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NOTES BY THE WAY.

Fame after death is a curious thing. It seems to depend entirely on the caprice of fate, and no one can ensure that his memory will last. You may be (as I trust you are) a wealthy person, and spend your money for the good of your fellow men—posterity will take your gift and forget your name, while another, not so worthy as you, somehow sticks in the popular remembrance. Even if you resort to less laudable means you are no better off. Palmer, the Rugeley poisoner, is an immortal, but you or I could bump off our mothers-in-law or maiden aunts with every conceivable accompaniment of horror and brutality, and, save for a few lines in the *Standard* or the *Evening News*, be no nearer gaining lasting fame. It does not seem quite fair.

But so it is, and we are not surprised that the same thing happens in the history of the Exercise. Some ringers of old time have been remembered and they have deserved it; but others equally deserving have clean passed out of mind. Everyone knows of Fabian Stedman, not because he was our greatest writer, but because of the chance connection of his name with a popular method (with which, in its modern fully developed form, he had little to do), and because of a legend invented by later men that he was the Father of Change Ringing and the first person to arrange changes regular methods. But there were clever composers before Stedman's time, only they have been forgotten, and it seems worth while to try and rescue the name of the greatest of them from the oblivion under which it has lain hidden for nigh three centuries.

Robert Roane, as a young man, was attached to the household of King Charles the First. He was sworn Clerk of the Pantry under the Board of the Greencloth, which means that he held a responsible position in what is now the Lord Chamberlain's office. At the time, the College Youths consisted of a similar sort of men and of law students, and Roane joined the society in 1647. He became one of the leading members, being Steward in 1657 and Master in 1659. These were the days of the Commonwealth. Bob Doubles was the most advanced method then practised, and it was not thought possible that double changes on five bells could be made to extend further than ten, or triple and double changes on six further than sixty. Roane 'dissipated those mists of ignorance,' and composed first the six-score of Grandsire Doubles, and then, from it, the standard extent of Bob Minor. If popularity is any test, these are the two most important compositions in the whole of ringing. In 1660 came the Restoration and Charles the Second returned to

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Whitehall. In the changes that were made Roane lost his job. It was given to another man and he was granted £50 a year board wages as compensation. This, however, fell into arrears, and in 1662 Roane petitioned the king for its restoration. He had served, he says, under the Board of the Greencloth for 44 years, and last quarter he was reduced £25 per annum. Whether the petition was granted, or whether it was merely put among the state papers, where it now is, I cannot say. Roane also thought he was a poet and added his quota to that mass of doggerel wherewith ringers in all ages have grieved the hearts of the Muses. But he was one of the greatest of our composers and did not deserve to be utterly forgotten as he has been for over two and a half centuries.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, October 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE F. FEARN Treble	*WILLIAM A. STOTE 7
ALBERT WALKER... .. 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 8
JAMES GEORGE 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD... .. 9
DANIEL T. MATKIN 4	†WILLIAM DAVIES 10
ROGER W. DANIELS 5	FRANK E. HAYNES 11
WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6	ALAN SHORT Tenor

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

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Cinques away from tenor. The conductor's first attempt to call a peal in any method. Rung on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for the laying of the foundation stone of the new hospitals centre.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	*THOMAS E. SONE 6
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 7
TOM SAUNDERS 3	WILLIAM BUTTON 8
GEORGE KENWARD 4	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 9
WILLIAM WENBAN 5	LUTHER J. HONESS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 200th peal for the association. Birthday peal for Audrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone. The composition, No. 276, is rung for the first time.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD 6
ERNEST SPILLER 2	*JOHN W. EUSTON 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 3	HORACE BELCHER 8
WILLIAM T. GRICE 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
JAMES E. DAVIS 5	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Thomas-of-Canterbury,

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

Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

NOLAN GOLDEN Treble	ERIC G. BENNETT 5
WILLIAM J. CLOVER 2	HARRY TOOKE 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	WALTER R. FARROW 7
RUSSELL W. CURSON 4	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
MISS HILDA SNOWDEN 2	ERNEST TOWNSEND 6
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 3	JOSEPH JENNINGS 7
ARTHUR SMITH 4	H. WALTER SMITH Tenor

Composed by J. MOTTS. Conducted by L. W. WIFFEN.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 22, 1934, in Three Hours and ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
HARRY HOSKINS 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
ALFRED J. HOUSE 3	ERNEST BRETT 7
FREDERICK DIGBY 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. R. MADGWICK.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 23, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Watermoor,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CHARLES W. PRICE Treble	H. CHARLES BOND 5
HERBERT L. COOKE 2	WILFRED ANDREWS 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN. ... 3	FRANCIS J. LEWIS, JUN. ... 7
HARRY S. PARSONS 4	WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS, SEN.

* First peal and first attempt. Arranged and rung to commemorate the 21st birthday of F. J. Lewis, jun., which took place on October 23rd. The ringer of the 6th is from Winchester Cathedral.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... Treble	WALTER SCOTT, JUN. ... 5
*EDWARD DRAKE 2	FRANK TAYLOR 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	WILLIAM UPTON 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	SIDNEY MOODY Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, October 24, 1934, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

BENJAMIN J. TOBY ... Treble	*EDWIN M. SMITH ... 5
JOHN PHILLIPS 2	ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... 6
EDWARD T. BAILEY 3	D. REES JAMES 7
CHARLES H. PERRY 4	†FRANK MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Edith Phillips, wife of the ringer of the second.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOVENEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*HORACE H. HILLIER ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
MISS K. M. BRADFORD ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL ... 6
GEORGE GILBERT 3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ... 7
†EDWARD S. T. FARR ... 4	ALAN R. PINK Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES (adapted). Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † 50th peal. First peal in the method.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... Treble	HARRY D. LISTER ... 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 2	GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL ... 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by J. BENNETT, JUN.

* First peal in the method.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	†FRANK CLAYDON 7
*MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 4	ALBERT WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method, and is the first resident lady to ring a peal of London in the county. † 50th peal of London.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

EDWARD J. CHARMAN ... Treble	JOHN COOK 5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. ... 6
*WALTER CHARMAN 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
HENRY HUTTON 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* 250th peal.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JAMES H. JUDD Treble	HUGH R. THORPE ... 5
FREDERICK E. MITCHELL ... 2	ARTHUR G. WILLETT ... 6
BERNARD H. WELLS 3	RICHARD V. FULLER ... 7
WILLIAM ASHDOWN 4	WALTER CLAYDON Tenor

Composed by G. F. HOAD. Conducted by R. V. FULLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. F. Hoad. First peal as conductor.

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On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.
FRANK BENNETT Treble | CHARLES H. JENNING 5
* LOUIS J. LOCKYER 2 | A. F. MARTIN STEWART 6
† H. DENNIS W. BISHOP 3 | GEORGE PRESTON 7
† WILLIAM A. HOULTON 4 | H. JIM RALPH Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

ARKSEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

GEORGE CLARK Treble | † ARTHUR STAVBLEY 5
* EDWIN LEE 2 | HORACE S. MORLEY 6
GEORGE HALKSWORD 3 | SIDNEY F. PALMER 7
ERNEST COOPER 4 | EDGAR C. STACEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by ERNEST COOPER.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the memory of Wilfred Clark, eldest son of Mr. F. Clark, hon. sec. of the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.
ROBERT G. LEWIS Treble | THOMAS HURD 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING 2 | * ANDREW THOMPSON 6
* JOHN E. WHEELDON 3 | ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
CHARLES H. PAGE 4 | † KENNETH THACKER Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.
* First peal of Stedman and first attempt. † First peal. Rung to celebrate the appointment of the Ven. Archdeacon D. H. Crick to the Bishopric of Stafford.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Being all combinations of 4, 5, and 6 in 5.6 without 3rd in 6th's or 2nd ever in 5.6 at a course end.
Tenor 19 cwt.
GEORGE GRAY Treble | STANLEY A. CARTER 5
* MICHAEL POLLMAN 2 | JOSEPH LADLEY 6
CYRIL A. HOUSE 3 | GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 7
GILBERT E. DEBENHAM 4 | ALFRED J. HOUSE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
* First attempt for a peal of Major and first attempt for a peal on a 'bob' bell.

RINGWOOD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. (approx.).

