawe Cup had it been rung at another place and the rules allowed.

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## NOTICES.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting follows.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., Brooklea, Danbury.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—North-East Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Uplowman on Saturday, September 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. Harris, Park, Silverton, near Exeter.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cadoxton, near Neath, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., business after. All ringers welcome.—E. Stith, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Cambrian Place, Port Talbot, Glam.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard's Church, Padiham, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Budleigh on Saturday, September 1st. Service at 4. Tea and meeting at 4.45 (1s.). Bells (6) 2.30 p.m.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, September 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea at the Victoria Hotel, Whitley Road, adjoining the church, at 4.45 p.m., at a charge of about 1s. each. This being the last meeting of the district prior to the annual general meeting of the association, the election of a vice-president and an hon. district secretary is required. Short service at 6 p.m.—K. A. Nicholson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Nuns Moor Crescent, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 4.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Willington (six bells) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringing friends welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Beds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, September 1st, at All Saints' Church, Rainford. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. This is an ideal tower for those ringers requiring Stedman practice. Please roll up.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Secretary.

**SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone (eight bells) on Saturday, September 1st. A new peal tablet recording two long peals will be dedicated at this meeting. For tea (1s. 6d. each) please notify Mr. J. A. Brearley, Frank Hillcock Field, Deepcar. A good attendance is requested.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hursley on Saturday, September 1st. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., followed by tea in the Village Clubroom at 4.30. Bells available from 2 p.m. Please let me know if you are coming.—George Noice, Hon. Dis. Sec., 6, Cathedral View, Highcliffe, Winchester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Thatcham on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 1s. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Reading and Newbury. — H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (5) available from 3 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Ringing at Cosby (six bells) from 6.30 p.m.—A. E. Rowley, Hon. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Clifton Reynes (six bells) on Saturday, September 1st. Service 3.30 p.m., tea and meeting to follow. All ringers will be welcome. Those for tea please notify in good time.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hemmingford Grey on Saturday, September 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashford on Saturday, September 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting after.—F. Conley, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Park Road, Ashford, Kent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Burton District.—A joint meeting of the Burton and Derby Districts will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (10) at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Curson, Dis. Sec., Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available at 1 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chertsey District.—A meeting will be held at Chobham on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — F. E. Hawthorne, 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Charlbury on Saturday, September 1st.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—September meetings:—At St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.: Sunday morning, Sept. 2nd, service ringing at 10 a.m. Mondays, Sept. 3rd and 17th, practices at 7.30 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Lambeth Palace, on Tuesday, 25th, practice, at 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. — C. O. Moore, Hon. Gen. Sec., 7, Camberwell Station Road, S.E.5.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow on September 4th, St. Magnus' on the 6th and 20th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 18th, Southwark Cathedral on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Meeting at Godalming, Saturday, September 8th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Tea and meeting at the Institute, Queen Street, 4.30. Service at 6 o'clock. Please note change of programme and send me numbers for tea by September 3rd.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Dawlish on September 8th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 (1s.). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by September 3rd.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Goosnargh on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) ready 3 p.m. Tea 1s. 6d., arranged for all who send word to Mr. W. Billington, Hospital Cottages, Goosnargh, not later than Thursday. All ringers welcome.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Cot Dairy. Will those desiring tea kindly let me know by September 5th?—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec., Weston House, Bath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Heywood on Saturday, September 8th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. till 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3 Nall Street, Milnrow.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Wragby on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. For tea please notify Mr. J. Brewin, Foulby, near Wakefield, by Wednesday, 5th. All ringers and friends are welcome.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Liverpool, on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Vicar, and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. F. Owen, 187, Falkner Street, Liverpool. Archdeacon Howson wishes to meet as many members as possible at this, his farewell meeting.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Crewe Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Alsager (8 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by Sept. 5th at the latest?—Richard D. Langford, Branch Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—A special meeting will be held at the Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 8th, to celebrate the jubilee of the opening of the bells. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea. Those requiring tea please notify Miss D. R. Fletcher, 11, Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield, by Thursday, Sept. 6th. All ringers welcome.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come and make the meeting a success.—C. J. Ball, Hon. Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Heathfield on Saturday, September 8th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. per head).—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec., 12, Bradford Street, Eastbourne.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, West Street, Welford, Rugby.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Lavenham District.—A meeting will be held at Monks Eleigh on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Bells (6) 2.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please send names for tea to S. H. Symonds, Lavenham.

**EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.**—A ringing meeting will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, Sept. 8th, commencing at 3 p.m. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—D. S. Collins, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting in Cambridge on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Roman Catholic (8) bells available from 4 to 5.30 p.m. St. Mary the Great (12) from 6 to 8 p.m.—K. Willers, Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at North Marston on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Good bus service from Aylesbury. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 92, High Street, Winslow.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Special practice at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, Sept. 10th, 7 to 9 p.m. Methods: Double Bob. Plain Bob and Double Norwich. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wednesday Guild.—A meeting of the Guild will be held at Cramlington on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, at 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. Will members who intend to be present notify the secretary at the undermentioned address?—W. Sheraton, Hon. Sec., Roseville, Boundary Cottages, Philadelphia, Co. Durham.

**HERTS AND ESSEX ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Wednesday, September 12th. Bells (8) during afternoon and evening. Tea at the Turkey Cock. All ringing friends heartily invited. Tickets for the Herts County Jubilee Dinner will be available.—W. H. Lawrence, Herts: H. Wacey, Essex Dis. Secs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The dedication of the new bell at Milton Regis, which has been added to the existing five, through the generosity of J. Dixon, Esq., will take place on Sunday, Sept. 9th, during the evening service, which begins at 6.30 p.m. On the following Saturday, Sept. 15th, a special ringers' service will take place at 3 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m., for which a charge of 9d. per head will be made. The tower will afterwards be open to ringers during the evening. All ringers are invited to be present

on each occasion, and those desirous of being provided with tea on Saturday are kindly requested to notify me in time to make the necessary arrangements.—Stanley J. T. Sherlock, Hon. Dis. Sec., 162, Barnsole Road, Gillingham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Hedon, near Hull, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) will be available from 2 to 9 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30, with address by Col. R. Hall. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 p.m. Please advise F. L. Lowes, Arnsdale, Preston, Hull, by Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—A meeting will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Parish Hall. Please notify for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 12th.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—D. Brown, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., by kind invitation. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday previous to meeting. Half rail fare, maximum 1s. 6d.—R. Swift, Hon. Div. Sec., Iping, Ifield Road, Crawley.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at 9d. each. Please notify Mr. J. Gilbert, 19, Medlock Road, Handsworth, Sheffield 9, by Thursday, the 13th, for same.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Bewdley on Saturday, Sept. 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.15. Election of officers takes place at this meeting.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, at Newport. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Rochdale on Saturday, Sept. 29th. The Vicar of Rochdale has promised to address the meeting.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**SNOWDON DINNER.**—Preliminary Notice.—The annual Jasper Snowdon dinner will be held at the Victory Hotel, Leeds, on Saturday, Oct. 13th. It is hoped to arrange a peal of Stedman Caters at Bradford Cathedral to commence at 11 a.m. on that date, and any who would like to take part in the peal are asked to communicate with me as early as possible. Tickets for the dinner are 4s. each, and may be had on application to me.—W. O. Talbot, 34, Headingley Mount, Leeds 6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual dinner will be held at Victoria Hall, Manchester, on Oct. 27th.

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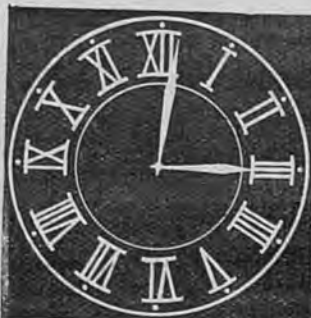
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