* WILLIAM T. GARRETT Treble | E. T. PAUL FIELD 5
† FREDERICK E. PITMAN 2 | EDWARD T. GRIFFIN 6
† ARTHUR G. ROSE 3 | WILLIAM C. SHUTE 7
ARTHUR V. DAVIS 4 | WILLIAM E. CHEATER Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by WM. E. CHEATER.
* First peal. † First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Major. First peal on eight bells for ringer of fifth. First peal of Major as conductor. First on the bells since their restoration.

HANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.
DANIEL D. COOPER Treble | FREDERICK G. WOODISS 5
* ALBERT E. CHRESMAN 2 | * THOMAS NORMAN 6
* NORMAN HODDEN 3 | HAROLD N. PITSTOW 7
* JOHN HODDEN 4 | * EDWIN T. WOOLOFF Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.
* First peal in the method.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 1 cwt.
DAVID WRIGHT Treble | CHARLES POIBECARY 5
* HARRY SIMMONS 2 | AMOS W. CLARE 6
ALFRED J. CLAYTON 3 | WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4 | WHITTET SPARKES Tenor

Conducted by WM. S. SMITH.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, also to Mr. D. Wright, who was one of the band which rang the veterans' peal three years ago.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

W. CYRIL SMITH Treble | * W. ERNEST MATTHEWS 5
JOHN BRAMS 2 | ARTHUR H. SMITH 6
* WILLIAM ROBINSON 3 | ALBERT HARMAN 7
* WILLIAM C. JAMES 4 | WILLIAM J. WHITING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM J. WHITING.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur H. Smith, and as a 21st birthday compliment to his cousin, Miss M. E. Quilley, of Isleworth.

BLADON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

* DAVID MACKAY Treble | † FREDERICK TARGETT 5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2 | * HERBERT W. KNIGHT 6
CESAR DAVIS 3 | RONALD C. BECK 7
* KENNETH FORD 4 | JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' Rung to mark the coming of age of the ringer of the third.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ULCEBY, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, October 17, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 10 six-scores of Stedman, Grandsire and St. Simon's, and 12 of Plain Bob.

* GEORGE ATKINSON Treble | * CHARLES W. TAYLOR 3
JACK BRAY 2 | MARTIN WALKER 4
* GEORGE DOBBS Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal of Doubles.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

DONALD COCKINGS Treble	WILLIAM SHARP 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First peal of Minor by the ringer of treble. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of the only son of the ringer of the 3rd, which took place on that date at St. Peter's, Rushden, Northants.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 42 extents in the 10 variations of calling without extremes. Tenor 5 cwt. 2 qr. in B.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	GEORGE MYERS 3
*ERNEST G. SHORTING 2	†ARTHUR J. E. SMALLS 4
NOLAN GOLDEN Tenor	

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on five bells. † First peal of Doubles 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Denham. Mr. Denham reintroduced change ringing into this tower.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, ROCKWELL GREEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One 720 of Kent Treble Bob and six extents Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HERBERT A. WALKER ... Treble	JACK ROY 4
*ALEX A. WALKER 2	WILLIAM A. SIVIER 5
WALTER H. POOLE 3	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Conducted by J. HUNT.

* First peal in an even-bell method. Rung to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

LEAKE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE W. BURRELL ... Treble	WILLIAM E. CLARKE 4
HARVEY E. BURRELL 2	HAROLD BARSLEY 5
CYRIL R. BURRELL 3	*VERNON TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by VERNON TAYLOR.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Bob, two of Double Oxford, one each of College Single and Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHARLES CLARKE Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 4
FRANK LAWRENCE 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First attempt for a peal of Minor.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT RELFE Treble	JAMES BASSETT 4
JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. 2	GEORGE WAGHORN 5
THOMAS FULLER 3	JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WAGHORN, JUN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's daughter.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1934, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EMMAUEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of each of the following methods: Shelly, Burton, Kirkburton, Ecclesfield, Felkirk, Barnsley and Wath. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

GEORGE LORD Treble	*ARTHUR PANTHER 4
WILLIAM GREEN 2	*ARTHUR GILL 5
HAROLD CHANT 3	DANIEL SMITH Tenor

Conducted by D. SMITH.

* 80th peal rung together.

MILTON REGIS-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 28, 1934, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Five different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

*DOUGLAS KNOWLES ... Treble	†ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4
†DORIS G. DOBBIE 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR 5
WALTER H. DOBBIE 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY B. DOBBIE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on six bells. This is the first peal on the bells, which have been augmented, and believed to be the first peal ever rung in this tower.

HANDBELL PEALS.

THE ARABIAN SEA.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

ON BOARD S.S. 'BARRABOOI,'

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES 5-6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3-4	*CHARLES SHARPLES 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON

* First peal 'in hand' on eight bells. The peal was composed on the voyage.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 25, 1934, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

*JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 5-6
FREDERICK PAGE 3-4	HAROLD JACKSON 7-8
PETER LAFLIN 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Umpire—Alfred Barnes.

Witness—Mrs. A. F. BAILEY.

* First peal on handbells.

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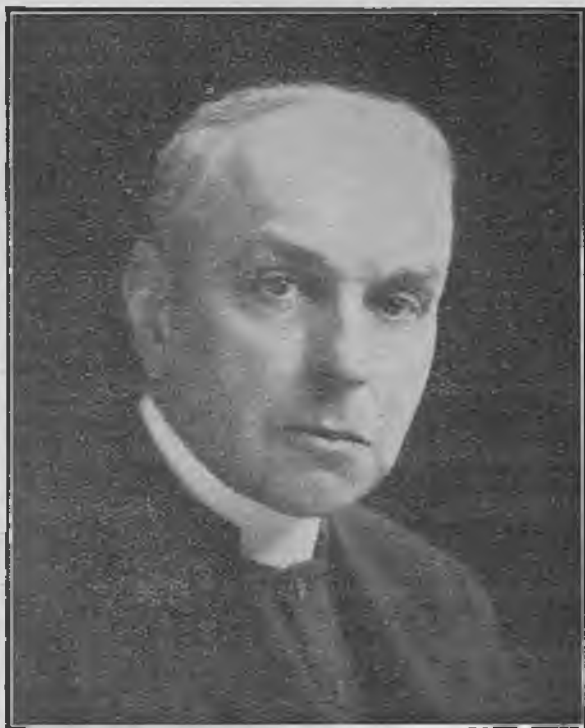
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THE CAMERADERIE OF LANCASHIRE.

MAMMOTH GATHERING AT ASSOCIATION'S DINNER.

PEALS NOT THE PRINCIPAL OBJECT OF RINGING.

The third annual dinner of the Lancashire Association was held last Saturday at the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, and proved a huge success. About 263 members and visitors attended, the party including many men whose names are familiar to readers of 'The Ringing World' as some of the most expert and energetic ringers in the country. Canon Elsee, the president of the association, was in the chair, supported by the Bishop of Hulme, the Archdeacon of Rochdale, Mr. W. M. Shuker (the hon. secretary), Mrs. Shuker, and Messrs. Claude Davies, J. A. Trollope, F. R. Williams, J. F. Smallwood, A. E. Wreakes, J. C. Fidler, A. E. Pegler, W. W. Wolstoncroft (with Mrs. and Miss Wolstoncroft), Ben Thorpe, W. C. Bridgford, P. O. Laffin, Alan Bailey, T. B. Worsley, J. White, Alfred Barnes, F. Page and others. One veteran was present in the person of Mr. Albert Adams, of Ashton-under-Lyne, whose brother rang in the 16,608 of Treble Bob at Mottram in 1884, and who himself took part in the 12,244 Treble Twelve, and the 14,000 Treble Ten at Ashton.



CANON H. J. ELSEE,
President of the Lancashire Association.

The visitors represented the North Wales, Yorkshire, Warwickshire, Chester, North Staffordshire, Middlesex and Midland Counties Associations, and there were others from Slough and Chelsea.

An excellent musical entertainment was provided. The Avon Singers gave some beautiful quartettes. Mr. Graham Watson and Mr. Reginald Redford sang some fine tenor and baritone duets, and Mr. Tom Proctor brought the house down with dry humorous sketches which are so dear to the hearts of North Countrymen. A perfect course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Alfred Barnes 1-2, Alan Bailey 3-4, Fred Page 5-6, J. F. Smallwood 7-8, and Peter O. Laffin 9-10.

UNRECORDED WORK MOST VALUABLE.

After the loyal toast, the toast of the evening was given by the Bishop of Hulme. He said that he had been most impressed by the mysteries of change ringing. He had been listening to two gentlemen on his right. He believed they were English, but they had been talking a foreign language about Grandsires and Bob Majors and Stedmans and other deep matters. It seemed to be the rule that 'once a ringer always a ringer'; the older they got the more they were absorbed in their art, and he had just heard of ringers of 80 and 82 still going strong. But he was also impressed by the ministerial part of their work. It was not what was in their annual report but what was not that most impressed him. It was recorded that

one peal had been rung last year at his own church at Middleton, but nothing was said about the ringing that went on regularly for the church services during the 52 Sundays of the year. That was their chief work, and the work of which they could justly be proud.

'Bells have the extraordinary power of touching the emotions and of reviving the memories of people,' said the Bishop. It was so throughout the world. In Osaka, in Japan, he had seen a bell, claimed to be the biggest in the world, and cast from the votive offerings of the people, who brought their brass and copper and silver that they might all be founded into one mighty bell. And he told how in China the Emperor ordered the finest bell to be cast; how the bell founder tried and tried again without success, until the oracles declared that not till the blood of a pure virgin should be mingled with the metal would the task be accomplished; and how the daughter of the craftsman sacrificed her life for the sake of her father's art.

Canon Elsee, replying, congratulated the association on the largest meeting of the sort it had ever held, except, perhaps, that at Liverpool two years ago. He remarked on the great improvement that had taken place in the number and quality of the bells during the last 40 and especially the last 20 years. They had now a beautiful peal at Manchester Cathedral, and Preston ring, restored and augmented, was shortly to be rung again. As he had said at Leeds the week before, Lancashire could not equal Yorkshire in the number of its great churches and peals of bells, but they had ringers and composers second to none. There was that great composer and conductor, Mr. T. B. Worsley, and the ringing of the record peal of Cambridge Maximus at Ashton was an unsurpassed feat. Last year they had not rung so many peals. The number was about 100, as against 150 the year before. He did not regret that very much. Many peals were often rung by visiting bands, and did not represent the real work of the local bands. Simply to pile up peals was not the principal object of the association. The two great objects they should set before themselves were first to ring the bells for the Sunday services, and, second, to train up young ringers. It required patience, but it was worth while for their own sakes. As old men drop out a band can easily go to pieces unless there are new recruits. And by introducing young men to ringing they were giving them something which would be a joy for life and would add to their happiness as long as they lived. So he urged upon them to make the Sunday ringing as good as it could be and worthy of the service of God.

LANCASHIRE'S SOCIAL SPIRIT.

Mr. W. C. Bridgford proposed the health of 'The Visitors,' and Mr. J. F. Fidler (in the absence of the Archdeacon of Manchester, who had had to leave the city earlier than he had expected) replied. Mr. Fidler said he did not quite know what sort of a visitor he really was, for although he lived outside the county he was born within a few miles of Manchester and was a member of the association. He said that visitors were always welcomed in Lancashire, which was noted for its kindly social spirit, and he said that nowhere was that spirit more reciprocated than in Devon, where the people (why he did not know) seemed to have an affection for Lancastrians.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood proposed 'The Press,' and especially 'The Ringing World.' The Editor, having made his fortune, had gone to Australia to spend it, and had left the charge in other hands. He congratulated those people that the quality of the paper had not fallen off. The Exercise got the paper it deserved, and if ringers wanted a bigger and a better paper they must first deserve it. He would like to see many other things in it, a page for beginners, for instance. To make room, why not cut down the size of the advertisements? He was sure the bell founders would agree if as compensation they were allowed to pay double fees.

Mr. J. A. Trollope thanked the president and others for the kind things they had said about him. It was not exactly for his own merits, but because he represented, however unworthily, 'The Ringing World.' He had now seen that paper from three different aspects, all of which were different. First as a general reader (which was the point of view of all those present), then as a contributor of articles, and now, lastly, from the editorial side. He mentioned the complaints that were so often made, and said that those things must happen (quarter-peals must sometimes be omitted), unless the paper could be made bigger; and as it must pay or it could not live, it was for ringers to give it greater support and to increase the circulation. He said that he had no financial interest in the matter, and so could speak freely. There was no body of men who were so dependent one on another as ringers. One man could not ring a peal by himself; there must be a band. One band, if they kept to themselves, never prospered; they needed the help of others, and they must have societies and associations. Even the big associations were dependent one on another in the long run. And so ringers had built up that big organisation that they called the Exercise, with the Central Council at its head. But all this could not exist without a paper. They were dependent at every turn on their weekly organ. Even a meeting like that night could not take place without 'The Ringing World'

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FOBBING HAS NOW A PEAL OF SIX.**RECTOR'S GENEROUS GIFT.**

The new treble bell, presented to Fobbing, Essex, Parish Church by the Rector (the Rev. E. A. Gardner), in memory of his mother, was dedicated recently by the Bishop of Barking. This makes the sixth bell on the peal, and it was cast by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and installed following the re-roofing of the tower. During the service the Bishop went to the ringing floor of the tower, where the dedication took place.

In the course of a short address, the Bishop said Fobbing originally had four bells in its tower, now 500 years old, the fifth being added in 1726, and now the sixth had been added 210 years later. He thanked the Rector, on behalf of the parish, for his generous gift, and said it meant more to a parish than one realised to have a peal of bells like they had at Fobbing, and not the least thing about it was the toil and trouble of the bellringers. People took it for granted and forgot the difficulty of keeping a team of ringers together in present-day conditions. There was a great deal more science, skill and art in bellringing than most people supposed.

A collection was taken for the Gresford Colliery Disaster Relief Fund during the service, and at the conclusion of the service the bells were rung, the striking being particularly good.

THE CAMERADERIE OF LANCASHIRE—continued.

or some equivalent. And so he urged them for their own good, and for the good of ringing and the Exercise to support the paper.

Mr. F. R. Williams proposed the health of 'The Artistes,' who had really earned the thanks of the gathering.

The organisation of the dinner was entrusted to Mr. D. Brown. The large gathering and the general spirit of happiness that prevailed testified to his efficient organisation.

A MATTER FOR MANCHESTER CORPORATION.

Ringling was provided during the day at Ashton-under-Lyne, Manchester Cathedral, the Sacred Trinity, Salford, and at the Town Hall. A good number turned up ultimately there, but there was no very great anxiety on their part to ring. A tenor of 52 cwt., a long draught of springy ropes, and bad going bells make it a man's job. One who did ring can testify that he pulled the treble rope down several inches and then found himself swinging clear of the ground and the bell refusing to budge a bit! Manchester Corporation is one of the wealthiest in England. They have the bells rung twice a week. Why don't they spend some money and by rehanging and retuning turn them into one of the finest rings in the country?

FARNHAM RINGERS AT CAMBERLEY.**DISCUSSION ON BENEVOLENT FUND.**

The proposal to start a benevolent fund in the Guildford Diocesan Guild was discussed at length at a meeting of the Farnham District at Camberley on October 20th. The Vicar (the Rev. F. W. T. Waithman) presided at the meeting, and it was decided to send the following resolution to the executive committee: 'This meeting considers it advisable to make a collection at annual district meetings, and also at the annual general meeting of the Guild. It does not approve the suggestion to raise the subscriptions.' Each tower in the Guild has been asked to express an opinion on this matter. Congratulations were extended to the Yorktown ringers, who rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles recently.

The meeting was very successful. In the afternoon the bells of St. Michael's Parish Church were rung under the direction of Mr. R. Hasted, the District Ringing Master, and again in the evening, a very high standard being reached. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. G. A. Ford, and a company of 45 sat down to tea in the Church Room. Thanks were expressed to all who contributed to the success of the meeting.

Members were present from Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Hawley and the local tower, and visitors from Beddington, Pirbright, South-wark, Southsea, Croydon, Feltham, Yateley and Farnham Royal.

DEATH OF MR. RICHARD HOLDER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. R. Holder, who passed away on October 14th after an illness of three months at the age of 63 years. He was a native of Cowfold, Sussex, and came to Haywards Heath about 30 years ago, when he joined the Lindfield company, and remained a member up to the time of his death. He was also an old member of the Sussex County Association.

The funeral took place at the Haywards Heath Cemetery on October 17th. Ringers were represented by Mr. A. Tomsett and Mr. H. Tomsett, of Lindfield, and Mr. Watts, of Lower Beeding.

Two touches of Grandsire Triples (504 changes) were rung muffled at the Parish Church, Lindfield, on October 20th, in memory of the late Mr. Holder.

On October 20th, at the Parish Church, Lindfield, the bells were rung muffled in memory of the late Mr. R. Holder (two touches of Grandsire Triples, 504 changes). The ringers were: Messrs. A. Tomsett, H. Tomsett, F. Willey, E. Patching, H. Fullock, and F. Howell (Lindfield), G. Apps and E. Quickenden (Cuckfield), and W. Watts (Lower Beeding). The touches were conducted by A. Tomsett and W. Watts respectively. The bells were also rung muffled for Sunday services.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

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Five of the eight ringers at Banstead, on Saturday, rang their first peal of Stedman Triples, and are all members of the local band. Mr. D. D. Cooper has completed the circle in this tower.

This is the 'Jubilee issue' for the Hertford County Association. The thoughts of all ringers go to St. Albans on Saturday. The Abbey and St. Peter's bells will be available from 2 p.m.

Pressure on our space has necessitated the curtailment of many interesting reports. Will correspondents please accept the sub-Editor's apology in the best spirit of the Exercise?

By ringing a peal in the very difficult method, Silchester Surprise, the Helmingham band completed a peal in 26 Surprise methods. This is undoubtedly a record, and a few years ago would have been deemed an impossibility.

Boveney Surprise Major, rung for the first time at Old Windsor on October 25th, composed by J. Reeves (adapted), and conducted by Mr. Alan R. Pink, is Mr. George Baker's 'Ashted' with seventh place under the treble deleted and first's place substituted. It has a clean proof scale and a 4th place bob.

Sixteen towers were represented at a meeting of the Suffolk Guild at Sudbury on October 27th. The Rev. J. F. Hughes, who welcomed the visitors, was thanked for the use of the bells at St. Gregory's and St. Peter's. Among the 26 to tea at the Black Boy Hotel was Mr. Arthur Symonds, of Lavenham, who has done so much to further the art of change ringing in West Suffolk.

Congratulations to George E. Fearn, who has conducted his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's Birmingham, as recorded in our peal column. This was his first attempt at calling a peal. The ringer of the 3rd in this peal, Daniel T. Matkin, had the misfortune of a rope breaking in his first attempt as conductor of a peal of Stedman Caters at Wednesbury on the previous Saturday (20th inst.), after 2½ hours' ringing, and with only a few courses to go. Better luck next time.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED AT STAINES.

A peal board commemorating a peal rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths at St. Mary's Church, Staines, 50 years ago, was dedicated in the belfry on October 20th by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Flecker). Mr. W. H. Fussell, who participated in this peal, was congratulated, although being on the tour to Australia he was not present in person.

A service in the church conducted by the Vicar followed the dedication. Tea was kindly provided in the Church Room by the Vicar and Church Council. At the business meeting five new members from Mr. G. Gilbert's youthful band, ages ranging from 12 to 14 years, were elected. At the ringing after the meeting the touch of Grand-sire Triples by this young band from Burnham was greatly admired. Other touches rung during the afternoon and evening were Bob Doubles, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Among the many whom the secretary (Mr. G. A. Card) desired to thank for such an enjoyable gathering were the Vicar and Church Council and Mr. E. Butler, who made the local arrangements.

HANDBELL RINGERS OF JERSEY.

The fourth annual meeting of the first Jersey Guild of Handbell Ringers was held on October 19th under the presidency of the Rev. C. C. C. Wilson. The retiring hon. secretary reported that the finances of the Guild were satisfactory; membership had increased and keenness had been shown by all in the art of handbell ringing. Members had assisted at over 50 concerts, bazaars and similar functions for various charitable causes and for different denominations. The Guild was grateful for donations received from Aquila Road Methodist Church, Cercle St. Thomas' Men's Club, and Jersey Mechanics' Institute.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Rev. C. C. C. Wilson; hon. secretary, Mr. C. Lovett; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. Holley; captain, Mr. R. Perchard; Ringing Masters, Mr. C. Lovett (change ringing) and Mr. G. Grills (tune ringing). Thanks were accorded the president and other officers for their work during the year.

The Guild will welcome any ringers visiting Jersey from the mainland on communication with the hon. secretary, C. E. Lovett, Bago-telle Lane, St. Saviour's, Jersey, O.I.

FROM FATHER TO SON.

The meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association at Hailsham, on October 20th, was a happy day for the hon. secretary (Mr. A. C. Pankhurst), when his son, Mr. R. W. J. Pankhurst, was one of the two new members elected, the other being Mr. W. Pickworth, of Hastings. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Cambridge preceded the service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. C. Chapman). Mr. W. D. Smith presided at the business meeting and thanked the Vicar, the organist, and Mr. Piper, of Eastbourne, for so kindly defraying the greater part of the expenses for the tea.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE.

A REVIEW OF FIFTY YEARS.

OFFICERS WITH LONG SERVICE.

Fifty years ago last Monday, that is to say on Oct. 29th, 1884, the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers was formed at a meeting held at St. Albans and became one of the fast increasing links in the network of ringing organisations throughout the country, established to promote belfry reform and the encouragement of the art of change ringing. The event will be commemorated at St. Albans on Nov. 3rd by a special service, dinner and other appropriate proceedings.



MR. E. P. DEBENHAM,

President and one of the founders of the Hertford County Association.

The association has been fortunate in the officers who have served it, men with the highest sense of the importance attached to the ringer's office and determined to uphold the status both of the ringers themselves and the art they practise. From the earliest days there have been two outstanding figures, Mr. Edward P. Debenham and Mr. George W. Cartmel. The latter has given unbroken service for 30 years as Honorary Secretary; the

former has occupied various offices, including that of Hon. Treasurer since 1888, and in this jubilee year has been elected President, an honour previously accorded him in 1907 and 1915. Mr. Debenham, out of his unique knowledge of the Hertford County Association, contributes the following article dealing with its past history.

THE FOUNDING OF THE ASSOCIATION.

BY THE PRESIDENT.

I have been honoured by the Editor of 'The Ringing World' in being invited to pen an article for that excellent newspaper describing the formation of the Hertford County Association, and some tit-bits relating to its early days and its founders, having regard to the approaching celebration of its jubilee on November 3rd, and whilst I am conscious of my shortcomings for such a task, I have invoked the assistance of the hon. secretary, Mr. George W. Cartmel, and am responding to the call.

About the time of its formation a forward movement in change ringing was prevalent throughout England. Many counties and dioceses had their associations with marked success, and the ringers in those districts without one, in order to get their peals recorded, had perforce either to join a neighbouring association or to become members of a central organisation, such as the Ancient Society of College Youths or the Cumberlands.

The St. Albans Cathedral Society of Change Ringers, founded in January, 1884, held a special meeting of its members in September of that year, with the result that the secretary of the society convened a meeting of representatives of change ringing societies in Hertfordshire to be held at the Rectory on October 29th, 1884, with the view of a county association being established. This meeting was duly held under the chairmanship of the Venerable Archdeacon Lawrance, the Rector of the Abbey, and was attended by representatives from Hertford, St. Albans, Ware, Bishop's Stortford, Sawbridgeworth, Baldock and Great Hallingbury, and on the proposition of the Rev. W. Wigram (Hertford), seconded by Mr. N. N. Hills (St. Albans), the county association came into existence.

The Bishop of St. Albans was suggested as president, and Archdeacon Lawrance was elected a vice-president. Mr. H. L. Waddington was elected treasurer, and the Rev. W. Wigram secretary, with Mr. Herbert Baker (Hertford) as his assistant. The first quarterly meeting was held at Hertford early in 1885, when the proposed rules of the association were considered and adopted.

The first annual report stated that branches existed in seven different centres of the county, viz., St. Albans (three bands), Hertford, Baldock, Sawbridgeworth, Hitchin, Bishop's Stortford and Benington. The membership for the first year consisted of 92 ringing members and two honorary members, eight peals being rung in the year.

As regards the early days of the association, the Benington band, under the leadership of Squire Proctor, was still in the heyday of its success; the Hertford College Youths, under the guidance of Mr. Baker, was doing excellent work, and the other centres were maintaining their positions. The St. Albans Cathedral Society, thanks to the enthusiasm of Messrs. Cartmel, W. H. L. Buckingham and J. C. Mitchell, was forging ahead, and handbell peals, under the conductorship of one or other of them, with myself and Mr. T. Waller also taking part, were numerous, and Mr. Henry Lewis' shop was frequently called into requisition for practice. For some years Mr. Lewis was the only active change ringer in St. Albans, and his knowledge and assistance were greatly valued. Messrs. Buckingham and Mitchell, with Mr. C. F. Winney and the late Mr. McLaughlin, took part in a non-conducted peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) and a non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples, both on handbells.

OFFICE BEARER SINCE 1888.

In 1888, on the resignation of the Rev. W. Wigram, I was elected secretary and treasurer of the association, and Mr. Proctor (Benington) was elected president, which office he held until his death in 1895. He was succeeded in that office by Canon Wigram, who also held office until his death in 1906. Since then it has been made, whenever practicable, an annual appointment of one of the members of the association.

In 1890 Mr. Cartmel was appointed assistant secretary, and in 1904 I resigned from the secretaryship, but retained the office of treasurer, which appointment I still hold. Mr. Cartmel, the assistant secretary, was elected hon. secretary, and has continued in that position ever since.

Up till 1900 it was the custom to hold quarterly meetings of the association at different centres, but in that year it was decided to divide the county into districts, each one having a district secretary. At the present time there are five districts, viz., St. Albans, Watford and the Northern, Eastern and Western, and this arrangement is working very well.

Amongst the noteworthy achievements of the association are the following:—

April 8th, 1912: Bristol Surprise Major (12,160 changes), in 7 hrs. 18 mins., conducted by G. N. Price.

June 5th, 1933; Bob Major (18,144 changes), in 10 hrs. 52 mins., conducted by S. Carter.

Also the first peal of Aldenham Surprise Major, of Bushey Surprise Major, and of Hertfordshire Surprise Major, each of them composed and conducted by H. G. Cashmore, the first rung at Aldenham on October 21st, 1933, and the second and third at Bushey on November 23rd, 1933, and August 11th, 1934, respectively. Both the former and



MR. GEORGE W. CARTMEL.

30 years Hon. Secretary of Hertford County Association.

latter peals were rung without previous practice. On handbells on July 27th, 1933, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (5,056 changes) was rung, conducted by F. W. Brinklow.

I may add that the last annual report shows a band membership of 468, attached to 55 towers, unattached members 21, non-resident, life and ordinary members 216, and hon. members 50, making a total of 753.

Before I call 'Stand' I should like to express my sincere thanks to the hon. secretary, the district secretaries, and the Sunday service bands for their enthusiasm, and to offer my congratulations to the conductors of the various peals rung by the associations, and to the members who took part in them. I am proud to think that the association is fulfilling so well the objects for which it was established.

E. P. DEBENHAM.

TWO GREAT STALWARTS.

THE PRESIDENT.

The president of the Hertford County Association in this, its jubilee year, was, as recorded above, one of the foundation members, but he had been a ringer for many years before that, for he had his first practice in St. Peter's belfry on March 18th, 1875—almost sixty years ago.

Mr. Edward Percy Debenham, who will be 76 years of age on November 28th next, was born at Ivy House, St. Albans, adjacent to St. Peter's Church, with which he has been associated all his life. He was only 16 years of age when he took up ringing, and was identified first of all with the St. Albans Association of Change Ringers, which was formed in January, 1876, with James Haworth (a former well-known College Youth) as instructor. This band met twice a week and used to have the occasional assistance of John Cox and James Pettit, of London, but it was disbanded about the year 1881.

In 1878 Mr. Debenham took over the conductorship of St. Peter's Society and spent practically all his spare time in coaching young ringers. He scored his first peal in March, 1878, under the conductorship of Matt Wood, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, where he also rang his first peals of Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major. In April, 1883, he took part in the first recorded peal on the Abbey bells since the year 1765.

Mr. Debenham's professional duties prevented him from doing as much peal ringing as he would have desired, but he has rung between 70 and 80 peals, including a number on handbells. He was one of an enthusiastic party who, in the 'eighties, met for handbell practice at every available opportunity.

Mr. Debenham has filled all the important offices in the Hertford County Association. In 1888 he succeeded Canon Wigram as hon. secretary and treasurer, but resigned the former office in 1904 on account of the pressure of his professional affairs. He, however, continued as hon. treasurer of the association, and has retained that office without break ever since. For thirty years he and Mr. Cartmel (as hon. secretary) have run in double harness, with great benefit to the association. In 1907 Mr. Debenham served as president, and was again elected to that office in 1915. No happier choice could possibly have been made than his selection once more to occupy the office in the association's jubilee year.

Besides his ringing activities, Mr. Debenham has served the Church in several important capacities. He was for many years churchwarden of St. Peter's Church and a member of St. Albans Diocesan Conference and the Ruri-decanal Conference. He has occupied many important public positions in St. Albans, and succeeded his brother as town clerk of the city in 1909. He has held high rank in Freemasonry, to which he was admitted in 1882, and received honours in the Grand Lodge of England in 1914. He is a Past Provincial Grand Registrar of Hertfordshire.

If advancing years prevent Mr. Debenham taking as active a part in the belfry as formerly, his interest in ringing has in no way abated, and in Mr. George Debenham and Mr. Gilbert Debenham he has two enthusiastic sons who are following in his footsteps.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY.

Out of the fifty years during which the Hertford County Association has been in existence, Mr. George W. Cartmel has filled the office of honorary secretary for no less than 30 of them, and filled it with great ability and a full conception of the relations which should exist between ringers and the Church. Mr. Cartmel has always set a high standard on the duties of the church bellringer, and has always urged the importance of putting 'first things first.' He has throughout his long official career sought to elevate the ringer's office, and his annual report to the members of his association has never failed to direct attention to higher things.

Mr. Cartmel, whose father was a native of Carlisle, was born on September 29th, 1865. He began ringing in the autumn of 1883, and was admitted to the St. Albans Cathedral Society in January, 1884. In those days there was no change ringing at St. Albans. Bennington and Hertford were the only towers in the county where the art was regularly practised, but despite the drawback the St. Albans men set about change ringing in earnest. In August, 1885, Mr. Cartmel rang his first peal. This was Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral, conducted by Mr. H. J. Tucker, and then, in January, 1886, he rang on the same bells in the first peal at the Cathedral by an entirely local band for upwards of 120 years, and the first 'local' peal in St. Albans since 1810.

With other now well-known St. Albans ringers, Mr. Cartmel took up handbell ringing with great keenness, and in April, 1886, rang his first peal 'double handed,' a peal of Grandsire Triples, to which he rang 7-8, jointly for the College Youths and the Herts Association, it being the first handbell peal for the latter. It is interesting to recall that this peal was rung by Henry Lewis, Challis Winney (conductor), Newman N. Hill and George W. Cartmel. Handbell peals became fairly frequent after this, and at the old Goose and Gridiron, in St. Paul's Churchyard, a famous meeting house for ringers, which has now entirely disappeared, Mr. Cartmel called his first peal, Holt's Original, from 1-2. The other ringers were Messrs. E. P. Debenham, C. F. Winney and W. H. L. Buckingham. Afterwards Mr. Cartmel called Holt's Original from every pair of bells and was the first to do so.

Mr. Cartmel joined the College Youths in 1885, and in 1889 he was appointed conductor of St. Albans Cathedral Society, which office he held for five years, resigning after a prolonged illness. In consideration of these services he was elected a life member of the Cathedral Society. Under medical orders he abstained from ringing for some few years, during which he took up church work in other directions, and was for a long period a Sunday School teacher, and afterwards the leader of a Bible Class for men. He is a lay reader in the diocese, and a prominent temperance worker. He has never again taken up peal ringing seriously, but his interest in the work of the association is as keen as ever. He occupied the office of president (an honour which the association passes round to its members) in 1928-9.

Mr. Cartmel succeeded his friend, Mr. E. P. Debenham, as secretary of the Hertford County Association, in 1904. These two stalwarts have thus piloted the destinies of the association through all but four years of its existence, and at its jubilee they are found, full of years and honour, occupying its most important offices.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR.

A Handbell Peal on the Arabian Sea.

COMPOSED AND RUNG ON THE SS. 'BARRABOOL.'

The most interesting event in the next stage of the journey to Australia, according to the report received by the last mail, was the ringing, while crossing the Arabian Sea, from Aden to Colombo, of a peal of Bob Major, composed by the Rev. E. Bankes James while the vessel was passing through the Mediterranean Sea.

ss. 'Barrabool,'

Approaching Colombo,
October 4th.

We have had almost a full week at sea since touching our last port. The days have passed very pleasantly for us, and we are enjoying comparatively calm seas. Only once during the past five days have there been absentees at meal times.



MR. C. SHARPLES.

Nearly all our party went ashore when we reached Aden on Saturday, September 29th. We got to this sun-blistered spot at dawn, and two hours later started on a motor tour. Joe Hardeastle left his shirt off. 'Ay, 'twere grand, wi'out shirt,' he said afterwards. Some of the rest of us wished we had followed his example. Much to the surprise of most of us, Aden (said to be the hottest town on earth) has a good deal to interest the visitor. There are mountains of volcanic origin, and we visited the village built in the old crater. There is a shipyard where Arab dhows are built, said to be the oldest shipyard in the world. But the 'show piece' is the ancient water tanks, seven in all, excavated in the mountain side probably 2,500 years ago. Their purpose is to collect the water from the hills when it rains. The last time it rained in Aden was in the year 1928! Although the English weather forecast may have said something about a depression over Iceland, we took the risk of going

ashore without umbrellas.

The lowliest profession in the world is that of a hewer of wood and drawer of water. We saw members of this profession at their work in the gardens which have been developed along the side of the tanks. To encourage the shrubs they are watered with a brackish water got from a very deep well. It is hauled up in a skin bucket—probably of less than two gallons capacity, and leaking profusely, by four nearly naked Arabs, who chant some sort of song as they pull. They were glad to receive coppers to be photographed.

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Our tour took us to the Sheikh Othman oasis, where there is a public garden, and here, doubtless for the first time in the history of Aden, handbells were heard, two parties each ringing a course of Grandsire Triples, while natives stood agog. While the ringing was in progress two British aeroplanes from the R.A.F. aerodrome flew low overhead, a reminder of the watchful eye and ever-ready arm that guards the Britisher all the world over.

The native homes are squalid hovels, mostly one-room affairs, without windows or furniture, sometimes shared by the proprietor's goats, but all so ramshackle that the inhabitants never want the rain to come for fear of washing their abodes away. In the last rains over 200 of these 'homes' disappeared, we were told. But for all their environment, the natives, with their deep copper-coloured skins, are a good-looking race, and lots of the children definitely pretty.

Ralph Maude replenished his wardrobe by one shirt, bought from the vendors who cluster round the ship here as at all Eastern ports, and Rupert restocked his larder with limes (which, after tasting, he was prepared to give to anyone for the asking) and water melons (for which he has developed a liking which threatens to outvie his taste for ice-cream). Then, soon after noon, we said 'Good-bye' to Aden and headed away into the blue and the breeze, the latter being greatly welcome after nearly a week of sweltering weather, for September is one of the hottest months of the year in these parts. We were in the Gulf of Aden on Sunday, and towards mid-day passed the easternmost point of Africa, Cape Guardafui. Like the rest of the African coast that we have seen it is barbarous and forbidding. A lighthouse stands on the farthest point. It has a history. The territory is Italian Somaliland, and for a long time the natives prevented the building of the lighthouse. When eventually it was completed they ate the lighthousekeepers! A nice place, Guardafui. The lighthouse is now protected by a military detachment.

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The comparatively cooler weather has enabled a little more energy to be put into handbell practice. Since leaving Aden two or three peal attempts have been made by different combinations, and a Bob Major company got a peal home in the Arabian Sea. They attempted it on Tuesday, October 2nd, but it went overboard through a trip after 1 hr. 56 mins., much to everyone's disappointment. This attempt was made on the foredeck, where the first peal had been rung. This site, which is really in the crew's 'preserves,' is only possible for ringing on in the late afternoon, when the superstructure of the ship gives welcome shade. On this occasion the party missed both the peal and their tea. But that is just the luck of the game.

The morning ringing is done in the greater seclusion of the Isolation Hospital reserve, where protection from the sun is afforded by an awning. Beneath this shelter, which is right in the stern of the ship, where the endless thrashing of the propellers creates a continuous roar, another effort to ring the peal was made immediately after breakfast on Wednesday, October 3rd, and it ran home in 2 hrs. 35 mins., after only one hitch that seriously threatened success. That was in the last course but one, but it was skilfully saved by the conductor, who never let the trip get out of hand.

The peal was rung between latitude 8.49 degrees north, longitude 68.48 east: and latitude 8.42 north, longitude 69.27 east, the ship's run, while the ringing was in progress, being 58 miles.

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The composition was a 'twelve part' specially composed by the Rev. E. Bankes James, who figured it out while the 'Barrabool' was in the Mediterranean Sea. To the tourists it will always remain known as the 'Barrabool peal.' It is on a new plan, as far as I know, and shows that even now Bob Major is not completely worked out. Here are the figures and the peal, which will be found well worth ringing:—

THE 'BARRABOOL' PEAL OF BOB MAJOR.

5,040 BY REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

23456 W. M. H.

64235	—	—	—
36245	—	—	—
32564	—	S	2
63524	—	—	3
26534	—	—	3
53264	—	—	—
43265	—	S	—
52436	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—
24356	—	S	—

The last three courses are repeated ten times, omitting the single in the fifth repetition.

The peal was rung for the Middlesex Association, as that was found to be the only one of which all the ringers were members. It was Mr. Sharples' first handbell peal on eight bells, his only previous peal 'in hand' having been in seven Minor methods and rung 37 years ago. Incidentally that peal was the first ever rung on handbells in seven methods.

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In the evening the peal was celebrated with a gala dinner and fancy dress dance. At any rate, if the festivities were not exactly put on to commemorate the performance, they served the purpose. Most of our party apparently came to the conclusion that their nor-

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**YOUNG RINGERS AND PEALS.**

A representative gathering of ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Bedworth on October 20th. Ringing ranged from rounds to London and Bristol Major, a special feature of this meeting being numerous touches of Grandsire Triples for the younger members, especially the local young men, who displayed great keenness.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting presided over by Mr. J. H. W. White (Master of the Guild). Leamington was chosen for the next quarterly meeting in January, 1935, and Exhall and Shilton for November and December respectively. The election of three life members proposed prior to peal attempts was confirmed at the meeting, viz., Dr. F. S. Poole (Wigston Magna), Mr. F. E. Dawe (Woking), and Mr. R. H. Dove (Croydon).

A discussion arose regarding peal attempts. Mr. L. J. Hinde (Bulkington) urged that the younger members should be given a chance occasionally. Several members aired their views on the matter, including the chairman, who said he was sure that if any member felt that he was proficient enough to ring a peal in any particular method he should ask the band, or the conductor, where he obtained his practice, and a peal could be arranged for him. He was confident the older and more experienced men would willingly help.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and a return to the tower for further ringing concluded a successful meeting.

HAPPY MEETING AT CANTERBURY.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent County Association was a typically happy affair. Rounds for beginners preceded the Guild service at St. Stephen's Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Watkins) officiated and gave the address. After tea at the Parish Room, attended by 53 members and friends, Canon F. J. O. Helmore presided at the business meeting. Mr. Percy W. Smith was re-elected district secretary, and Messrs. H. Smith and F. Brett, district representatives. Mr. E. Spice thanked them for their services during the past year. Whitstable and St. Peter's, Broadstairs, were chosen for quarterly meetings for 1935, and Selling for the next by-meeting. Thanks were expressed to all who made the meeting so enjoyable, and musical honours were accorded the chairman. The bells of St. Alphege and the Cathedral were also available during the afternoon and evening.

THE AUSTRALIAN TOUR—continued.

mal dress was already 'fancy' enough, without bedecking themselves further. For instance, Mr. James in his old school blazer, Joe Hardcastle in his shirt sleeves without collar or tie, George in a bath (as he has been ever since we touched hot weather—a bath of perspiration, of course, I mean), Bill in his big game hunting rig-out, and most of the rest of us dressed nearer native than we are ever seen at home, make us already a sufficiently fancy party to satisfy our modest aspirations. Ralph cut a merry figure. He appeared as the 'absent-minded professor' in evening dress, without his trousers. No, nobody was shocked; in fact, his legs were greatly admired, especially by the ladies. Some of the costumes adopted by the passengers were very amusing, and not a little originality had been displayed in their design. Many of them were made from materials collected on the boat. And after the 'parade' there were high jinks until a late hour.

The Grandsire Triples party have been badly out of luck. There has been some topping ringing on several occasions, but the stars in their courses seem always to frown on the efforts to score a peal.

We are nearing Colombo, where we hope to have a day ashore. We feel we need it, for we have been more than five days without sight of land, and we have ten more days ahead of us, during which our horizon will be bounded entirely by the sea. We have seen among other things shoals of flying fish and the wonderful phosphorescence of the tropical seas by night. It is fascinating to stand in the stern of the ship and watch the strange and ever-changing luminosity of the water. It is just three weeks since we left England, but, while the days pass quickly, so much that is novel and interesting has been crowded into them that it seems an age since we said 'Good-bye' to our friends at home.

I am happy to say that all our party is keeping in excellent health.

THE EDITOR.

Late News.

There was another concert to-night, at which Bill and George again excelled themselves with handbell tunes before an admiring audience.

The first serious catastrophe has just befallen us. Bottled grape fruit juice has been our principal liquid refreshment at the bar. News has just gone round that we have cleaned out the store, and there will be no new supplies this side of Australia.

There is, however, one consolation. There is still some good beer to be had.

BESMIRCHING THEIR MEMORY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was very glad to see Mr. W. E. Wathen's letter in your last issue protesting against Mr. Trollope's remarks in 'The Ringing World' dated October 12th.

What conceivable interest is served by the latter's unwarrantable repetition of this old calumny?

Notwithstanding the quotations Mr. Trollope now gives, there is not the slightest reason to suppose that the ringers of 60 or 100 years ago were any better or worse than their contemporaries. Why should they have been?

If they had beer in the belfry, it is doubtless equally true that the parsons had gin in the vestry and that the 'Squire' had his bottle of port, as well as a stove, in his family pew. It was the custom of the times. Also it is known that at one church in the Midlands the adult members of the choir used to leave their places and adjourn to a nearby pub during the sermon!

It is common knowledge that many parsons have been deprived of their livings for drunkenness and/or immorality—one notorious case received much publicity only a short time ago—yet no one but a fool would on that account, assert that parsons as a class were a 'drunken and disorderly lot.'

Why, of all men, a ringer should so unnecessarily and gratuitously besmirch the memory of the old ones who have passed on is beyond my comprehension, and it is devoutly to be hoped that Mr. Trollope will not give still further publicity to such nonsense when he writes the history of ringing to which he refers.—Yours truly,

A. PADDON SMITH.

Handsworth Wood, Birmingham.

Dear Sir,—I was exceedingly pleased to see the letter from Mr. W. E. Wathen in your last issue of 'The Ringing World.' Every word in his opening paragraph I wholeheartedly endorse, as the words in your leader in the previous issue, 'that the old ringers as a class were a drunken and disorderly lot,' was a slanderous statement.

I was introduced into a belfry well over 60 years ago, amongst all sorts and conditions of men, but I can truthfully say not once can I remember any who deserved such a character, although we used to visit each other's towers for nearly 20 miles around.

At that time in the early seventies and on I was learning and ringing Doubles off by heart (figures), and we used to be going from tower to tower frequently throughout the year for ringing and mutual friendship. This was years before the Winchester Guild was established.

I think it a great pity these old tales are trotted out from time to time, as they do more harm than good, and history contradicts them by showing that ringers as a body were only on a par with others of their day.

I would like to refer brother ringers to the splendid articles in the old 'Bell News' by Mr. R. A. Daniel in 1899-90, volume 18, Nos. 919 to 935, to confirm my statements in backing up Mr. Wathen's letters of the 26th.

GEORGE WILLIAMS,

Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

1, Stoncham Avenue, Eastleigh.

Dear Sir,—Page 582 of current issue contains both tragic and humorous comment on our art. Our friend W. E. Wathen is full of righteous indignation (in which I share) of the status of character meted out to our forebears, and likewise our friend J. A. Trollope proceeds in the opposite pole to lay on cement and mortar in thick layers of the folly as diagnosed by the ancients, mostly clergy, of the ringers of bygone days. Well, there are and always will be black sheep in every fold, but when one pauses to think of what that most versatile of writers, Charles Dickens, had to say in his various volumes of the spirit of the age covered by the contemporary men quoted, is it to be wondered at? What idea or chance was given at that time, either educationally or socially? It would, however, be interesting to know who provided and fixed in our belfries the peal boards recording past feats covered by the dates under review. I should say the ringers. So much for column one.

Column two describes in a perfect blend how a peal should be rounded off; and, incidentally, I have heard the rendezvous called the Glue Pot, and seen it advertised in our 'Chronicle' as the Coffee Pot, so the choice is there, ladies and gentlemen, of what will you have.

Bromsgrove.

HARRY PRICE.

SUCCESSFUL BEGINNERS' MEETING.

Specially arranged for simpler methods, the meeting of the Southern Division of the Sussex Association at Hursdpierpoint, on October 27th, was a great success. The attendance, which was greater than that at some of the quarterly meetings, was particularly encouraging, taking into consideration the fact that no rail allowance was made. It was resolved to repeat the experiment in January, Uckfield being suggested, with Upper Beeding as a second choice.

MIDDLESEX AND THE TOURISTS.

The news of the ringing of a peal of Bob Major on handbells in the Arabian Sea on Oct. 3rd by the Australian tourists and credited to the Middlesex Association, was received with acclamation at the meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Enfield on October 27th. The hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), who made the announcement, said he had received a letter from Mr. Rupert Richardson, posted at Colombo. 'I am sure the members will appreciate the honour done the association,' added Mr. Coles. He promised to convey to Mr. Richardson and the rest of the tourists their thanks and good wishes.

Mr. A. W. Coles (District Master) presided. Three new members were elected, and Kilburn was chosen for the next meeting. Good ringing was obtained at St. Andrew's and St. Mary's Churches and at All Saints', Edmonton. Appropriate votes of thanks were accorded all responsible for the success of the meeting, especially the ladies for preparing tea.

RINGERS' PEAL BOOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Some years ago I saw a ringers' peal book made up in coloured country views of various designs for inscriptions and names to be filled on them. Do you happen to know of a publisher of this make of a book, say, for eight bells?—Yours truly,
85, Station Road, Hadfield. FRANK HALL.

HARVEST TOUCHES.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Giles' Church, on October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. E. Pound (first on eight bells) 1, A. J. Mayor 2, G. Cross 3, A. Bailey (conductor) 4, A. W. Osborn 5, H. Osborn 6, A. Jeffery 7, L. Baker 8.

WESTERHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Cosgrove (first quarter-peal) 1, A. J. Nicholas 2, W. Cosgrove, jun., 3, J. Igglesden 4, J. O. Weller 5, F. A. Nicholas 6, G. A. Selby (conductor) 7, W. Cosgrove, sen., 8. For evensong a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. A. Nicholas 1, J. Igglesden 2, W. Cosgrove, jun., 3, J. O. Weller 4, W. E. Mathews 5, Mr. Daynes, jun., 6, Mr. Daynes sen., 7, A. J. Nicholas 8.

TRING, HERTS.—On October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. H. Heley 1, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 2, H. Brackley 3, H. Bishop 4, F. C. Reeve 5, W. Randall 6, C. Badrick 7, N. Brackley 8.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Chapman 1, W. Evans 2, H. Boobier 3, S. Russ 4, F. Greedy 5, C. May 6, J. Elsworthly (conductor) 7, W. Parker 8.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on October 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Feist 1, W. Charman 2, P. Charman 3, W. Watts (conductor) 4, J. Cook 5, F. Hindes 6, R. Langridge 7, C. Langley 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Wadey 1, G. Feist 2, P. Charman 3, W. Watts (conductor) 4, J. Cook 5, F. Hindes 6, R. Langridge 7, W. Charman 8.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on October 14th, 720 of Grandsire Doubles: D. Braine 1, N. Randall 2, F. Palmer 3, H. Lawrenson 4, J. Berry (conductor) 5, T. H. Brame (first 720) 6. After evening service 720 of Bob Minor: N. Randall 1, E. Smith (first 720) 2, F. Palmer 3, J. Scott 4, H. Lawrenson 5, J. Berry (conductor) 6.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On October 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): Stanley Prestidge 1, Ronald Goodman 2, John W. Smith 3, John Goodman, jun., 4, Harry Hubble 5, Albert Prestidge, jun., 6, Gilbert Guest 7, Herbert Sheppard 8, Henry Goodman 9, Jos. Davies 10. Conducted by John Goodman, jun.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—At St. Etheldred's Church, on October 11th, 500 changes of Stedman Triples: Arthur Shepherd (conductor) 1, John T. Kentish 2, Daniel Ellingham 3, Richard E. Richardson 4, Sidney Cull 5, Harry Nobbs 6, James G. Dunham 7, Leonard Cull 8. —On October 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,264 changes): Albert Lawrence 1, William Nash 2, W. E. Coles 3, Sidney Cull 4, Daniel Ellingham 5, *Richard E. Richardson 6, *Dudley W. W. Richardson 7, John T. Kentish (conductor) 8, James G. Dunham 9, Leslie Lawrence 10. * First quarter-peal on ten bells.

RANSTEAD, SURREY.—At the Church of All Saints', on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. J. Adams 1, H. N. Pittsow (conductor) 2, N. Holden 3, J. Hobden 4, F. G. Woodiss 5, T. Norman 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, E. Wooloff 8.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. Whitford (first quarter) 1, E. Wilson 2, R. Clark 3, S. Winkworth 4, G. Pullinger 5, E. Wheeler (first as conductor) 6, J. Hill 7, C. Ayliffe 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Andrew's Church, on October 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. E. Baverstock 1, H. W. Brown 2, R. O. Fry 3, M. Smart (first quarter in method) 4, A. Evans 5, F. Merrett 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Merrett 8.

VATELEY, HANTS.—At St. Peter's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Bunch 1, W. G. Bunch 2, A. T. Hearman 3, A. Goodall (conductor) 4, G. Butler 5, C. Bunch 6, S. Riddell 7, G. Over 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Nov. 15th and 29th, St. Andrew's on the 8th (8 p.m.), *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 13th (election night), Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd, *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 27th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upwell (Norfolk) on Saturday, November 3rd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Edward Barker, Shouldham, King's Lynn.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, by kind invitation of the churchwardens, in Church Hall, The Steyne, at 5.30. Don't forget that 1934 subscription, will you?—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 108, Pole Hill Road, Hillingdon Heath.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Lugwardine on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m.—J. H. Foster.

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

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8), just restored by Taylor's, ready from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea at 5, but please notify. — Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Lane, Bromham, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's Church, Nelson, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members cordially invited. — F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A quiet time for ringers is to be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Addresses will be given at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tea, 1s., at 5 p.m. Conference at 5.30 followed by service at 6 p.m. All ringers invited. Conductor: Rev. W. Grome-Merrilees, of Theddingworth. — A. E. Rowley, Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hershams, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, Church Room, 5 p.m. Nominations for district officers at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 4, Temperance Cottages, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Jubilee gathering at St. Albans, Saturday, November 3rd. Service in Cathedral 4 p.m. Ringing at the Abbey from 2 p.m. and immediately after service until 6 p.m., and at St. Peter's from 3 to 3.45 and after service until 6 p.m. Dinner at the Conservative Hall, St. Peter's Street, 6.15 p.m. sharp. Tickets must be purchased not later than Oct. 24th. The slogan must be 'No ticket, no dinner.' Tickets, price 5s. 6d., obtainable from all the district secretaries, or from the ticket secretary, Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough, 31, Oster Street, St. Albans.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 3rd.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 221, Hanover Street, Sheffield, 3.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting will be held at Glenton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. All ringers welcome. Good bus service from Peterborough.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

HOLMFIRTH, YORKS.—Ringers' opening of the new ring of eight bells by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd.

BOSLEY, CHESHIRE.—Two trebles added to complete ring of 6 (tenor 6½ cwt.) and new frame and fittings for peal supplied by Gillett and Johnston. Dedication by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on Monday, Nov. 5th, at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.

CAMBORNE, CORNWALL.—The ring of eight bells will be rededicated on Tuesday evening, Nov. 6th. The peal has been rehung by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

LADIES' GUILD AND SURREY ASSOCIATION (North-West District).—A joint mid-week meeting of the above will be held at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Wednesday, Nov. 7th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Manor Arms 5.45 p.m. The bells at Immanuel Church also available after tea. All ringers are heartily welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Miss E. E. Hardcastle, 23, Dafforne Road, S.W.17, by Monday, Nov. 5th.—Mrs. E. K. Fletcher and D. Cooper, Hon. Secs.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.—The Lord Bishop of Salisbury will rededicate the bells on Friday, Nov. 9th, at 5 p.m. The ring of 6 bells have been restored by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—The 297th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 7s. each, may be obtained up to

Tuesday, Nov. 6th, from Messrs. C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, E. P. Duffield, E. G. Fenn, T. Groombridge, J. S. Hawkins, R. T. Hibbert, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, F. M. Mitchell, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, C. W. Roberts, W. Roughton, A. Walker, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young or W. T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4. Towers open for ringing from 2.30 to 4.30; St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Magnus', Lower Thames Street and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at St. Wilfred's, Standish. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be supplied at a charge of 6d. per head. Names to be sent to Mr. E. Birchall, Preston Road, Standish, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 7th. Will all towers please make a note of the date.—William O. Farrimond, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea (6d. each) and meeting to follow. For tea notify Mr. E. Humphriss, 38, Sandfield Road, Gateacre. You can make it a good meeting if you come.—Claude I. Davies, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 10th. Tower open for ringing 2.30 till 8.30 p.m. Meeting in the tower 6.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—H. Hamer, Hon. Sec., 3, Nall Street, Milnrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—An open ringing day will be held at Preston Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 10th. The new bells (10) will be available from 2.30 to 5.30 and after tea till 8 p.m. Tea provided (by kind invitation of the Vicar and Wardens). All who intend being present must send names to J. T. Binson, 29, Euston Street, Preston, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 7th. A hearty invitation is extended to all.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The next meeting will be held at Measham on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea, 9d. each, at 5 p.m., only to those who send their names to Rev. J. R. King, The Vicarage, Measham, Burton-on-Trent.—W. H. Curson, Dis. Sec., Netherscale.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—A ringing meeting will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Tower open 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday next? All ringers welcome.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Creton (5 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Usual arrangements. Please notify me for tea by Tuesday previous.—Geo. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 3 p.m. Members requiring tea please advise me by the 8th inst.—J. E. Ashcroft, P.O., Grappenhall.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Teas provided at Holt's Café. A good attendance desired.—A. Panther, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Kendal on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells at 2 p.m. Tea in the school at 4.30, price 1s. Please notify Mr. J. McLean, 1, Barker Terrace, Burton, Carnforth, for tea.—E. Swain, 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec., Mill Road, Over, Cambs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at St. Giles', Northampton, on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Ringing (chiefly on 6 and 8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. After tea St. Peter's tower (only). Names for tea by previous Thursday, please.—S. Thurstfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting at Hemel Hempstead Sat., Nov. 10th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements as to tea and service. A cordial welcome to all, but post cards are cheap and the P.O.'s have a good stock of penny stamps.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newbury on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 14th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Braintree on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who intend being present please notify Mr. L. W. Wiffen, 3, Cressing Way, Braintree, not later than Wednesday, the 14th, or me?—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The district annual meeting will be held at Wanstead on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. The members are being entertained to tea by the Wanstead Band, and it is essential that all those intending to be present advise me by Wednesday, Nov. 14th, without fail.—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 313, Mawneys Road, Romford.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Wisborough Green on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Three Crowns Inn at 5 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. All those who intend being present should advise me before Nov. 14th.—A. W. Groves, Amherst, Dominion Road, Worthing.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—The Bishop of Exeter will dedicate the bells on Saturday, Nov. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. The ring of 5 has been restored and augmented to 6 by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

MR. H. W. BADGER, of 12, Queen's Road, Thame, Oxon, would be pleased to know of any ringers who are bank officials, with the object of attempting a peal at some future date, preferably a Bank Holiday. Method: Stedman Triples, if possible.

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